



SOLOMON'S PORCH
PRAYER BOOK

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PRAYER

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER

General Instructions

The Confession and Apostles' Creed may be omitted, provided they have been said once during the course of the day.

In the opening versicles, the Officiant and People may join in saying "Alleluia" (outside of Lent) as an alternative to the versicles "Praise the Lord/The Lord's name be praised."

The following form of the Gloria Patri may be used:

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

A sermon may also be preached after the Office or after the hymn or anthem (if sung) following the collects.

MORNING PRAYER

The Officiant may begin Morning Prayer by reading an opening sentence of Scripture or another appropriate Scripture. The Confession of Sin may be said, or the Office may continue with "O Lord, open our lips."

Opening Sentences of Scripture

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

Habakkuk 2:20

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

Psalms 122:1

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. *Psalms 19:14*

Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling! *Psalms 43:3*

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite." *Isaiah 57:15*

The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

John 4:23

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

Philippians 1:2

Confession of Sins

The Officiant says to the People

Officiant: Beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our Father, but confessing them with humble hearts so that we may recognize his forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We should always humbly acknowledge our sins before God, but we should especially do so when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare him worthy of all our praise, to hear the holy Scripture, and to ask, for ourselves and others, those things necessary for our life. Therefore, come with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

Or this

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a moment

All:

Form 1

Holy One, we confess to you that often we make excuses for not following the way you have called us to go. We have tried to argue and bargain with you to make the burden lighter. We confess that we too often do not look for you in the face of others, nor allow others to see you in our own actions. Too often we have doubted your presence and failed to worship you with our lives. Make us more complete and faithful followers of you. We ask all these through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Form 2

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

Silence is kept for a moment. If the Officiant is an Elder they may say the following

Officiant:

Form 1

God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Through Christ, we are freed to love one another, to forgive one another and to be forgiven. We are given new life. With full and free hearts, let us answer God's gift with our praise, devotion and service.

Form 2

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

If the Officiant is not an Elder they may say the following

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

All: Amen.

The Invitatory

All Stand

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips;

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us;

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be forever and ever.
Amen.

Officiant: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

Then follows the Venite. Alternatively, the Jubilate may be used. These seasonal antiphons may be sung or said before and after the Invitatory Psalm.

Advent

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

Christmas

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

Epiphany through the Baptism of Christ and the Transfiguration

The Lord has shown forth his glory: O come, let us adore him.

Lent

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

Easter until Ascension

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Ascension until Pentecost

Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven: O come, let us adore him.
Alleluia.

Pentecost and the week following

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Trinity Sunday

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God: O come, let us adore him.

On feasts of the Incarnation

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us: O come, let us adore him.

On All Saints and other major saints' days

The Lord is glorious in his saints: O come, let us adore him.

Venite *O Come*

Psalm 95:1-7; 8-11

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. 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. O, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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

Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."

During the first week of Easter, the Pascha Nostrum will be used in place of the Invitatory Psalm. It is appropriate to use this canticle throughout Eastertide.

Jubilate *Be Joyful*

Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: the Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Pascha Nostrum

Christ our Passover

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast,
not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Halleluiah.
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin,
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.
Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Then follows

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

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

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from....

After each Reading

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God.

The following Canticles are normally sung or said after each of the lessons. The Officiant may also use appropriate song of praise.

Te Deum Laudamus *We Praise You, O God*

We praise you, O God,

we acclaim you as Lord;
all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

The cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

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

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you:

Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,

the eternal Son of the Father.

When you took our flesh to set us free

you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,

bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

govern and uphold them now and always.

Day by day we bless you;

we praise your name forever.

Keep us today, Lord, from all sin;

have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy,

for we have put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope,

let us never be put to shame.

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

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

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Benedictus*The Song of Zechariah Luke 1:68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be forever and ever. Amen.

If desired, a sermon on the Morning Lessons may be preached.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

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

The Prayers

The People stand or kneel

Officiant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Officiant: Let us pray

In-between each petition all say

Officiant: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

After all the petitions are said, all say, pray or sing together

Form 1

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

Officiant: O Lord, show us your mercy;

People: And grant us your salvation.

Officiant: O Lord, save our nations;

Form 2

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

People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: And make your chosen people joyful.

Officiant: O Lord, save your people;

People: And bless your inheritance.

Officiant: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People: For only in you can we live in safety.

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

A Collect for Strength to Await Christ's Return (Sunday)

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

A Collect for the Renewal of Life (Monday)

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

A Collect for Peace (Tuesday)

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is joy unspeakable and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us from our enemies; that we may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Grace (Wednesday)

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

A Collect for Guidance (Thursday)

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

A Collect for Endurance (Friday)

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

A Collect for Sabbath Rest (Saturday)

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

Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

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

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the preceding versicle and response. The Officiant may invite the People to join in one of the Graces.

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*
2 Corinthians 13:14

Or this

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*
Romans 15:13

Or this

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. *Amen.*
Ephesians 3:20-21

EVENING PRAYER

The Officiant may begin Evening Prayer by reading an opening sentence of Scripture or another appropriate Scripture. The Confession of Sin may be said, or the Office may continue with "O Lord, open our lips."

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Form 2

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

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Form 2

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All: Amen.

The Invitatory

All Stand

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips;

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us;

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Officiant: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

The following or some other suitable hymn or Psalm may be sung or said

Phos hilaron *O Gladsome Light*

O gladsome light,
pure brightness of the ever-living Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing praises to God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Then follows

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

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

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from....

After each Reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The following Canticles are normally sung or said after each of the lessons. The Officiant may also use appropriate song of praise.

Magnificat *The Song of Mary* *Luke 1:46-55*

My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
For he has regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from now on,
all generations will call me blessed.
For he that is mighty has magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on those who fear him,
throughout all generations.
He has shown the strength of his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has brought down the mighty from their thrones,
and has exalted the humble and meek.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent empty away.
He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel,
as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed forever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be forever and ever. Amen.

Nunc dimittis *The Song of Simeon* *Luke 2:29-32*

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,
according to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be forever and ever.

The Prayers

The People stand or kneel

Officiant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Officiant: Let us pray

In-between each petition all say

Officiant: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

After all the petitions are said, all say, pray or sing together

Form 1

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

Form 2

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

Officiant: O Lord, show us your mercy;
People: And grant us your salvation.
Officiant: O Lord, save our nations;
People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People: And make your chosen people joyful.
Officiant: O Lord, save your people;
People: And bless your inheritance.
Officiant: Give peace in our time, O Lord;
People: For only in you can we live in safety.
Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People: And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

A Collect for Strength to Await Christ's Return (Sunday)

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

A Collect for the Renewal of Life (Monday)

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

A Collect for Peace (Tuesday)

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is joy unspeakable and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us from our enemies; that we may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Grace (Wednesday)

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

A Collect for Guidance (Thursday)

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

A Collect for Endurance (Friday)

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

A Collect for Sabbath Rest (Saturday)

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

Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

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

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the preceding versicle and response. The Officiant may invite the People to join in one of the Graces.

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*
2 Corinthians 13:14

Or this

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Romans 15:13

Or this

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. *Amen.*
Ephesians 3:20-21

THE LITANY

It is traditional to use sections I and VI. Other petitions may be added from sections II, III, IV and V. The first petition in section III is used as an introductory petition when others are included from section III, IV &/or V.

Section I.

Officiant: Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

People: Have mercy on us.

Officiant: Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

People: Have mercy on us.

Officiant: Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

People: Have mercy on us.

Officiant: Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

People: Have mercy on us.

Section II.

Officiant: From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,

People: Jesus deliver us.

Officiant: From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

People: Jesus deliver us.

Officiant: From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and our adversary,

People: Jesus deliver us.

Officiant: From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,

People: Jesus deliver us.

Officiant: In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,

People: Jesus deliver us.

Officiant: By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

People: Jesus deliver us.

Officiant: By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,

People: Jesus deliver us.

Officiant: By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,

People: Jesus deliver us.

Officiant: By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

People: Jesus deliver us.

Section III.

Officiant: Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.

People: Hear us Lord.

Officiant: Govern and direct your Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

People: Hear us Lord.

Officiant: Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.

People: Hear us Lord.

Officiant: Enlighten your bishops, presbyters (elders/priests) and deacons (especially _____) with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

People: Hear us Lord.

Officiant: Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

People: Hear us Lord.

Officiant: Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

People: Hear us Lord.

Officiant: Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

People: Hear us Lord.

Section IV.

Officiant: Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

People: Hear us Lord.

Officiant: Give your wisdom and strength to _____, the President of the United States, _____ the Governor of this state, (and _____, the Mayor of this city) that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

People: Hear us Lord.

Officiant: Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

People: Hear us Lord.

Officiant: Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

People: Hear us Lord.

Officiant: Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

People: Hear us Lord.

Officiant: Bless and keep all your people,

People: Hear us Lord.

Section V.

Officiant: Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved (especially _____) and the oppressed.

People: Hear us Lord.

Officiant: Keep in safety those who travel (especially _____) and all who are in peril.

People: Hear us Lord.

Officiant: Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit (especially _____) and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

People: Hear us Lord.

Officiant: Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

People: Hear us Lord.

Officiant: Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

People: Hear us Lord.

Officiant: Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

People: Hear us Lord.

Officiant: Hear us as we remember those who have died (especially _____) and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

People: Hear us Lord.

Section VI.

Officiant: Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

All: Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy on us.

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Ministers queue up, first the Gospel Bearer, then preacher of the day then celebrant. If there is a visiting Bishop, (s)he walks last of all. The praise singers will sing their opening song and the procession enters the church and processes up the aisle stopping at the altar table until songs end. Gospel Bearer will take their seat leaving preacher and celebrant standing before the congregation.

*The Role of Deacon may be filled by any ordained minister present.
A Deacon cannot, however, preside over Holy Communion.*

The People Stand

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

People: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever Amen

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

In Lent and on other penitential occasions

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God's mercy endures forever.

The Collect

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

The celebrant will recite the Collect of the day, and then both will be seated.

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from....

After each Reading

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

People: Lord open our hearts to your word.

Then, all standing

Deacon: May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips and on our hearts as we hear the Holy Gospel according to...

Then after the reading

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to Christ, the Word

The Sermon

A moment of silent contemplation then all standing

The Creed

It is appropriate to utilize the Nicene Creed, Apostles Creed or Appropriate Creed song- sung/ recited in unison

Celebrant: Join with us as we proclaim our faith

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers

Both Celebrant and Deacon approach the altar table.

Deacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer."

Celebrant: For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, in your mercy. ***Hear our prayer.***

Celebrant: For our brothers and sisters of any faith who are persecuted for their faith, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, in your mercy. ***Hear our prayer.***

Celebrant: For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, in your mercy. ***Hear our prayer.***

Celebrant: For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially..], let us pray to the Lord. Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: For those who have fallen asleep in the Lord (especially, N. & N), that the Lord may be pleased to give them rest and translate them to a place of peace by the intercession of his Saints in thanksgiving let us pray to the Lord. Lord, in your mercy. ***Hear our prayer.***

Confession of Sins

The Deacon addresses the people

Deacon: Let us confess our sin's against God and our neighbor.

All Standing or Kneeling

All:

Form 1

Holy One, we confess to you that often we make excuses for not following the way you have called us to go. We have tried to argue and bargain with you to make the burden lighter. We confess that we too often do not look for you in the face of others, nor allow others to see you in our own actions. Too often we have doubted your presence and failed to worship you with our lives. Make us more complete and faithful followers of you. We ask all these through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Form 2

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

Celebrant:

Form 1

God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Through Christ, we are freed to love one another, to forgive one another and to be forgiven. We are given new life. With full and free hearts, let us answer God's gift with our praise, devotion and service.

Form 2

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

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. It is usual and customary for any announcements to be delivered at this time.

The Offertory

The Celebrant will begin the Offertory with the following (or with an appropriate substitute):

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:15, 16

O Lord our God, You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because You have created all things, and by Your will they were created and have their being. Revelation 4:11

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

The Preparation of the Gifts

The offering is received while the Table is prepared. The Celebrant approaches the altar, bows deeply. Then, standing at the altar, takes the paten with bread and holding it slightly raised above the altar says quietly:

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

While pouring a small amount of water into the chalice(s), the celebrant says quietly:

Come Holy Spirit bless and sanctify this bread and this wine prepared to the praise and glory of your name (*sign him/herself*) in the name of the + Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

All Stand and the Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant: The Lord is here!

People: The Spirit of the Lord is with us!

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him our thanks and praise.

The Preface

(turn to Appropriate Preface)

The Sanctus

The Sanctus may be said or sung

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Eucharistic Prayer

(turn to Appropriate Eucharistic Prayer)

The celebrant continues...

And now let us lift up our voices and sing the prayer our Savior Christ has taught us.

Or

And now as our Saviour Christ taught, we are bold to say/pray...

All say, pray or sing together

Form 1

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

Form 2

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

The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then the Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

In place of, or in addition to, the preceding, some other suitable anthem may be used.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Form 1

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean; our hearts were unprepared; we did not feel fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Gracious Lord, enable us by faith to eat this bread and drink this wine. Cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of Christ, that he may live in us and we in him and that we with the whole company of heaven may sit and eat in your kingdom. *Amen*

Form 2

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We do not feel worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, who always delights in showing mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Communion Invitation

The Celebrants offers the following Invitation

Celebrant: Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us. Let us feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving. Come and eat for all is now ready!

Or

Come to this Table to receive this new covenant. As we come, let us remember that we receive communion, not take communion, for it is God who is offering His grace to us. All we must do, to experience this wonderful mystery of God, is to come, accept and receive.

