

# Collects and Post Communions for Sundays, Principal Holy Days and Festivals

## Notes

- 1 Normally on any occasion only one Collect is used.
- 2 The Collect for each Sunday is used on the following weekdays, except where other provision is made.
- 3 At Evening Prayer on Saturdays other than Easter Eve, Christmas Eve or Principal Feasts or Festivals, the Collect appointed for the ensuing Sunday shall be used. When Evening Prayer on the day before a Festival makes use of the lessons relating to that Festival, the Collect of that Festival shall be used.
- 4 Where a Collect ends 'Through Jesus Christ ... now and for ever', the minister may use the shorter ending, 'Through Jesus Christ our Lord', to which the people respond 'Amen', and omit the longer Trinitarian ending. The longer ending is to be preferred at Holy Communion.

*For Rules, see pages 525–534 of Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England.*

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**The First Sunday of Advent** *Purple*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
 give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
 and to put on the armour of light,  
 now in the time of this mortal life,  
 in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
 that on the last day,  
 when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
     to judge the living and the dead,  
 we may rise to the life immortal;  
 through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*This Collect may be used as the Post Communion on any day from  
 the Second Sunday of Advent until Christmas Eve instead of the  
 Post Communion provided.*

*Post Communion*

O Lord our God,  
 make us watchful and keep us faithful  
 as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
 that, when he shall appear,  
 he may not find us sleeping in sin  
 but active in his service  
 and joyful in his praise;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Second Sunday of Advent** *Purple*

*Collect*

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
 and come among us,  
 and with great might succour us;  
 that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
 we are grievously hindered  
 in running the race that is set before us,  
 your bountiful grace and mercy  
 may speedily help and deliver us;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be honour and glory, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Father in heaven,  
 who sent your Son to redeem the world  
 and will send him again to be our judge:  
 give us grace so to imitate him  
     in the humility and purity of his first coming  
 that, when he comes again,  
 we may be ready to greet him  
 with joyful love and firm faith;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Third Sunday of Advent *Purple*

### *Collect*

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
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 for ever.

### *Post Communion*

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent *Purple*

*This provision is not used on weekdays after 23 December.*

### *Collect*

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants 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.

*24 December*

**Christmas Eve** *Purple*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
you make us glad with the yearly remembrance  
of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer,  
so we may with sure confidence behold him  
when he shall come to be our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Eternal God, for whom we wait,  
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life:  
keep us ever watchful,  
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

25 December

**Christmas Night** *Gold or  
Principal Feast White*

*Collect*

Eternal God,  
who made this most holy night  
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:  
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,  
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

God our Father,  
in this night you have made known to us again  
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him  
until the day dawns  
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.  
To him be glory both now and for ever.

25 December

**Christmas Day** *Gold or  
Principal Feast White*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
you have given us your only-begotten Son  
to take our nature upon him  
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that we, who have been born again  
and made your children by adoption and grace,  
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

God our Father,  
whose Word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
may the light of faith illumine our hearts  
and shine in our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ the Lord.

**The First Sunday of Christmas** *White*

*This provision is not used on weekdays after 5 January.*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## *Post Communion*

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:  
help your Church to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **The Second Sunday of Christmas**     *White*

*This provision is not used on weekdays after 5 January.*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
in the birth of your Son  
you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word,  
and shown us the fullness of your love:  
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love  
that we may know the fullness of his joy;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## *Post Communion*

All praise to you,  
almighty God and heavenly king,  
who sent your Son into the world  
to take our nature upon him  
and to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that, as we are born again in him,  
so he may continually dwell in us  
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,  
now and for ever.

## ¶ *Epiphany*

*6 January*

**The Epiphany**     *Gold or  
Principal Feast     White*

### *Collect*

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## *Post Communion*

Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Baptism of Christ**     *Gold or  
The First Sunday of Epiphany     White*

### *Collect*

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## *Post Communion*

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **The Second Sunday of Epiphany** *White*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **The Third Sunday of Epiphany** *White*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people,  
illuminated by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## **The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany** *White*

### *Collect*

God our creator,  
who in the beginning  
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:  
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,  
shine into the hearts of all your people,  
and reveal the knowledge of your glory  
in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## *Post Communion*

Generous Lord,  
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love:  
help us so to live out our days  
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*2 February*

## **The Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

*Gold or  
White*

Candlemas  
*Principal Feast*

### *Collect*

Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## **¶ Ordinary Time**

### **The Fifth Sunday before Lent** *Green*

*This provision is always used from the day after the Presentation of Christ in the Temple until the first of the Sundays before Lent.*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
by whose grace alone we are accepted  
and called to your service:  
strengthen us by your Holy Spirit  
and make us worthy of our calling;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

God of truth,  
we have seen with our eyes  
and touched with our hands the bread of life:  
strengthen our faith  
that we may grow in love for you and for each other;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect*

O God,  
you know us to be set  
in the midst of so many and great dangers,  
that by reason of the frailty of our nature  
we cannot always stand upright:  
grant to us such strength and protection  
as may support us in all dangers  
and carry us through all temptations;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Go before us, Lord, in all we do  
with your most gracious favour,  
and guide us with your continual help,  
that in all our works  
begun, continued and ended in you,  
we may glorify your holy name,  
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who alone can bring order  
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:  
give your people grace  
so to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise,  
that, among the many changes of this world,  
our hearts may surely there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Merciful Father,  
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,  
that those who come to him should never hunger:  
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,  
that we may eat and drink with him  
at his table in the kingdom,  
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

God our creator,  
by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*This provision is not used on or after Ash Wednesday.*

*Collect*

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Ash Wednesday** *Purple or  
Principal Holy Day Lent Array*

*Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*This Collect may be used as the Post Communion on any day from the  
First Sunday of Lent until the Saturday after the Fourth Sunday of Lent  
instead of the Post Communion provided.*

*Post Communion*

Almighty God,  
you have given your only Son to be for us  
both a sacrifice for sin  
and also an example of godly life:  
give us grace  
that we may always most thankfully receive  
these his inestimable gifts,  
and also daily endeavour  
to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The First Sunday of Lent** *Purple or  
Lent Array*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Second Sunday of Lent *Purple or Lent Array*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
    into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
    that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
    which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Third Sunday of Lent *Purple or Lent Array*

### *Collect*

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,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations  
    of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Fourth Sunday of Lent *Purple or Lent Array*

*Mothers' Sunday may be celebrated in preference to the provision  
for the Fourth Sunday of Lent.*

### *Collect*

Merciful Lord,  
absolve your people from their offences,  
that through your bountiful goodness  
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins  
which by our frailty we have committed;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Lord God,  
whose blessed Son our Saviour  
gave his back to the smiters  
and did not hide his face from shame:  
give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time  
with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Mothering Sunday *Purple or Lent Array*

*Mothering Sunday may be celebrated in preference to the provision  
for the Fourth Sunday of Lent.*

### *Collect*

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
    to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness  
to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Fifth Sunday of Lent *Purple or Passiontide begins Lent Array*

### *Collect*

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## *Post Communion*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

## Palm Sunday *Red*

### *Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
    sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Maundy Thursday**    *White*  
*Principal Holy Day*

*At Morning and Evening Prayer the Collect of Palm Sunday is used.  
At Holy Communion this Collect is used.*

*Collect*

God our Father,  
you have invited us to