The people queue up, the Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung. As servants to the People of God the ministers of the Sacrament receive the sacrament last. After communion the celebrants continues

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray. Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and destroyed the veil that separated us from you. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life, we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

People: Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all of your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name.

The Blessing

The Blessing can be performed by the Celebrant, visiting Bishop or other designated clergy member.

Celebrant: May the blessing of God almighty, +the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always!

Or

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Dismissals

Ministers queue up, first the Gospel Bearer, then preacher of the day then celebrant. If a there is a visiting Bishop present, (s)he walks last of all. While the closing song is sung the ministers proceed to the rears of the church and wait.

The Dismissal can be performed by the Celebrant, visiting Bishop or other designated clergy member.

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Or

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord

People: Thanks Be to God!

PREFACES

PREFACE: GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended and the Sanctus is always follows the preface.

Example:

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Christ our Lord and Master. By Him the angels praise your majesty, dominions worship and powers tremble. The heavens, with the heavenly virtues and blessed seraphim, rejoice together in exultation.

We pray that our voice mingles with theirs as we lift our voices and sing [saying]:

ORDINARY TIME PREFACES

Preface I

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord. By Him the angels praise your majesty, dominions worship and powers tremble. The heavens, with the heavenly virtues and blessed seraphim, rejoice together in exultation. We pray that our voice mingles with theirs as we lift our voices and sing [saying]:

Preface II

Father, all powerful and everliving God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Through his him we are freed from sin and death and called to the glory that has made us a chosen a chosen people and a royal priesthood. Everywhere we proclaim Your mighty works, for You have called us out of darkness into Your own wonderful light. And so with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim Your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Preface III

Father, all powerful and everliving God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Out of love for man, He humbled himself to be born of the Virgin Mary. He freed us from death, and by rising from the dead He gave us eternal life. And so with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim Your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Preface IV

Father, all powerful and everliving God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. By his birth we are reborn. In his suffering we are freed. By his rising from the dead we rise to everlasting life. In his return to You in glory we enter into Your heavenly kingdom. And so, we join the angels and the saints as they sing their unending hymn of praise:

Preface V

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

PROPER PREFACES FOR OTHER OCCASIONS

Advent I

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. For He assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh and fulfilled the design You formed long ago and tore down the barriers between You and man, that, when He comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope. And so, with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of Your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Advent II

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. For all the oracles, seers and prophets foretold him, the Virgin Mother longed for him with love beyond all telling and, John the Baptist told of his coming and proclaimed his presence when He came. It is by his gift that already we rejoice at the mystery of his Nativity, so that He may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise. And so, with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of Your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Christmas I

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. For in the mystery of the Word made flesh the light of Your glory has shone upon the eyes of our mind, so that, as we recognize in him God made visible, we may be caught up through him in love of things invisible. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of Your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Christmas II

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. For on the feast of this holy mystery, though invisible in his own divine nature, He has appeared visibly in ours, and begotten before all ages, He has begun to exist in time, so that, raising up in himself all that was cast down, He might restore unity to all creation and call straying humanity back to the heavenly Kingdom. And so, with all the Angels, we praise You, as in joyful celebration we acclaim:

Holy Name

Father, it is right and proper that on all occasions we give You praise and thanksgiving. You have given to Your Son, Jesus, the Name that is above every name, that at His name every knee should bow. Therefore, we join with angels, archangels, with the saints and martyrs, all thrones and dominions, cherubim and seraphim, and with the hosts of the heavenly army, and sing:

Epiphany

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. For today You have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and, when He appeared in our mortal nature, You made us new by the glory of His immortal nature. And so, with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of Your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Baptism of the Lord

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. For in the waters of the Jordan you revealed with signs and wonders a new Baptism, so that through the voice that came down from heaven we might come to believe in your Word dwelling among us, and by the Spirit's descending in the likeness of a dove we might know that Christ your Servant has been anointed with the oil of gladness and sent to bring the good news to the poor. And so with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim Your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Presentation of the Lord

Father, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Christ our Lord. Today Your Son, who shares Your eternal splendor, was presented in the temple, and revealed by the Spirit as the glory of Israel and the light of the peoples. Our hearts are joyful, for we have seen Your salvation, and now with the angels and saints we praise you and join in their unending hymn of praise

Ash Wednesday

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. You bid Your people to cleanse their hearts, and to prepare for the Paschal feast; that, in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by Your word and sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which You have prepared. Therefore, with angels, archangels, patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs and the whole company of heaven we join in their unending hymn of praise:

Lent

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. For You have given Your children a sacred time for the renewing and purifying of their hearts, that, freed from disordered temptations, they may so deal with the things of this passing world as to hold rather to the things that eternally endure. And so, with all the angels and Saints, we praise You, as without end we acclaim:

Holy Thursday

Father, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Christ our Lord. He is the true and eternal priest who established this unending covenant. He offered himself for us and taught us to make this offering in his memory. As we eat his body, which He gave for us, we grow in strength. As we drink his blood, which He pours out for us, we are washed clean. Now, with angels and archangels, and the whole company of heaven, we sing the unending hymn of Your praise:

Preface for Chrism Mass

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. By Your Holy Spirit You anoint Your Only Son High Priest of the new and eternal covenant. Christ gives the dignity of a royal priesthood to His People from these, He chooses men and women to share his sacred ministry by the laying on of hands. He appoints them to call your people to remembrance of His paschal meal. He calls them to lead Your people in love, nourish them by Your word, and strengthen them through the sacraments. Father, they are to give their lives in Your service and for Your people as they strive to grow in the likeness of Christ and honor You by their courageous witness of faith and love. Now, with angels and archangels, and the whole company of heaven, we sing the unending hymn of Your praise:

Feast of the Annunciation

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. He came to us by becoming a man himself. The Virgin Mary, receiving the angel's message in faith, conceived by the power of the Spirit and bore Your Son in purest love. In Christ, Your promise came true. In Christ, the hope of all peoples was realized beyond all expectation. Through Christ the angels of heaven offer their prayer of adoration as the rejoice to in Your presence forever. May our voices be heard with theirs in their triumphant hymn of praise:

Easter I

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. For through the saving Passion of Your Son the whole world has received a heart to confess the infinite power of Your majesty, by the wondrous power of the Cross the veil between You and man is now torn. And so, Lord, with all the angels and Saints, we, too, give You thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

Easter II

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. For He has destroyed death, and by rising, restored life. Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in Your praise and even the heavenly powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of Your glory, as they acclaim:

Ascension

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. The Lord Jesus, the King of glory, the conqueror of sin and death, ascended to heaven while the angels sang his praises. Christ, the mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of all, has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope. Christ Jesus is the beginning, the head of the Church; where he has gone, we hope to follow. The joy of the resurrection and ascension renews the whole world, while the choirs of heaven sing forever to Your glory:

Pentecost

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. You sent the Holy Spirit on Your children and You brought the paschal mystery to completion. Today we celebrate the great beginning of Your church when the Holy Spirit made known to all peoples the one true God, and created from the many languages of man one voice to profess one faith. Today You poured out the gifts of tongues and prophecy, and filled Your church with the blessings of the Spirit that we might continue to preach, teach, heal and proclaim the good news of Your Kingdom. Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with angels, archangels, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs and the whole company of heaven in their unending hymn of praise:

Trinity Sunday

Father, all powerful and everliving God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks. We joyfully proclaim our faith in the mystery of the Trinity. You have revealed Your glory as the glory also of Your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in Your everlasting glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim Your glory and join their unending hymn of praise:

Transfiguration

Father, all powerful and everliving God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. He revealed his glory to the disciples to strengthen them for the scandal of the cross. His glory shone from his body like our own, to show that the Church, which is the body of Christ, would one day share his glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim Your glory and join their unending hymn of praise:

All Saints

Father, all powerful and everliving God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Today we keep the festival of Your holy city, the heavenly Jerusalem. Around Your throne the saints, our brothers and sisters, sing Your praise forever. Their glory fills us with joy and their communion with us in Your church gives us inspiration and strength as we hasten our pilgrimage of faith, eager to meet them.

Christ the King

Father, all powerful and everliving God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. You anointed Jesus Christ, Your only Son, with the oil of gladness, as the eternal priest and universal King. As priest He offered his life on the altar of the cross and redeemed the human race by this one perfect sacrifice of peace. As king He claims dominion over all creation, that He may present to You, his almighty Father, an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. With their great company and the angels, we praise Your glory as we cry out with one voice:

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

The Celebrant, with hands extended, says:

High King of the universe, you created us to live in freedom and liberty and yet we turned against you, ourselves, and one another. In your tender care You sent Your Son to restore us in right relationship with you.

The words of the Lord in the following formulas should be spoken clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands: The celebrant will bow to each element after "remembrance of me".

On the night before he died, he took bread and after He had given thanks, He blessed it and broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying,

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

After supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you; Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

So together we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, Heavenly Father, with this bread and wine we remember the Gospel of our Lord. And we pray that you will send your Holy Spirit upon these elements that they may become for us the Body + and Blood + of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Then lifting the chalice and host up he concludes.

Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

The Celebrant, with hands extended, says:

You are Holy Father and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, He promised to be with us always, in the power of Your Word and Holy Spirit.

The words of the Lord in the following formulas should be spoken clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands. The celebrant bows to each element following "remembrance of me"

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said:

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

After supper, he took the cup; gave You thanks, and gave it to them saying,

Drink from this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, poured out for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Father, in memory of his death and resurrection, send down your Holy Spirit upon bread and this cup that they may become for us the Body and Blood of Christ. As we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus may we be transformed to become the Body of Christ to the world.

Finally, Father have mercy on us all; make us worthy to share in eternal life with Mary, The God bearer, Joseph, her husband and with all apostles, martyrs and all the saints (especially _____). May we praise You in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ.

Signing the bread and wine with the host, circling the gifts at in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

By him, + with him, +and in him, in +the unity of the Holy Spirit

Then lifting the chalice and host up he concludes.

all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 3

The Celebrant, with hands extended, says:

You are holy, Almighty One! Blessed are you, Jesus Christ! In the power of the Spirit you created all things, blessed them, and called them good.

You called to yourself a people to make your mercy and truth known in all the world. We betrayed your calling, but You were faithful. Again, and again we wandered from Your way; yet You called us to return and led us home.

And still we turned from your ways, abused your creation, and made ourselves slaves to sin and death.

At the right time you came and dwelt among us, as one of us, bringing good news to the poor, healing the sick, raising the dead, embracing outcasts, and teaching the way that leads to life.

By your incarnation, life, suffering, execution and resurrection You gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery and made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit.

The words of the Lord in the following formulas should be spoken clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands. The celebrant will bow to each element following "remembrance of me"

On the night of his betrayal, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said:

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

After supper he took the cup; gave you thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Holy God, in remembrance of all you have done for us, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send down your Holy Spirit down upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may become the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for service in your kingdom. United in Christ with Mary, the God bearer, Joseph, her husband and with all apostles, martyrs and all the saints, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Then lifting the chalice and host up he concludes.

Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 4

The Celebrant, with hands extended, says:

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of The Universe, you are worthy of all glory and praise. At Your command all things came to be; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By Your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brot forth the human race and blessed us with memory, reason and skill. You made us rulers of creation. But we turned against You and against one another.

People: Have mercy upon us Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: You were faithful. We wandered from the way; but You called us to return and led us home.

The Celebrant joins hands and holding them outstretched over the offering says:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be

The Celebrant joins hands, making the sign of the cross over the bread and Chalice.

the +Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The words of the Lord in the following formulas should be spoken clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands. The celebrant will bow to each element after "remembrance of me".

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said:

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

After supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Then lifting the chalice and host up he concludes.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. Amen.

COLLECTS

First Sunday of Advent

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

Second Sunday of Advent

Merciful God, you sent the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and turn from our broken ways, that we may greet the coming of Jesus Christ with joy, we ask these things through Jesus Christ, Your son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Third Sunday of Advent

Father, you choose the Virgin Mary, to be the mother of our Lord and savior. Fill us with your grace that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

O Lord Jesus, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day December 25

Almighty God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to take on human flesh, and to be born of a virgin: Grant that we may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with You and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

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

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

The Holy Name January 1

Eternal Father, You gave Your Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation. We ask, graciously Lord, that you plant a love for Him in every heart around the world; we ask this through Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Second Sunday after Christmas Day

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

The Epiphany – January 6

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

First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord

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

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Last Sunday after the Epiphany - *This Proper is always used on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday*

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

Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing and You forgive the sins of all the world, Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may come to know that you have granted right relationship with You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

First Sunday in Lent

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

Second Sunday in Lent

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

Third Sunday in Lent

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Almighty and everliving God, in Your tender love for the humanity You sent Your Son to take upon himself human flesh, and to suffer a violent death at the hands of man, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Monday in Holy Week

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

Tuesday in Holy Week

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

Wednesday in Holy Week

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

Holy Thursday

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered, instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion: mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries reminds us that he is with us always; and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Good Friday

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

Easter Day

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

Monday in Easter Week

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

Tuesday in Easter Week

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

Wednesday in Easter Week

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

Thursday in Easter Week

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

Friday in Easter Week

Almighty and everlasting God, who sent Your Only Son to illuminate humankind's need for you: Give us grace so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve You in purity of living and truth; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Saturday in Easter Week

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank You for freeing us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into Your kingdom; and we pray that, as by his death He has recalled us to life, so by his love He may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Second Sunday of Easter

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

Third Sunday of Easter

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Ascension Day

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day

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

The Day of Pentecost

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

First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, we are limited in our understanding of you, but we know that you care for us and for all creation: We pray that you keep us steadfast in this faith and worship and bring us at last to see You in Your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 1 Week of the Sunday closest to May 11
Remember, O Lord, what You have made of us and not what we deserve; and, as You have called us to Your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Proper 2 Week of the Sunday closest to May 18
Almighty and merciful God, in Your goodness keep us from all things that may hurt us, that we may accomplish with free hearts those things which belong to Your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Proper 3 The Sunday closest to May 25
Lord we ask that you grant that the course of this world may be peaceably governed by Your providence; and that Your church may joyfully serve You in confidence and serenity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 4 The Sunday closest to June 1
Father, Your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us all hurtful things and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 5 The Sunday closest to June 8
Lord we ask that you grant that we may think on those things that are right, and by Your merciful guidance may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 6 The Sunday closest to June 15
Father, keep Your Church in Your steadfast faith and love, that through Your grace may we may proclaim Your truth with boldness, and minister Your justice with compassion; for the sake your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Proper 7 The Sunday closest to June 22
O Lord, grant us perpetual love and reverence for Your Holy Name, for You never fail to help those whom You have set upon the sure foundation of Your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 8

The Sunday closest to June 29

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

Proper 9

The Sunday closest to July 6

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

Proper 10

The Sunday closest to July 13

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

Proper 11

The Sunday closest to July 20

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

Proper 12

The Sunday closest to July 27

O God, lover of mankind, without You nothing is strong, and nothing is holy: Increase Your mercy on us; that, with You as our ruler and guide, we lose not our focus on your kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 13

The Sunday closest to August 3

Let Your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend Your church; and protect and govern it always by Your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 14

The Sunday closest to August 10

Grant to us, Lord, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we may be enabled to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 15 The Sunday closest to August 17
Almighty God, You have given Your only Son to destroy the barriers between You and man: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of this redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Proper 16 The Sunday closest to August 24
Grant, O merciful God, that Your church, being gathered together in unity by Your Holy Spirit, may show forth Your power among all peoples, to the glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 17 The Sunday closest to August 31
Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of Your Name; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 18 The Sunday closest to September 7
Lord strengthens our trust in You, teach us to rely on you and remind us that You will never leave nor forsake us; we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Proper 19 The Sunday closest to September 14
God grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Proper 20 The Sunday closest to September 21
Calm our anxieties, O Lord, relieve us of the distractions of this temporal world and train our eyes to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 21 The Sunday closest to September 28
O God, You declare Your almighty power in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of Your grace, that we, may become partakers of Your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 22 The Sunday closest to October 5
Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 23 The Sunday closest to October 12
Lord, we pray that Your grace may always surround us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Proper 24 The Sunday closest to October 19
Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ You have revealed Your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 25 The Sunday closest to October 26
Almighty and everlasting God increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what You promise, make us love what You command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 26 The Sunday closest to November 5
Almighty and merciful God, it is only by Your gift that Your faithful people offer You true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain Your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Proper 27 The Sunday closest to November 9
O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that He might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as He is pure; that, when He comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 28 The Sunday closest to November 16
Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast in the knowledge of your love, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 29 The Sunday closest to November 3
Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HOLY DAYS

The Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ

January 1

Eternal Father, You gave Your Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation. We ask, graciously Lord, that you plant a love for Him in every heart around the world; we ask this through Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Transfiguration

Last Sunday of Epiphany

Father, all powerful and everliving God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. He revealed his glory to the disciples to strengthen them for the scandal of the cross. His glory shone from his body like our own, to show that the Church, which is the body of Christ, would one day share his glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim Your glory and join their unending hymn of praise:

The Annunciation

March 25

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

Triumph of the Holy Cross

September 14

God our Father, in obedience to You, Your only Son accepted death on the cross to reveal man's need for you. We acknowledge the mystery of the cross on earth. Grant that we may look to the cross as a beacon of your love to this world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Feast of All Saints

November 1

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

Christ the King

The Sunday closest to November 23

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

VARIOUS OCCASIONS

For optional use, when desired, subject to the rules set forth in the Calendar of the Church Year.

Of the Holy Trinity

Almighty God, You have revealed to Your church Your eternal Being of glorious majesty and perfect love as one God in Trinity of Persons: Give us grace to continue steadfast in the confession of this faith, and constant in our worship of You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; for You live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Of the Holy Spirit

Almighty and most merciful God grant that by the indwelling of Your Holy Spirit we may be enlightened and strengthened for Your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Of the Holy Angels

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

Of the Incarnation

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

Of the Holy Eucharist

Especially suitable for Thursdays

God our Father, whose Son in a wonderful sacrament has left us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Of the Holy Cross

Especially suitable for Fridays

Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For all Baptized Christians

Especially suitable for Saturdays

Grant, Lord God, that we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds and live in righteousness and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For the Departed

Eternal Lord God, You hold all souls in life: Give to Your Church Your light and Your peace; and grant that we may at the last enter with them into Your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Of the Reign of Christ

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

At Baptism

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ, You turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

At Confirmation

Grant, Almighty God, that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in Your Holy Spirit, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

On the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church

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

For the Unity of the Church

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one as You and he are one: Grant that Your church, being bound together in love and obedience to You, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom You have sent, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Chrism Mass

Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit you anointed your Son Messiah and Lord of creation; you have given us a share in this Consecration to priestly service in your church. Help us to be faithful witnesses in the world of Christ to all mankind. We ask this through our Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

For the Ministry (Ember Days) *For use on the traditional days or at other times*

I. For those to be ordained

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, in Your divine providence You have appointed various orders in Your church: Give Your grace, we humbly pray, to all who are [now] called to any office and ministry for Your people; and so fill them with your truth and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve before You, to the glory of Your great Name and for the benefit of Your church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

II. For the choice of fit persons for the ministry

O God, You led Your holy apostles to ordain ministers in every place: Grant that Your church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may choose suitable persons for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and may uphold them in their work for the extension of Your kingdom; through him who is the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

III. For all Christians in their vocation

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of Your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before You for all members of Your Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve You; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For the Mission of the Church

O God, You have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent Your Son to preach peace to the whole world: Grant that people everywhere may seek after You and find You. Bring the nations into Your fold, pour out Your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of Your Son; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For the Nation

Lord God Almighty, You have made all the peoples of the earth for Your glory, to serve You in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

For Peace

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with Your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility Your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of Your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For Rogation Days

I. For fruitful seasons

Almighty God, We humbly pray that Your gracious providence may give and preserve for our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from Your hand, may always give You thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

II. For Commerce and Industry

Almighty God, whose Son in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with Your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to Your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

III. For stewardship of creation

O merciful Creator, Your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for Your providence; and grant that we be faithful stewards of Your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

For the Sick

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve Your sick servants, and give Your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those (or N. or & NN.) for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in Your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For Social Justice

Almighty God, who created us in Your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of Your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For Social Service

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

For Education

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of Your truth, they may worship You and serve You from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

For Vocation in Daily Work

Almighty God, You declare Your glory and show forth Your handiwork in the heavens and in the earth: Deliver us in our various occupations from the service of self alone, that we may do the work You give us to do in truth and beauty and for the common good; for the sake of him who came among us as one who serves, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

For Labor Day

Almighty God, You have linked our lives one with another that all we do affects all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PASTORAL OFFICES

HOLY BAPTISM

Making the sign of the cross, the Celebrant begins

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

In Lent and on other penitential occasions

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God's mercy endures forever.

With hands extended, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Let us pray

Almighty God, who by our baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ turns us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in Him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Presentation and Examination

The Celebrant continues:

Celebrant: From the beginning the Church has received believers by baptism. Believers' children have also been baptized so that with help and encouragement they should grow up in Christ and by the grace of God serve Christ all the days of their life.

On the day when the apostles first preached the Gospel of Christ's resurrection, Peter urged his hearers 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus the Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God may call.'

Celebrant: How do you respond to this promise?

Candidates
I hear God's call and come for
baptism.

Parents and Godparents if applicable
We hear God's call and ask for
baptism.

If there will be infants or younger children, the Celebrant shall address the parents and godparents first.

Infants and Younger Children

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions

Question: Do you renounce all evil influences and powers that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce all evil.

Question: Do you trust in Christ's victory which brings forgiveness, freedom and life?

Answer:

Candidates
In faith I turn to Christ
my way, my truth, my life.

Parents and Godparents if applicable
In faith I turn to Christ,
my way, my truth, my life,
as I care for this child.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

The Celebrant continues addressing all those present

Celebrant: Let us together renew our baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ Your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Blessed are You, O Lord, High King of the Universe; from Your infinite goodness You have given us the gift of water. At creation Your Spirit moved over it; out of bondage in Egypt You led the children of Israel through it; from the hand of Your servant John, Your Son was baptized by it to receive Your anointing as the Messiah, the Christ. We thank You now, O Father, for the water of Baptism: in it we are reminded of His death, by it we share in His resurrection, through it we are reborn to await joyfully His coming in glory.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Celebrant: Send Your Spirit, O God, to sanctify + this water here now. and give us new life in our risen Savior Jesus Christ. By Him + and with Him + and in Him +, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

The Baptism

The celebrant baptizes each candidate either by immersion or by pouring water on the candidate, saying

Celebrant: N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

When this action has been completed for all candidates, at a place in full sight of the congregation, anoints the newly baptized with sacred chrism and prays over them, saying:

Celebrant: N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized!

All: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

(Immediately following the sermon)

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Celebrant: The Candidate(s) will now be presented

Presenters: I present these persons for Confirmation.

The Celebrant now addresses the candidates:

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate(s): I do.

Celebrant: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate(s): I do and with God's grace I will follow him as my Lord and Savior.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation:

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We Will!

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have restored mankind to right relationship with yourself, and by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Confirmation

The Celebrants lays hands on each candidate:

Celebrant: Strengthen, O Lord, Your servant, N., with Your Holy Spirit; empower him/her for Your service; and sustain him/her all the days of his life. Amen.

Reception

The Celebrants lays hands on each candidate:

Celebrant: N., we recognize you as a member of the church of God, with great joy we receive you into our fellowship. The guarding of the God of life be upon you. The guarding of the loving Christ be upon you. The guarding of the Holy Spirit be upon you. The blessing of the Saints be with you. My own blessing be with you. May the Most Holy Trinity shield you, aid you, and fill you each day and night of your life.

The Peace is exchanged

THE CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF A MARRIAGE

The couple to be blessed joins the assembly. A hymn of praise, Psalm, or anthem may be sung, or instrumental music may be played.

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

People: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever.

All: Amen.

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant: Beloved, let us love one another,

People: For love is of God.

Celebrant: Whoever does not love, does not know God.

People: For love is of God.

Celebrant: Since God so loves us,

People: Let us love one another.

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, we have gathered together today to witness N. N. and N. N. publically committing themselves to one another and, to bless their union: a relationship of mutual fidelity and steadfast love, forsaking all others, holding one another in tenderness and respect, in strength and bravery, as long as they live. Therefore, in the name of Christ, let us pray that they may be strengthened for the promises they make this day, and that we will have the generosity to support them in what they undertake and the wisdom to see God at work in their life together.

The Collect

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

The Celebrant says one of the following Collects

Celebrant: Gracious and ever-living God: assist by your grace N. and N., whose lifelong commitment of love and fidelity we witness this day. Grant them your blessing, that with firm resolve they may honor and keep the covenant they make; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Or this

Almighty and everliving God: look tenderly upon N. and N., who stand before you in the company of your Church. Lift them up in joy in their life together. Grant them so to love selflessly and live humbly, that they may be to one another and to the world a witness and a sign of your never-failing care; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, to the ages of ages. Amen.

Or this

O God, faithful and true, whose steadfast love endures forever, we give you thanks for sustaining N. and N. in the life they share and for bringing them to this day. Nurture them and fill them with joy in their life together, continuing the good work you have begun in them; and grant us, with them, a dwelling place eternal in the heavens where all your people will share the joy of perfect love, and where you, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Or this, for those who bring children

Holy God draw together with bonds of love and affection N. and N., who with their families seek to live in harmony and forbearance all their days, that their joining together will be to us a reflection of that perfect communion which is your very essence and life, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who live and reign in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Lessons

The people sit and then one or more of the following passages of Scripture is read. If the Holy Communion is to be celebrated, a passage from the Gospels always concludes the Readings. When the blessing is celebrated in the context of the Sunday Eucharist, the Readings of the Sunday are typical used.

Ruth 1:16-17 | 1 Samuel 18:1b, 3, 20:16-17, 42a | 1 Samuel 18:1-4 |
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 | Song of Solomon 2:10-13, 8:6-7 | Micah 4:1-4 |
Romans 12:9-18 | 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 | 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 |
Galatians 5:14, 22-26 | Ephesians 3:14-21 | Colossians 3:12-17 |
1 John 3:18-24 | 1 John 4:7-16, 21 |

When a biblical passage other than one from the Gospels is to be read, the Reader announces it with these words

A Reading from....

After each Reading

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: Lord, open our hearts to Your word.

Between the Readings, a Psalm, hymn, or anthem may be sung or said. Appropriate Psalms are

Psalm 65 | Psalm 67 | Psalm 85:7-13 | Psalm 98 | Psalm 100 |
Psalm 126 | Psalm 127 | Psalm 133 | Psalm 148 | Psalm 149:1-5

Then, all standing

Reader: May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips and on our hearts as we hear the Holy Gospel according to...

Then after the reading

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to Christ, the Word.

Appropriate passages from the Gospels are:

Matthew 5:1-16 | Mark 12:28-34 | Luke 6:32-38 |
John 15:9-17 | John 17:1-2, 18-26

The Sermon

A moment of Silent Contemplation then all standing

The Witnessing of the Vows and the Blessing of the Covenant

The couple comes before the assembly. If there is to be a presentation, the presenters stand with the couple.

Celebrant: Who presents N. and N., who seek the blessing of God and the Church on their love and life together?

Presenters: We do

Celebrant: Do you promise to love, respect, and pray for N. and N., and to do all in your power to stand with them in the life they will share?

Presenters: We do

Then addressing the couple.

Celebrant: N. and N., you have come before God and the Church to make public your commitment to one another and to ask God's blessing.

Then addressing the one member of the couple

Celebrant: N., do you freely and unreservedly offer yourself to N.?

Answer: I do.

Celebrant: Will you live together in faithfulness and holiness of life as long as you both shall live?

Answer: I will.

Then addressing the other member of the couple

Celebrant: N., do you freely and unreservedly offer yourself to N.?

Answer: I do.

Celebrant: Will you live together in faithfulness and holiness of life as long as you both shall live?

Answer: I will.

The assembly stands, the couple faces the people, and the Celebrant addresses them, saying

Celebrant: Will all of you here gathered uphold and honor this couple and respect the covenant they make?

People: We do

Celebrant: Will you pray for them in times of trouble and celebrate with them in times of joy?

People: We do

The Prayers

Celebrant: Then let us pray for N. and N. in their life together and for the concerns of this community.

A lay leader, minister or another leader leads the congregation in prayer for the couple.

Leader: For N. and N., seeking your blessing and the blessing of your holy people; Lord in your goodness

People: Hear our Prayer

Leader: For a spirit of loving-kindness to shelter them all their days; Lord in your goodness

People: Hear our Prayer

Leader: For friends to support them and communities to enfold them; Lord in your goodness

People: Hear our Prayer

Leader: For peace in their home and love in their family; Lord in your goodness

People: Hear our Prayer

Leader: For the grace, when they hurt each other, to recognize and acknowledge their fault, and to seek each other's forgiveness and yours; Lord in your goodness

People: Hear our Prayer

Leader: For the outpouring of your love through their work and witness; Lord in your goodness

People: Hear our Prayer

Leader: For the strength to keep our vows and commitments; Lord in your goodness

People: Hear our Prayer

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers with the following or another Collect

Celebrant: Giver of every gift, source of all goodness, hear the prayers we bring before you for N. and N., who seek your blessing this day. Give them a share in the saving work of Jesus, who gave himself for us, and bring about the fullness of life he promised, who now lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

If the Eucharist is to follow, the Lord's Prayer is omitted here.

And now as our Saviour Christ taught, we are bold to say/pray...

All say, pray or sing together

Form 1

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

Form 2

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

The Commitment

The people sit. The couple stands, facing the Celebrant.

Celebrant: N. and N., I invite you now, illumined by the Word of God and strengthened by the prayer of this community, to make your covenant before God and the Church.

Each member of the couple, in turn, takes the hand of the other and says

In the name of God, I, N., give myself to you, N. I will support and care for you by the grace of God: enduring all things, bearing all things. I will hold and cherish you in the love of Christ: in times of plenty, in times of want. I will honor and love you with the Spirit's help: forsaking all others, as long as we both shall live. This is my solemn vow.

Or this

In the name of God, I, N., give myself to you, N. I will support and care for you: enduring all things, bearing all things. I will hold and cherish you: in times of plenty, in times of want. I will honor and love you: forsaking all others, as long as we both shall live. This is my solemn vow.

If rings are to be exchanged, they are brought before the Celebrant, who prays using the following words

Celebrant: Bless, O God, these rings as signs of the enduring covenant N. and N. have made with each other, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The two people place the rings on the fingers of one another, first the one, then the other, saying

N., receive this ring as a symbol of my abiding love.

If the two have previously given and worn rings as a symbol of their commitment, the rings may be blessed on the hands of the couple, the Celebrant saying

Celebrant: By these rings N. and N. have shown to one another and the world their love and faithfulness. Bless these rings, Holy God, that they may now be signs of the covenant N. and N. have made this day, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Pronouncement

Celebrant: Since N. and N. have exchanged vows of love and fidelity in the presence of God and the Church, I now pronounce that they are bound to one another in a holy covenant, as long as they both shall live. Amen

Blessing of the Couple

As the couple stands or kneels, the Celebrant invokes God's blessing upon them, saying

Celebrant: Most gracious God, we praise you for the tender mercy and unfailing care revealed to us in Jesus the Christ and for the great joy and comfort bestowed upon us in the gift of human love. We give you

thanks for N. and N., and the covenant of faithfulness they have made. Pour out the abundance of your Holy Spirit upon them. Keep them in your steadfast love; protect them from all danger; fill them with your wisdom and peace; lead them in holy service to each other and the world.

The Celebrant continues with one of the following

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you, and mercifully grant you rich and boundless grace, that you may please God in body and soul. God make you a sign of the loving-kindness and steadfast fidelity manifest in the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior, and bring you at last to the delight of the heavenly banquet, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Or this

God, the holy and undivided Trinity, bless, preserve, and keep you, and mercifully grant you rich and boundless grace, that you may please God in body and soul. God make you a sign of the loving-kindness and steadfast fidelity manifest in the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior, and bring you at last to the delight of the heavenly banquet, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you

In place of the above may be said

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you

People: And also with you

The liturgy continues with the Holy Communion. When the Eucharist is not celebrated, the Celebrant blesses the people. The Celebrant dismisses them.

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

Reception of the Body

The Celebrant meets the body at the door of the church.

Celebrant: With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our brother/sister N. for burial. Let us pray with confidence to God, the giver of life, that he will raise him/her to perfection in the company of the saints.

Silence may be kept after which the Celebrant continues

Celebrant: Deliver Your servant, N., O Sovereign Lord Jesus, from all evil, and set him/her free from every bond, that he/she, may rest with all Your saints in the eternal habitations, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit You live and reign, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Let us also pray for all who mourn, that they may cast their care on God, and know the consolation of his love.

Silence may be kept after which the Celebrant continues

Celebrant: Almighty God, look with compassion upon the sorrows of this family for whom we pray. Remember them, in mercy; nourish them with patience; comfort them with a sense of Your goodness; lift up Your countenance upon them and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All stand for the procession. The Celebrant leads, then the coffin, then the family follows. While processing the Celebrant says the following:

Celebrant: Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. *(Matthew 5.4)*

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
(John 3.16)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. *(Lamentations 3 .22f)*

When all are in place, the Celebrant may address the congregation, acknowledging briefly the purpose of the gathering, and bidding their prayers for the bereaved.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray

Celebrant: We gather now as family, friends, and well-wishers both to honor N._____ in her/his life and to comfort and encourage one another at her/his death. As it is written ...

And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last. Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. (*Mark 15:37-38*)

We recognize and rejoice that neither N._____ 's soul, nor spirit, have ceased to be, but only the visible and mortal temple for these no longer holds them, just as the Temple in Jerusalem now no longer holds back God's Holy Spirit.

Silence may be kept. The Celebrant concludes with the following or some other prayer

Celebrant: Let us Pray. God our maker, your creative will gives life to all that is; your quickening power brings us to birth. Let your love sustain us to the end of our days and bring us through death to a new beginning; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

The Lessons

One or more of the following passages from Holy Scripture is read. Between the readings a suitable hymn, song, or canticle may be sung or said. If there is to be a Communion, a passage from the Gospel always concludes the Readings.

Isaiah 25:6-9 | Isaiah 61:1-3 | Lamentations 3:22-26,31-33 | Job 19:21-27a |
Romans 8:14-19,34-35,37-39 | 1 Corinthians 15:2-26,35-38,42-44,53-58 |
2 Corinthians 4:16--5:9 | 1 John 3:1-2 | Revelation 7:9-17 | Revelation 21:2-7

When a biblical passage other than one from the Gospels is to be read, the Reader announces it with these words

A Reading from....

After each Reading

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: Lord, open our hearts to Your word

Between the Readings, a Psalm, hymn, or anthem may be sung or said. Appropriate Psalms are

Psalm 23 | Psalm 27 | Psalm 42:1-7 | Psalm 46 | Psalm 90:1-12 |
Psalm 106:1-5 | Psalm 116 | Psalm 121 | Psalm 130 | Psalm 139:1-11

Then, all standing

Reader: May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips and on our hearts as we hear the Holy Gospel according to...

Then after the reading

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to Christ, the Word

Appropriate passages from the Gospels are:

John 5:24-27 | John 6:37-40 | John 10:11-16 | John 11:21-27 | John 14:1-6

Here a family member may say a few words

The Sermon

A moment of Silent Contemplation then all standing

The Creed

It is appropriate to utilize the Nicene or Apostles Creed. The Creed must be recited in unison

Celebrant: In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say

Celebrant: We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers

If there is not to be a Communion, the Lord's Prayer is said here, and the service continues with the Prayers, or with one or more suitable prayers. When there is a Communion, the following form of the Prayers of the People is used. A lay leader, minister or another leader bids prayers.

Leader: For our brother/sister N. _____, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, You consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for N. _____ and dry the tears of those who weep.

People: Hear us Lord.

Leader: You wept at the grave of Lazarus, comfort us in our sorrow.

People: Hear us Lord.

Leader: You raised the dead to life and have given to our brother/ sister eternal life.

People: Hear us Lord.

Leader: You promised paradise to the thief who repented and have brought our brother/sister to the joys of heaven.

People: Hear us Lord.

Leader: Having been washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; You have given him/her fellowship with all Your saints.

People: Hear us Lord.

Leader: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother/sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

People: Hear us Lord.

Silence may be kept. The Celebrant concludes with the following or some other prayer

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to You our brother/sister N. _____, Grant that his/her death may recall to us Your victory over death and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in Your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where You have led the way, and where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. Amen.

When there is no Communion, the service continues with the Commendation, or with the Committal.

The service continues with the Eucharist.

If the body is not present, the service continues with the [blessing and] dismissal. Unless the Committal follows immediately in the church, the following Commendation is used.

The Condemnation

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body. This anthem, or some other suitable anthem, or a hymn, may be sung or said

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to Your servant(s) with Your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting. You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind, and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did You ordain when You created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Celebrant, facing the body, says

Celebrant: Father, we commend to your care our sister/brother, N.____, giving thanks for him/her gifts and all that she/he brought us. Though now taken from us, let her/him never be parted from you. May your servant, set free from the bondage of earth, be transformed fully into your likeness, from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Celebrant may dismiss them saying:

Celebrant: God of grace and glory, we thank you for N.____, who was so near and dear to us, and who has now been taken from us into your mansion. We thank you for the friendship she/he gave and for the strength and peace she/he brought. We thank you for the love she/he offered and received while she/he was with us on earth.

We pray that nothing good in this woman's/man's life will be lost, but will be of benefit to the world; that all that was important to her/him will be respected by those who follow ~ and that everything in which she/he was great will continue to mean much to us now that she/he is dead.

We ask you that she/he may go on living in her/his children, her family and her/his friends; in their hearts and minds, in their courage and their consciences. We ask you that we who were close to her/him may now, because of his/her death, be even closer to each other, and that we may, in peace and friendship here on earth, always be deeply conscious of your promise to be faithful to us in death.

We pray for ourselves, who are severely tested by this death that we do not try to minimize this loss, or seek refuge from it in words alone, and also that we do not brood over it so that it overwhelms us and isolates us from others. May God grant us courage and confidence in the new life of Christ. We ask this in the name of the risen Lord.

Celebrant: Let us go forth in Peace

As the body is borne from the church, a hymn, or one or more of these anthems may be said.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the tomb.

The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, having taken away the sin of the world.

Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in his Name, saying, "Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you."

Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you, and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem.

THE BLESSING OF HOLY WATER

A bowl of fresh water and a small bowl of salt are placed on the altar. The Celebrant (behind the altar, facing the people) genuflects, crosses himself/herself and says the following invocation:

Celebrant: I am bending my knee. In the eye of the Father who created me, in the eye of the Son who purchased me, in the eye of the Spirit who cleansed me, in friendship and affection. Through your own Anointed One, O God, Bestow upon us fullness in our need, Love towards God, the affection of God, the smile of God, the wisdom of God, the grace of God, the fear of God, and the will of God to do on the world of the Three, as angels and saints do in heaven; each shade and light, each day and night, each time in kindness, Give us your Spirit.

People: Amen

All Stand as the Celtic Poem of the Flood is read responsively.

Celebrant: On Monday will come the great storm

People: Which the airy firmament will pour,

Celebrant: We shall be obedient the while,

People: All who will hearken.

Celebrant: On Tuesday will come the other element,

People: Heart paining, hard piercing,

Celebrant: Wringing from pure pale cheeks

People: Blood, like showers of wine.

Celebrant: On Wednesday will blow the wind,

People: Sweeping bare strath and plain,

Celebrant: Showering gusts of galling grief,

People: Thunder bursts and rending hills.

Celebrant: On Thursday will pour the shower,

People: Driving people into blind flight,

Celebrant: Faster than the foliage on the trees,

People: Like the leaves of Mary's plant in terror trembling.

Celebrant: On Friday will come the clouds of darkness,

People: The direst dread that ever came over the world,

Celebrant: Leaving multitudes bereft of reason,
People: Grass and fish beneath the same flagstone.
Celebrant: On Saturday will come the great sea,
People: Rushing like a mighty river;
Celebrant: All will be at their best
People: Hastening to a hill of safety.
Celebrant: On Sunday will arise my King,
People: Full of ire and tribulation,
Celebrant: Listening to the bitter talk of each man,
People: A red cross on each right shoulder.

The People are seated. The Celebrant, standing, shall mix a little salt with the water saying:

Celebrant: The Lord has said; “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves and be at peace with each other.” Mindful of these words we mix this salt with the water, as a token that all who devoutly sprinkle themselves with this water, preserve within themselves the salt of Christian wisdom and strength, and should fulfill themselves with the spirit of peace and love. With this intention we consecrate the water and sign it with the sign of the holy cross +, that the Almighty, who created it, of his boundless mercy may cleanse our hearts from all sin, may fructify them with the rich stream of his grace, and may satisfy their thirst after righteousness with the water of eternal life, through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

Celebrant: Sprinkle me, O Lord, and I shall be clean.

People: Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

All: Almighty Creator, Lord of heaven and earth, who in holy baptism made water to be an emblem of the cleansing of our souls; we ask that you grant to all of us who use this water in enlightened piety and in a Christian spirit, the heavenly water of your grace, that in accordance with the promise of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, there may be within ourselves a well of living water springing up into everlasting life. We pray these things through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING OF OIL FOR THE SICK

Celebrant: God of all consolation, You chose and sent Your Son to heal the world. Graciously listen to our prayer of faith and send the power of Your Holy Spirit, the Consoler, into this precious oil, this soothing ointment, this rich gift, this fruit of the earth.

Bless this oil + and sanctify it for our use.

Make this oil a remedy for all who are anointed with it, heal them in body, in soul, and in spirit, and deliver them from every affliction.

BLESSING OF CHRISM

Celebrant or if present, a Bishop:

Let us pray that God our almighty Father will bless this oil so that all who are anointed with it may be inwardly transformed and come to share in eternal salvation.

God our maker, source of all growth in holiness, accept the joyful thanks and praise we offer in the name of Your church.

In the beginning, at Your command, the earth produced fruit-bearing trees. From the fruit of the olive tree You have provided us with oil for holy chrism.

The prophet David sang of the life and joy that the oil would bring us in the sacraments of Your love.

After the avenging flood, the dove returning to Noah with an olive branch announced Your gift of peace. This was a sign of a greater gift to come. Now the waters of baptism wash away the sins of men, and by the anointing with olive oil You make us radiant with Your joy.

At Your command Aaron was washed with water and Your servant Moses, his brother, anointed him priest. This too foreshadowed greater thing to come.

After Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, asked John for baptism in the waters of Jordan, You sent the Spirit upon him in the form of a dove. By the witness of Your own voice You declared him to be Your only, well- beloved Son. In this You clearly fulfilled the prophecy of David, that Christ would be anointed with the oil of gladness beyond his fellow men.

And so, Father, we ask You to bless (+ *and breathe into container*) this oil You have created. Fill it with the power of Your Holy Spirit through Christ Your Son. It is from him that chrism takes its name and with chrism You have anointed for Yourself priests and kings, prophets and martyrs. Amen.

LITURGY FOR THE CLAIMING OF A NEW NAME

Ministers queue up, first the Gospel Bearer, then preacher of the day then celebrant. If there is a visiting Bishop, (s)he walks last of all. The praise singers will sing their opening song and the procession enters the church and processes up the aisle stopping at the altar table until songs end. Gospel Bearer will take their seat leaving preacher and celebrant standing before the congregation.

The Role of Deacon may be filled by any ordained minister present.

A Deacon cannot, however, preside over Holy Communion.

The People Stand

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

People: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever Amen

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

In Lent and on other penitential occasions

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Collect

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Holy One, in baptism you bring us to new life in Jesus Christ and you name us your beloved. We give you thanks for the renewal of that life and love in (N____) who now fully claims his/her name. Strengthen and uphold him/her as he/she grows into the power, and authority, and meaning of this name; we pray in the Name above all names, Jesus your Son, whom with you and the Holy Spirit, the Triune God, we adore. Amen.

Readings

One or more of the following passages from Holy Scripture is read. Between the readings a suitable hymn, song, or canticle may be sung or said. If there is to be a Communion, a passage from the Gospel always concludes the Readings.

Gen 1:27 | Gen 32:24-30 | Exodus 34:1-8 | Psalm 8 | Proverbs 3:13-20 |
Song of Solomon 1:2b-3 | Isaiah 45:3-4 | Luke 2:15-21 | Luke 10:20b |
John 1:1-5 | Romans 1:1-7 | Philippians 2:9-13

Sermon

The Candidate might be invited to give the homily, which might include some sharing about the Candidate's journey to this point. At this point, prior to the start of the Prayers of the People, a congregation might renew its Baptismal Covenant or do a similar process that reaffirms the empowerment of the ministry of the laity.

Prayers of the People

During the pause between the prayers, all are invited to offer prayers silently or aloud, and to come forward and light a candle (e.g. tea candles that surround a single large candle, or several large candles, set up on a table in front of the altar, near where the candidate will stand).

Leader: As many of you as have been baptized have clothed yourselves with Christ.

People: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.

Leader: “The prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand and sang,” “Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously.” We pray for the renewal of God’s church in all its forms.

Pause

Leader: As many of you as have been baptized have clothed yourselves with Christ.

People: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.

Leader: “God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.” We pray for the health and welfare of the earth and all its peoples.

Pause

Leader: As many of you as have been baptized have clothed yourselves with Christ.

People: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.

Leader: “I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.” We pray for all who struggle against oppression, sickness, or any kind of trouble.

Pause

Leader: As many of you as have been baptized have clothed yourselves with Christ.

People: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.

Leader: “And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit

within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,' says the Lord". We pray in love and joy for all who have died.

Pause

Leader: As many of you as have been baptized have clothed yourselves with Christ.

People: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.

Leader: "For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." We give thanks for all the blessings of this life.

Pause

Leader: As many of you as have been baptized have clothed yourselves with Christ.

People: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.

The Giving of the Name

The Candidate for renaming comes forward. The Celebrant then continues:

Celebrant: Hear the promises and commandments of God:

Thus says our God: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. "Happy is the mortal who does this, the one who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and refrains from doing any evil. Do not let the foreigner joined to God say, 'God will surely separate me from the people'; and do not let the eunuch say, 'I am just a dry tree.' For thus says God: to the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast to my covenant, I will give, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off."

Turning to the person claiming the new name, the Celebrant asks:

Celebrant: How do you respond to God's calling?

Candidate: I will seek God's presence in all things.

Celebrant: We are here to affirm the name of (N__). This name symbolizes all that he/she is and all that he/she is becoming, through the grace of

God. We honor the name given to (N__) by his/her parents and acknowledge that the time has come to declare a new name. This name is the culmination of a journey of discovery and, at the same time, its beginning.

Turning to the gathered community:

Will you do all in your power to assist (N__) to maintain justice, to do what is right, to honor God and hold fast to God's covenant?

All: We will.

Celebrant: Will you honor (N__) in name and in spirit as he/she continues on his/her path?

All: We will.

Celebrant: Dynamic and holy God, we remember how you changed the names of Abraham and Sarah, as they set out to follow you. We know that you changed the name of Jacob, after a long night of wrestling with you. We now declare publicly and affirm the name you have bestowed upon (N__).

All come forward and lay hands upon the candidate's head, or upon the shoulders of those around the candidate.

Celebrant: (N__), receive the blessings of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

When this action has been completed for all candidates, at a place in full sight of the congregation, anoints the newly baptized with sacred chrism and prays over them, saying:

Celebrant: (N__), remember you are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen

Walk in the Spirit, this day and always, knowing that God has made an everlasting covenant with you that shall never be cut off.

Candidate: Holy One, you make us and you change us. I come before you today, surrounded by community, with awe and humility to put on the mantle of a new name. May your Holy Spirit surround us and transform me in all truth, that with the name of (N__) that I might grow ever more surely into the full stature of Christ.

Celebrant: Jesus said, 'Rejoice that your names are written in heaven!'

All: Amen!

Celebrant: God of Love, in renaming your servants Abraham, Sarah, Jacob, Peter, and Paul, you gave them new lives and new tasks, new love and new hope. We now hold before you our friend (N___). Bless him/her with a new measure of grace as he/she takes this new name. And grant that we all may be worthy to call ourselves Christian, for the sake of your Christ whose name is Love, and in whom, with you and the Spirit we pray. Amen.

Prior to the Peace, the service might continue with the Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant

Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The people are invited to share God's peace with one another.

Holy Communion

Post Communion Prayer

All: Gracious God, you have fed us heavenly food in the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that with _____, we may share in this mystery and may, with _____, ever turn to the One whose Name is above all names. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant: May the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, of Jesus, born of our Sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit who broods over her people like a mother over her children, bless you and remain with you always. Amen.

SPECIAL SERVICES

ASH WEDNESDAY

The ashes used for imposition are traditionally created by burning the palm leaves from the Palm Sunday service of the previous year. If no such leaves are available dried leaves may be purchased for burning or ashes may be used from the burning of incense.

The visual setting for Ash Wednesday should be stark and solemn. As the first day of Lent the color purple is used, suggesting the penitential nature of the season. Common Lenten symbols include the Cross, a person on a journey, or images of the desert. Use of dark gray and various earth tones is also appropriate, recalling the ashes as the image of human mortality. Since Ash Wednesday begins the season of Holy Lent, the people should enter in silence and remain silent through the beginning of the service.

The Processional is done in silence. There is either no ringing of bells or the slow ringing of solemn bells and the pace of the procession should be stately and sober

After the imposition of ashes, before the Litany of Penitence, the ministers should wash their hands. A cruet of water, lavabo bowl, and towel should be available.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People: God's mercy endures forever.

Celebrant: Let us Pray

Into your presence we come, Lord a few moments of quietness in a busy world that demands our attention Breathe on us now that we might know your presence and your power to see this day though

The Lessons

One or more of the following passages from Holy Scripture is read. Between the readings a suitable hymn, song, or canticle may be sung or said. When a biblical passage other than one from the Gospels is to be read, the Reader announces it with these words

A Reading from....

After each Reading

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying

People: Lord, open our hearts to Your word.

Between the Readings, a Psalm, hymn, or anthem may be sung or said. Then, all standing

Reader: May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips and on our hearts as we hear His Holy Gospel. The Holy Gospel according to...

Then after the reading

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to Christ, The Word.

Sermon

After the sermon, all stand and the Celebrant invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent.

Celebrant: Dear People of God, the first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the church, to the observance of a holy Lent by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. Also to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept for a time, all kneeling. The Celebrant says the following prayer over the ashes

Celebrant: Almighty God, You have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by Your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The ashes are imposed with the following words

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

The Kyrie

Kneeling the People and Celebrant sing or say

Option 1

Lord have Mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have Mercy.

Option 2

Kyrie eleison.
Christe elesion.
Kyrie eleison.

The Litany of the Penitence

Kneeling or Sitting

Celebrant: We come to You, O Lord, for You alone can heal and restore us. We are not able to heal ourselves. We are not able to forgive ourselves. We are not able to restore ourselves. We are not able to sanctify ourselves. We are not able to satisfy ourselves. We come to You, O Lord, for You alone can make us whole. Lord, we have fallen into sin. We have fallen into wickedness. We have fallen into evil

People: Lord, lift us up and set us free.

Celebrant: Lord, we have fallen into rebellion. We have fallen into disobedience. We have fallen into unrighteousness.

People: Lord, lift us up and set us free.

Celebrant: Lord, we have fallen into despair. We have fallen into disillusionment. We have fallen into depression

People: Lord, lift us up and set us free.

Celebrant: Lord, we have fallen into loneliness. We have fallen into darkness. We have fallen into hell.

People: Lord, lift us up and set us free.

Celebrant: Lord of light, enter our past. Dispel the works of darkness. Destroy the deeds of evil. Defeat the thoughts of blackness. Enter the recording rooms of our memories. Enter the dark room of guilt and shame. Enter the secret room of sins hidden and forgotten.

People: Come, Lord of Light, and forgive. Come, Lord of Love, and set us free. Come, and scatter our darkness. Come, draw us closer to you. Amen.

The Absolution

The Celebrant stands and faces the people and says:

Celebrant: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore, we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit that those things may please him which we do on this day may please him, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

*The Peace is exchanged.
The Service continues with the Offertory.*

PALM SUNDAY

All Standing.

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Hosanna in the Highest!

Celebrant: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing, by works of charity and self-sacrifice, for the celebration of our Lord's Easter mystery. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the whole Church throughout the world. Christ entered into triumph into His own city, to complete His work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion this entry which began His saving work and follow Him with a lively faith. United with Him in His suffering on the cross, may we share His resurrection and new life.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Congregation is seated.

A Lesson

The first reading from the Holy Gospel

Reader: May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips and on our hearts as we hear His Holy Gospel. The Holy Gospel according to...

Then after the reading

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to Christ, the Word.

The Blessing of the Palms

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty God we pray You bless these branches and make them holy. Today we joyfully acclaim Jesus our Messiah and King. May we reach one day the happiness of the new and everlasting Jerusalem by faithfully following Him who lives and reigns forever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Distribution of the Palms

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

All: Amen.

The Lessons

The suggested passages from Holy Scripture are read. When a biblical passage other than one from the Gospels is to be read, the Reader announces it with these words

A Reading from....

After each Reading

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Then, all standing

Reader: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

Then after the reading

Reader: So ends the reading

The Sermon

The service continues in the usual manner.

HOLY THURSDAY

The Eucharist begins in the usual manner, using the following Collect, Psalm, and Lessons

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

The Lessons

The suggested passages from Holy Scripture are read. When a biblical passage other than one from the Gospels is to be read, the Reader announces it with these words

A Reading from....

After each Reading

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying

People: Thanks be to God.

Then, all standing

Reader: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

Then after the reading

Reader: So ends the reading

The Sermon

The Foot Washing

The Peace

The Eucharist

Where it is desired to administer Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament on Good Friday, the Sacrament for that purpose is consecrated at this service.

Strip the Altar

Read Psalms 113 & 114 (No introduction)

Cover the Altar with Black Funeral Pall

Silent Recessional, No Dismissal

GOOD FRIDAY

Silent Procession

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

The Lessons

The suggested passages from Holy Scripture are read. When a biblical passage other than one from the Gospels is to be read, the Reader announces it with these words

Reader: A Reading from....
After each Reading

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Passion

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

Reader: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

The Sermon

The Solemn Collets

All standing, the Celebrant, or other person appointed, says to the people:

Leader: Brothers and Sisters: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

The people may be directed to stand or kneel

Leader: Let us pray for the Church throughout the world; for its unity in witness and service. For all bishops and other ministers and the people they serve; for the people of this diocese and for all Christians in this community. That God will confirm his church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of Your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all members of Your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve You; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Leader: Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them; for (N.____), the President of the United States, For the Congress and the Supreme Court. For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations. And for all who serve the common good, that by God's help they may seek justice and truth and live in peace and concord.

Silence

Celebrant: Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with Your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility Your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of Your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind; for the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed. For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled. For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish . For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair. For the sorrowful and bereaved. For prisoners and captives and those in mortal danger. May God in his mercy comfort and relieve them, grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Silence

Celebrant: Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to You, that they may find Your mercy present with them in all their afflictions, and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ: for those who have never heard the word of salvation. For those who have lost their faith. For those hardened by sin or indifference. For the contemptuous and the scornful. For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of his disciples. For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others. May God open their hearts to the truth and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence

Celebrant: Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know You as You are revealed in Your Son Jesus Christ, let Your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to Your fold those who have gone astray, that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

Celebrant: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on Your whole church, that wonderful and sacred mystery, by the effectual working of Your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation, let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Process Crucifix in silence with torch on each side. At back of the church, in the middle of the church, at steps:

Celebrant: This is the wood of the cross on which hung the savior of the world.

People: Come let us worship.

Adoration of the Cross

The Service continues with the celebrant at the Table; the pre-consecrated elements are in place.

Confession of Sins

The Celebrant addresses the people

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Standing or Kneeling

All:

Form 1

Holy One, we confess to you that often we make excuses for not following the way you have called us to go. We have tried to argue and bargain with you to make the burden lighter. We confess that we too often do not look for you in the face of others, nor allow others to see you in our own actions. Too often we have doubted your presence and failed to worship you with our lives. Make us more complete and faithful followers of you. We ask all these through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Form 2

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

Celebrant:

Form 1

God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Through Christ, we are freed to love one another, to forgive one another and to be forgiven. We are given new life. With full and free hearts, let us answer God's gift with our praise, devotion and service.

Form 2

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

The celebrant continues...

And now let us lift up our voices and sing the prayer Christ taught us.

Or

And now as our Saviour Christ taught, we are bold to say...

Or

And now as our Saviour Christ taught, we now pray...

All say, pray or sing together

Form 1

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

Form 2

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

Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

The service concludes with the following prayer. No blessing or dismissal is added.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray You to set Your passion, cross, and death between Your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead, to Your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory. For with the Father and the Holy Spirit You live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORDINATION SERVICES

THE ORDINATION OF A DEACON

Ministers queue up, first the Gospel Bearer, then Ordinand, then celebrant and then Bishop, (s)he walks last of all. The praise singers will sing their opening song and the procession enters the church and processes up the aisle stopping at the altar table until songs end. Gospel Bearer will take their seat leaving preacher and celebrant standing before the congregation. The Presiding Minister can be a Bishop or other authorized minister.

Gathering Song is played – typically this is an instrumental

The People Stand

Opening Song is sung

The Celebrant turns to face the congregation.

Celebrant: The grace of our great God be upon you.

People: And also, with you

The Asperges

Celebrant: May the Lord purify me that I may worthily perform His service. In the strength of the Lord do I repel all evil from this His holy altar and sanctuary, And from this house wherein we worship him; And I pray our heavenly Father that He will send His holy angel to build for us a spiritual temple through which His strength and blessing may be poured forth upon His people; through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

Saint Patrick's Breastplate

All may sing or it may be sung responsively

I bind unto myself today the strong Name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

I bind this day to me forever, by power of faith, Christ's Incarnation; his baptism in Jordan river; his death on cross for my salvation; his bursting from the spiced tomb; his riding up the heavenly way; his coming at the day of doom: I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself the power of the great love of cherubim; the sweet "Well done" in judgment hour; the service of the seraphim; confessors' faith, apostles' word, the patriarchs' prayers, the prophets' scrolls; all good deeds done unto the Lord, and purity of virgin souls.

I bind unto myself today the virtues of the starlit heaven the glorious sun's life-giving ray, the whiteness of the moon at even, the flashing of the lightning free, the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks, the stable earth, the deep salt sea, around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his might to stay, his ear to hearken, to my need; the wisdom of my God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward; the word of God to give me speech, his heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself today the strong Name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

Of whom all nature hath creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word: praise to the Lord of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord.

The Collect of Purity

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

First Worship Song is Sung

The Collect of the day

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

The celebrant will recite the Collect of the day, then both will be seated

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from....

After each Reading

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: Lord, open our hearts to your word.

Second Worship Song is Sung. Then, all standing

Reader: May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips, and on our hearts as we hear the Holy Gospel according to...

Then after the reading

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to Christ, the Word.

The Ordination

The Pastoral Council approaches the altar and face the people.

Presiding Minister: (N.__) we invite you to come forward as a sign that you accept this ministry.

The Presenter and the Ordinand comes and stands facing the congregation

Presenters: Rev. (N.__), minister in the Church of God, on behalf of the people of this church, we present to you (N.__), to be ordained Deacon in Christ's holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

Presiding Minister: Has (s)he been selected in accordance with the requirements of this Church? And do you believe his(her) manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters: We certify to you that he has satisfied the requirements of the Church, and we believe him to be qualified for this Holy Order

The Presiding Minister addresses all

Presiding Minister: Beloved, we know that Christ alone is the source of all ministry, through the calling of men and women to serve in his church. By the Holy Spirit all who believe and are baptized receive ministry to be witnesses of the Gospel and are also called to love and serve those with whom they live and work. We are ambassadors for Christ who reconciles and makes whole. We are the salt of the earth; we are the light of the world.

Following his resurrection and ascension Christ gave gifts to the church. These gifts were “that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelist, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the Body of Christ. We stand with a tradition where deacons, elders, priests and bishops are called and empowered to fulfill an ordained ministry which enables the whole mission of the church.

I declare to you today, that those authorized by the Church to inquire about him(her) have discerned that (s)he is a person of sound learning and of Christian character and possess the necessary signs of God’s grace and have demonstrated a profound commitment to Jesus Christ.

We ask you, the people of God, to declare you assent to this ordination. Do you trust that (s)he is worthy, by God's grace, to be ordained?

People: We do! Thanks be to God!

Presiding Minister: Will you up hold him/her in his/his ministry?

People: With God's help we will!

Presiding Minister: Will you show your approval by standing in affirmation of your commitment?

The Presiding Minister turns to the Ordinand and continues...

My brother (sister), you have been called to the sacred order of Deacons. The church now confirms your calling. As a Deacon, you are coworker with the laity, elders and bishops. Remember you are called to serve rather than be served, to proclaim the faith of the church and to look after the concerns of God above all.

Ordination Vows

The presiding minister continues...

(N. __) so all may know you are both willing and able to accept this ministry in Christ's church, we ask that you speak your vows publicly as you enter this ministry. Do you confess together with us and the church throughout all ages your faith in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Ordinand: Yes, truly with all my heart.

Presiding Minister: Let us confess our faith with (N. __), in the words of the Apostles Creed.

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

The congregation is seated; the Ordinand shall remaining standing with the presider continuing...

Presiding Minister: Do you believe in your heart that you are called by Christ's church, and therefore by God, to the sacred order of Deacons?

Ordinand: Yes, truly with all my heart.

Presiding Minister: Do you believe that the Holy Scriptures are our foundation and contain all things necessary for salvation?

Ordinand: Yes, truly with all my heart.

Presiding Minister: Will you proclaim the gospel of our Lord, upholding the witness of Holy Scripture.

Ordinand: I will, and I ask for God to help me.

Presiding Minister: Will you be diligent in your study of Holy Scripture and in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Ordinand: I will, and I ask for God to help me.

Presiding Minister: Will you accept the Church's order and governance, submitting to any ministerial coaching or discipline should you become delinquent in either life or doctrine?

Ordinand: I will, and I ask for God to help me.

Presiding Minister: Will you strive to fulfil faithfully, diligently and cheerfully the duties required of you, following our Lord's example and humble service?

Ordinand: I will, and I ask for God to help me.

Presiding Minister: May God, who has given you the will to do these things, give you grace to perform them that the work begun in you may be brought to perfection.

All: Amen.

Presiding Minister: Christ gave all of us this command: "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest." We have asked, and the Lord has answered. This brother (sister) knows our Lord's concern for the people of God, sees the plentiful harvest, and is ready to respond generously to the Lord in the words of the prophet: "Here I am; send me." Urged on by the love of Christ and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, (s)he now comes to declare in public his/her desire to live out the covenant made at his/her baptism by binding himself/herself to the service of

God under the supervision of church leaders and the guidance of ordained colleagues and by being appointed to share as a servant leader in the body of Christ.

As (N.____), is ordained by God and the church for the ministry to which we believe (s)he has been called to by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for him/her.

The people pray for them in silence.

We praise you, eternal God, because you have called us to be a priestly people, offering to you acceptable worship through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Apostle and High Priest, Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. We thank you for Jesus and for the Spirit that empowers us all for ministry. We thank you for the abundance of gifts among us and in particular we thank you for the (wo)man who stands before us. Give to your servant (N.____), the grace and power (s)he needs to serve you in this ministry.

Make him(her) a faithful minister, a patient teacher, and a wise counselor. Enable him(her) to serve without reproach, to proclaim the prophetic gospel of salvation, to administer the sacraments of the new covenant, to order the life of the church and to offer with all your people spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Laying on of Hands

The Ordinand kneels and The Presiding Minister addresses all.

Presiding Minister: O God, most merciful Father, we praise you for sending your Son Jesus Christ, who took upon himself the form of a servant, and humbled himself, becoming obedient even to death on the Cross. We praise you that you have highly exalted him, and made him Lord of all; and that through him, we know that whoever would be great must be servant of all. We praise you, for the many ministries in your Church, and for calling this your servant to the order of Deacons.

Turning back to the Ordinand the Presiding Minister anoints his/ her head with oil and placing both hands on his/ her head saying.

Therefore, Almighty God, pour your Holy Spirit upon (N.____); fill him with grace and power and make him (her) a Deacon in you Church.

All: Amen

The Presiding Minister then touches his crucifix to the shoulders of the new Deacon and prays.

Presiding Minister: Make him (her), Lord, modest and humble, strong and constant, to observe the discipline of Christ. Let his (her) life and teaching so reflect your commandments, that through him (her) many may come to know you and love you. As your Son came not to be served but to serve, may this Deacon share in Christ's service, and come to the unending glory of him who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever and ever.

All: Amen

The Presiding Minister vests the Deacon with a red stole which is placed over the left shoulder and fastened under the right arm. He makes the sign of the Cross over the heart of the new Deacon as he prays:

Presiding Minister: Take this stole for a symbol of your office, remembering that it symbolizes the Blood shed for the remission of your sins and the power of the Holy Spirit to guide you in your Christian ministry. In the name of the +the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Presiding Minister then hands the new Deacon the Words of Christ and prays

Presiding Minister: Take the authority to read and proclaim the Gospel in the Church of God and to assist in the ministration of the holy Sacraments, in the name of the+ Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Presiding Minister: Let us welcome the newly ordained with our applause!

The Sermon

A moment of Silent Contemplation then all standing

The Prayers

Both Celebrant and new Deacon approach the altar table.

Deacon: Join us in Prayer

Deacon: Inspire your whole church with your Spirit of power, unity and peace and grant that all who trust you may live together in love. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Celebrant : Let us also pray for our newly ordained Deacon(s) (N.__), keep him/her/them strong and faithful, may he/she/they herald the joy of your kingdom, serving rather than being served. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Celebrant : Lead all nations in the way of justice. Direct those who govern that they be fair, maintain order, support those in need, and defend the oppressed, that they world may know true peace and proclaim the Gospel through word and sacrament and deeds and mercy, that by teaching and example other may come to live in you, through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Deacon: Let us pray also for the unity of the churches, for the sick (especially N. & N), for the frail, for prisoners, for all those who are working, for those who are traveling, for the homeless, for the departed and for those not partaking in communion, that the Lord grant them healing and peace through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Celebrant: Receive these prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do for your Kingdom.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. The service continues in the usual manner.

THE ORDINATION OF AN ELDER

Ministers queue up, first the Gospel Bearer, then Ordinand, then celebrant and then Bishop, (s)he walks last of all. The praise singers will sing their opening song and the procession enters the church and processes up the aisle stopping at the altar table until songs end. Gospel Bearer will take their seat leaving preacher and celebrant standing before the congregation. The Presiding Minister can be a Bishop or other authorized minister.

Gathering Song is played – typically this is an instrumental

The People Stand

Opening Song is sung

The Celebrant turns to face the congregation.

Celebrant: The grace of our great God be upon you.

People: And also with you

The Asperges

Receiving the Aspergill, the Celebrant makes the sign of the Cross over himself with it, saying:

Celebrant: May the Lord purify me that I may worthily perform His service.

Sprinkling the altar in the middle, then the chancel to his left and to his right, he continues:

In the strength of the Lord do I repel all evil from this His holy altar
and sanctuary,

Turning to the people and sprinkling them with the same motion:

And from this house wherein we worship him;

Turning back to the altar and resigning the aspergill:

And I pray our heavenly Father that He will send His holy angel to
build for us a spiritual temple through which His strength and
blessing may be poured forth upon His people; through Christ our
Lord.

People: Amen

Saint Patrick's Breastplate

All may sing or it may be sung responsively

I bind unto myself today the strong Name of the Trinity, by
invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

I bind this day to me forever, by power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;

his baptism in Jordan river; his death on cross for my salvation; his bursting from the spicèd tomb; his riding up the heavenly way; his coming at the day of doom: I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself the power of the great love of cherubim; the sweet "Well done" in judgment hour; the service of the seraphim; confessors' faith, apostles' word, the patriarchs' prayers, the prophets' scrolls; all good deeds done unto the Lord, and purity of virgin souls.

I bind unto myself today the virtues of the starlit heaven the glorious sun's life-giving ray, the whiteness of the moon at even, the flashing of the lightning free, the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks, the stable earth, the deep salt sea, around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his might to stay, his ear to hearken, to my need; the wisdom of my God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward; the word of God to give me speech, his heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself today the strong Name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

Of whom all nature hath creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word: praise to the Lord of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord.

The Collect of Purity

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

First Worship Song is Sung

The Collect of the day

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

The celebrant will recite the Collect of the day, then both will be seated

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from....

After each Reading

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Lord, open our hearts to your word.

Second Worship Song is sung, then, all standing

Reader: May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips, and on our hearts as we hear the Holy Gospel according to...

Then after the reading

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to Christ, the Word.

The Ordination

The Church Council approaches the altar and faces the people. The Bishop or designated Presiding Minister takes a seat in front of the altar. All are seated, the ordinand comes forward and a person appointed for the purpose presents him to the Bishop.

Presenters: Rev. Father (N.__), on behalf of the people of this church, we present to you (N.__), to be ordained into the presbytery of Christ's holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

Presider: Do you know him to be worthy?

Presenters: We certify to you that he has satisfied the requirements of the Church, and we believe him to be qualified for the priesthood.

Presider: Thanks be to God.

Bishop addresses all

Presider: Beloved, we know that Christ alone is the source of all ministry, through the calling of men and women to serve in his church. By the Holy Spirit all who believe and are baptized receive ministry to be witnesses of the Gospel and are also called to love and serve those with whom they live and work. We are ambassadors for Christ who reconciles and makes whole. We are the salt of the earth; we are the light of the world.

Following his resurrection and ascension Christ gave gifts to the church. These gifts were "that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelist, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the Body of Christ.

We stand with a tradition where deacons, elders and bishops are called and empowered to fulfill an ordained ministry which enables the whole mission of the church.

I declare to you today, that those authorized by the Church to inquire about him(her) have discerned that (s)he is a person of sound learning and of Christian character and possess the necessary signs of God's grace and have demonstrated a profound commitment to Jesus Christ.

We ask you, the people of God, to declare you assent to this ordination. Do you trust that (s)he is worthy, by God's grace, to be ordained a Priest in Christ's church?

People: We do! Thanks be to God!

Presider: Will you uphold him/her in his/his ministry?

People: With God's help we will!

Presider: Will you show your approval by standing in affirmation of your commitment?

The Presider then addresses the Ordinand and continues.

My brother (sister), the Church is the family of God, the body of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit. All baptized people are called to make Christ known as Savior and Lord, and to share in the renewing of his world. Now you are called to work as pastor, elder, and teacher, together with your bishop and fellow elders, and to take your share in the councils of the Church.

As an elder, it will be your task to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to fashion your life in accordance with its precepts. You are to love and serve the people among whom you work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. You are to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinners, to pronounce God's blessing, to share in the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood, and to perform the other ministrations entrusted to you.

In all that you do, you are to nourish Christ's people from the riches of his grace and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

Ordination Vows

The Presider continues...

(N. __) so all may know you are both willing and able to accept this ministry in Christ's church, we ask that you speak your vows publicly as you enter this ministry. Do you confess together with us and the church throughout all ages your faith in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Ordinand: Yes, truly with all my heart.

Presider: Let us confess our faith with (N. __), in the words of the Apostles Creed.

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

The congregation is seated; the Ordinand shall remaining standing with the presider continuing...

Presider: Do you believe in your heart that you are called by Christ's church, and therefore by God, to be an Elder?

Ordinand: Yes, truly with all my heart.

Presider: Do you believe that the Holy Scriptures are our foundation and contain all things necessary for salvation?

Ordinand: Yes, truly with all my heart.

Presider: Will you proclaim the gospel of our Lord, upholding the witness of Holy Scripture.

Ordinand: I will and I ask for God to help me.

Presider: Will you be diligent in your study of Holy Scripture and in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Ordinand: I will and I ask for God to help me.

Presider: Will you accept the Church's order and governance, submitting to any ministerial coaching or discipline should you become delinquent in either life or doctrine?

Ordinand: I will and I ask for God to help me.

Presider: Will you strive to fulfil faithfully, diligently and cheerfully the duties required of you, following our Lord's example and humble service?

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Presider: May God, who has given you the will to do these things, give you grace to perform them that the work begun in you may be brought to perfection.

All: Amen.

Presider: Christ gave all of us this command: "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest." We have asked, and the Lord has answered. This brother (sister) knows our Savior's concern for the people of God, sees the plentiful harvest, and is ready to respond generously to the Lord in the words of the prophet: "Here I am; send me." Urged on by the love of Christ and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, (s)he now comes to declare in public his/her desire to live out the covenant made at his/her baptism by binding himself/herself to the service of God under the supervision of church leaders and the guidance of ordained colleagues and by being appointed to share as a servant leader in the body of Christ.

As (N.____), is ordained by God and the church for the ministry to which we believe (s)he has been called to by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for him/her.

The people pray for them in silence.

Presider: We praise you, eternal God, because you have called us to be a priestly people, offering to you acceptable worship through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Apostle and High Priest, Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. We thank you for Jesus and for the Spirit that empowers us all for ministry. We thank you for the abundance of gifts among us and in particular we thank you for the (wo)man who stands before us. Give to your servant (N.____), the grace and power (s)he needs to serve you in this ministry.

Make him(her) a faithful minister, a patient teacher, and a wise counselor. Enable him(her) to serve without reproach, to proclaim the prophetic gospel of salvation, to administer the sacraments of the new covenant, to order the life of the church and to offer with all your people spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Laying on of Hands

The Presider rises and the Ordinand kneels

Presider: God and Father of all, we praise you for your infinite love in calling us to be a holy people in the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the image of your eternal and invisible glory, the firstborn among many brethren, and the head of the Church. We thank you that by His death, He has overcome death, and, having ascended into heaven, has poured His gifts abundantly on your people, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry and the building up of His body

Presider lays hands upon the head of the Ordinand and prays.

Therefore, Almighty God, pour your Holy Spirit upon (N. ____); for the office and work of an elder in the church of God. You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek; in the name of the + Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Ordinand: Amen

The Presider Continues

Presider: May (s)he exalt you, O Lord, in the midst of your people; offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you; boldly proclaim the Gospel of salvation; and rightly administer the Sacraments of the New Covenant. Make him a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise counselor. Grant that in all things he may serve without reproach, so that your people may be strengthened, and your Name glorified in all the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever.

The new Elder is now vested.

Presider Receive the vestment for the office of Elder, that you may offer with our Lord Christ the most holy sacrifice of His sacred Body and Blood.

The Presider anoints the hands of the new Elder with holy oils.

Presider: Be pleased, O Lord, to consecrate and hallow these hands by this anointing and our + blessing; that whatever they + bless may be blessed and whatever they consecrate may be consecrated and hallowed, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen

Presider: Let us welcome the newly ordained with our applause!

The Sermon

A moment of Silent Contemplation then all standing

The Prayers

Both Celebrant and newly Ordained approach the altar table.

Celebrant: Join us in Prayer

New Elder: Inspire your whole church with your Spirit of power, unity and peace and grant that all who trust you may live together in love. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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New Elder: Receive these prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do for your Kingdom.

Confession

New Elder: Let us confess our sin's against God and our neighbor.

All Standing or Kneeling

All:

Form 1

Holy One, we confess to you that often we make excuses for not following the way you have called us to go. We have tried to argue and bargain with you to make the burden lighter. We confess that we too often do not look for you in the face of others, nor allow others to see you in our own actions. Too often we have doubted your presence and failed to worship you with our lives. Make us more complete and faithful followers of you. We ask all these through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Form 2

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

New Elder:

Form 1

God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Through Christ, we are freed to love one another, to forgive one another and to be forgiven. We are given new life. With full and free hearts, let us answer God's gift with our praise, devotion and service.

Form 2

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

The Peace

New Elder: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. The service continues in the usual manner but with the new Elder becoming the Celebrant

THE CONSECRATION OF A BISHOP

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The Consecration

The people are seated, the Consecrator takes a seat, the Assisting Bishops and Bishop-Elect rise. The Senior Assisting Bishop or other person appointed addresses the Consecrator in these words:

Presenters: Reverend Father (Mother), on behalf of (N. network, church or region) we pray that you would raise this Elder, to the office of Bishop.

Consecrator: Do you know him (her) to be worthy?

Presenters: We certify to you that (s)he has satisfied the requirements for the office, and we believe him (her) to be qualified to be a Bishop.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Consecrator addresses all

Consecrator: My brother (sister), the people have chosen you and have affirmed their trust in you by acclaiming your election. A Bishop in God's holy Church is called to be one with the Apostles in proclaiming Christ's resurrection and interpreting the Gospel, and to testify to Christ's sovereignty as Lord of lords and King of kings. You are called to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church; to celebrate and provide for the administration of the Sacraments of the New Covenant; to ordain Elders and Deacons and to join in consecrating new Bishops; and to be in all things a faithful pastor and a wholesome example for the entire flock of Christ. With your fellow Bishops you will share in the leadership of the Church throughout the world. Your heritage is the Faith of Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, and Martyrs, and those of every generation who have looked to God in hope. Your joy will be follow Him who came, not to be served, but to serve. Are you persuaded that God has called you to the office of Bishop?

Bishop Elect: I am so persuaded

The following questions are then addressed to the Bishop-Elect by the Consecrator or by one or more of the other Bishops.

Bishop: Will you accept this call and fulfill this trust in obedience to Christ?

Bishop Elect: I will obey Christ and will serve in His Name.

Bishop: Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the study of Holy Scripture, that you may have the mind of Christ?

Bishop Elect: I will, for He is my help.

Bishop: Will you boldly proclaim and interpret the Gospel of Christ, enlightening the minds and stirring up the conscience of your people?

Bishop Elect: I will, in the power of the Spirit.

Bishop: As a chief elder and pastor, will you encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries, nourish them from the riches of God's grace, pray for them without ceasing, and celebrate with them the Sacraments of our redemption?

Bishop Elect: I will, in the Name of Christ, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

Bishop: Will you guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church?

Bishop Elect: I will, for the love of God.

Bishop: Will you share with your fellow Bishops in the government of the whole Church; will you sustain the Elders and take counsel with them; will you guide and strengthen the Deacons and all others who minister in the Church?

Bishop Elect: I will, by the grace given me.

Bishop: Will you be merciful to all, show compassion to the poor and strangers, and defend those who have no helper?

Bishop Elect: I will, for the sake of Christ Jesus.

All stand. The Consecrator says:

Consecrator: (N.__) through these promises you have committed yourself to God, to serve His Church in the office of Bishop. We therefore call upon you, chosen to be guardian of the Church's Faith, to lead us in confessing that faith.

Bishop Elect: We believe in one God...

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

The people are seated. The Bishops remain standing. The Assisting Bishops stand to the left and right of the Consecrator. The Bishop-Elect kneels before the Consecrator. One of the clergy holds an open book of the Gospels over the neck and shoulders of the Bishop-Elect. The Consecrator with hands extended over the Bishop-Elect recites the following prayer.

Consecrator: O Lord Christ, the fountain of all goodness, who by the operation of the Holy Spirit has appointed diverse orders in Your Church and for its greater enrichment and perfecting, pour down Your gifts abundantly upon Your children, making some to excel in wisdom, others in devotion, and yet others to be well-skilled in action, pour down upon this Your servant of the fullness of the Holy Spirit, that in the dignity to which we are about to raise him he may shine resplendent with all manners of heavenly virtue, O great Shepherd and Bishop of the souls of men, to whom be praise and adoration from men and from the angel host.

All: Amen

All stand except for the Bishop-Elect who lies prostrate while the Veni Creator or other suitable hymn is sung and the Bishops silently pray for the Bishop-Elect. At the conclusion of the hymn the people may be seated. The Bishop-Elect rises and kneels before the Consecrator and Assisting Bishops who lay their hands upon the Bishop-Elect and say together:

Bishops: Therefore, Father, make (N.____) a Bishop in Your Church. Pour out upon him (her) the power of Your priestly Spirit, whom You bestowed upon Your beloved Son Jesus Christ, with whom He endowed the Apostles, and by whom Your Church is built up in every place, to the glory and unceasing praise of Your Name. Name, receive the Holy Spirit for the office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God.

The Consecrator continues.

Consecrator: O God + the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, most blessed and adorable Trinity, who was and is and is to come, as

You have bestowed Your power upon this Your servant and have deigned to consecrate him (her) as Your representative and a teacher of Your people, + open, we pray, his (her) heart and mind to Your heavenly grace, that (s)he may handle wisely that which (s)he has received and, being ever mindful of You, (s)he may exercise his (her) sacred power to the honor and glory of Your holy Name. Fulfill in Your chosen Bishop the perfection of Your service and, having entrusted him (her) with the supreme dignity, sanctify him (her) with unction from above.

The people in a loud voice respond.

People: Amen

The Assisting Bishops are seated while the new Bishop is vested. The Consecrator is seated and anoints the hands of the new Bishop with the holy chrism.

Consecrator: May these hands be consecrated and hallowed for the work of the episcopal order by this anointing with the holy chrism of sanctification. In the name of + the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit,

People: Amen

The Consecrator makes the sign of the Cross first over the heart of the newly consecrated Bishop and then over his (her) hands, saying:

Consecrator: May you abound with the fullness of spiritual + blessing, so that whatsoever you + bless may be blessed and whatsoever you hallow may be hallowed and that the laying on of these consecrated hands may avail for the spiritual safeguarding of God's people; in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen

The Consecrator presents the pastoral staff.

Consecrator: Receive this staff and wield your power with care as a shepherd of Christ's flock. By virtue of the Holy Spirit be all things to all men.

The Consecrator presents the pectoral cross.

Consecrator: Receive this cross, remembering that only by self-sacrifice can you wear it worthily. Go forth in the power of the Cross that through you people may see the beauty of Christ's sacrifice.

The Consecrator presents the episcopal ring.

Consecrator: Receive this ring in token of the link which binds you to our Lord and as a symbol of your office as His apostle to His people. In His most holy Name, be a healer of the souls of men and a vessel of His love.

The Consecrator presents the book of Gospels which had been previously been held on the shoulders of the new Bishop.

Consecrator: Receive the book of the Gospels and be a teacher of the divine wisdom unto the people entrusted to you.

The new Bishop is now vested with cope and mitre after which the Consecrator and the Assisting Bishops, in turn, give the salutation of peace.

Bishops: Peace be unto you.

New Bishop: And also with you.

The Sermon

A moment of Silent Contemplation then all standing

The Prayers

Both Celebrant and new Bishop approach the altar table.

Celebrant: Join us in Prayer

Then Celebrant and new Bishop face the altar table.

New Bishop: Inspire your whole church with your Spirit of power, unity and peace and grant that all who trust you may live together in love. Though Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Celebrant : Let us also pray for our new Bishop(s) (N.__), keep him/her/them strong and faithful, may he/she/they herald the joy of your kingdom, serving rather than being served. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Celebrant : Lead all nations in the way of justice. Direct those who govern that they be fair, maintain order, support those in need, and defend the oppressed, that they world may know true peace and proclaim the Gospel through word and sacrament and deeds and mercy, that by teaching and example other may come to live in you, through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

New Bishop: Let us pray also for the unity of the churches, for the sick (especially N. & N), for the frail, for prisoners, for all those who are working, for those who are traveling, for the homeless, for the departed and for those not partaking in communion, that the Lord grant them healing and peace through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

New Bishop: Receive these prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do for your Kingdom.

Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sin's against God and our neighbor.

All:

Form 1

Holy One, we confess to you that often we make excuses for not following the way you have called us to go. We have tried to argue and bargain with you to make the burden lighter. We confess that we too often do not look for you in the face of others, nor allow others to see you in our own actions. Too often we have doubted your presence and failed to worship you with our lives. Make us more complete and faithful followers of you.

We ask all these through Christ, our Lord,
Amen.

Form 2

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

New Bishop:

Form 1

God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Through Christ, we are freed to love one another, to forgive one another and to be forgiven. We are given new life. With full and free hearts, let us answer God's gift with our praise, devotion and service.

Form 2

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

The Peace

New Bishop: Jesus Christ, the King of Tenderness, binds us with a bond of love that cannot be broken. My brothers and sisters, the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. The service continues in the usual manner with the new Bishop acting as Celebrant.

Appendix

ALTERNATIVE LITURGY OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT: FORM 1

This Alternative Liturgy is formulated for those Churches who are more Charismatic/Evangelical rather than more Sacramental/Liturgical. Evangelical/Charismatic churches emphasis the Preaching of the Gospel rather than Communion so these items have been relocated to accommodate worship styles.

Gathering Song

The People Stand

Call to Worship

The following Call to Worship is suggested but it can be replaced with an alternative.

Minister: We thank You for everyone gathered here now. We are thankful that You know each of us by name and have caused us to walk with You. We say that we are dependent on You and our trust is in You completely. As we surrender ourselves in adoration we ask that You come by Your Holy Spirit and inspire our hearts today. Come fill our lives with Your love, Fill our conversations with Your grace and truth, Fill this church with Your presence. We ask these things in Jesus' name,

All: Amen!

Minister: Welcome to Worship!

*Opening Song is Sung
Worship Song is Sung*

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from....

For Gospel readings all should stand in respect of the Gospel.

A Reading from the Gospel according to...

Prayers

The structures of the Prayers are solely at the discretion of the congregation. Some congregations may want to collect prayer requests prior to service or will utilize this time to have members vocalize them. It is not uncommon for prayer lines to form for ministers to anoint with oil the heads of those asking for special prayers.

Announcements

Any community announcements may be shared. It is during this time that any upcoming Network Events should be highlighted.

The Offertory

Minister: Let us pray before we collect the offering.

(The minister now prays aloud over the offering).

The offering is received, with instrumental music or vocal selection, while the minister prepares for Communion.

Holy Communion

The Minister will offer a prayer before communion.

After the prayer he will take the bread in his hands, showing the congregation and say:

Minister: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Minister puts the bread back on the table, then holds up the cup saying:

Minister: After supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

A congregation may elect to pray, say or sing the Lord's Prayer; the celebrant will modify the next saying to fit that desire.

Minister: And now let us lift up our voices and sing the prayer our Savior Christ has taught us.

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

Communion Invitation

Minister: Christ invites all to his table. Today we invite all who are present with us to partake of communion. These are the gifts of God for you the people of God! Come and eat for all now is ready!

Worship Song (It is common to have 2 to 3 songs following communion)

The Sermon

The Alar Call

After the Sermon the Preacher utilizes this opportunity to invite all to the front of the church to pray with each other. It is usual and customary for the Worship Band to sing and play during this time.

Closing Song

The Blessing

The following prayer is suggested but can be substituted with an appropriate prayer selected by the Minister.

Minister: We have gathered in this sacred space today with hearts pounding in anticipation, in excitement, in fear. We have gathered with humble hearts as we say, "Here am I, Lord. Send me." So we come this day asking you to walk this journey with us. Calm our anxiety that we may keep our eyes focused on you, Oh God. Assure us that because of your presence, we may walk with strangers without fear. Place an encouraging voice in our midst that we may get up and go on when we stumble. Lift our spirits when we feel discouraged. Surround us with persons who inspire, who comfort, who simply care. You say "Go," and we know we can go with confidence because of your steadfast love that sustains us. We go with conviction because you promise that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. We go with thanksgiving that you have called us to a hurting people and we are humbled by that trust. We go, praising your name and ask your blessing on our work and on us. We go, trusting that you walk each step with us, and we are grateful. With blessed assurance we go where you send us. Hear our prayer, oh Lord. This we pray in Jesus' name.

All: Amen!

DINNER LITURGY

Gathering Song

Minister: Please stand as we lift our voices and sing praises to God.

Opening Song

Opening Prayer

Minister: Let us pray together.

All standing as the candles on the table are lit

All: Father, we thank You for the light that shines from within! Regardless of whether or not the sun is shining or the rain is falling, remind us of the light that You have given us. Help us to brighten the world of the depressed, to glow in a world of darkness and to shine when others struggle to find joy. In a time of war, may our light be a light of peace. In a time of hate, may our light be a light of love. In a time of poverty, may our light be a light of prosperity. In a time of scarcity, may our light be a light of abundance. Bless us this day to be a light to the world. Help us to let our light shine that all people might see Your goodness, mercy and power, shining through what they see in us. We ask these things through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Song

Announcements

The Meal

Minister: We'll bless our meal with an ancient Eucharistic prayer; We stand to pray with hands lifted, as was the custom in the early church. After you receive the bread, give your neighbor a piece, saying, "This is my body."

Presider: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him our thanks and praise.

Presider: God of all power, ruler of the universe, you are worthy of all glory and praise. At Your command, all things came to be; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By Your will they were created and have their being.

Presider: From the primal elements You brought forth the human race and blessed us with memory, reason and skill. You made us rulers of creation. But we turned against You and against one another.

People: Have mercy upon us Lord, for we are sinners in Your sight.

Presider: Again, and again, You called us to return. Through prophets and sages, You revealed Yourself to humankind; and in the fullness of time You sent Your Son, born of the Virgin Mary, to reveal for us the way of freedom and peace

People: Have mercy upon us Lord, for we are sinners in Your sight.

Presider: While Jesus was eating with his disciples, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take, this is my body. Do this in remembrance of me."

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Presider: As grain was scattered across the hills then gathered and made one in this bread, so may Your church, scattered to the ends of the earth, be gathered and made one in you.

People: Amen!

Everyone is invited to help themselves to the bounty. We will spend the first part of our meal in conversation then we will hear a reading from Scripture and a short sermon.

Scripture Reading

The Sermon

Minister: Join us in prayer.

Prayers

Minister: Let us pray also for the unity of the churches, for the sick (especially...), for the frail, for prisoners, for all those who are working, for those who are traveling and for the homeless, that they be granted healing and peace through Christ our Lord.

Presider: Let us also pray for those who have fallen asleep in the Lord (especially...), that the Lord may be pleased to give them rest and translate them to a place of peace by the intercession of his Saints, through Christ our Lord.

Blessing the Cup

All stand.

Minister: We bless our cup at the end of our meal, just as Jesus did when he was at the table with his disciples. As with the bread, we will be serving each other the cup. After you receive the cup, pass it to your neighbor, saying, "This is my blood."

Presider: Blessed are You, most Holy God, who came among us as a servant and a friend to reconcile us to Yourself. We thank You for loving us unconditionally and for the promise of a place at Your table where all Your children are set free. Most of all we praise You for your gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

People: We worship and adore You.

Presider: After supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood, poured out for you and for everyone. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

People: We worship and adore You.

Presider: Strengthen us to do Your work, and to be Your body in the world. Unite us in Christ and give us Your peace. Through Christ our Redeemer, in the power of the Spirit, we worship You, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

People: Blessing, honor and glory be Yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.

Closing Song

Passing the Peace

Presider: Live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Minister: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you!

Minister: Please share a sign of God's peace with your neighbor.

Everyone is invited to pass the peace.

THE CHURCH YEAR

The Church Year consists of two cycles of feasts and holy days: one is dependent upon the movable date of the Sunday of the Resurrection or Easter Day; the other, upon the fixed date of December 25, the Feast of our Lord's Nativity or Christmas Day. Easter Day is always the first Sunday after the full moon that falls on or after March 21. It cannot occur before March 22 or after April 25. The sequence of all Sundays of the Church Year depends upon the date of Easter Day. But the Sundays of Advent are always the four Sundays before Christmas Day, whether it occurs on a Sunday or a weekday. The date of Easter also determines the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, and the feast of the Ascension on a Thursday forty days after Easter Day.

1. Principal Feasts

The Principal Feasts observed in this Church are the following:

Easter Day	All Saints' Day, <i>November 1</i>
Ascension Day	Christmas Day, <i>December 25</i>
The Day of Pentecost	The Epiphany, <i>January 6</i>
Trinity Sunday	

These feasts take precedence of any other day or observance. All Saints' Day may always be observed on the Sunday following November 1, in addition to its observance on the fixed date.

2. Sundays

All Sundays of the year are feasts of our Lord Jesus Christ. In addition to the dated days listed above, only the following feasts, appointed on fixed days, take precedence of a Sunday:

The Holy Name
The Presentation
The Transfiguration

The feast of the Dedication of a Church, and the feast of its patron or title, may be observed on, or be transferred to, a Sunday, except in the seasons of Advent, Lent, and Easter. All other Feasts of our Lord, and all other Major Feasts appointed on fixed days in the Calendar, when they occur on a Sunday, are normally transferred to the first convenient open day within the week. When desired, however, the Collect, Preface, and one or more of the Lessons appointed for the Feast may be substituted for those of the Sunday, but not from the Last Sunday after Pentecost through the First Sunday after the Epiphany, or from the Last Sunday after the Epiphany through Trinity Sunday.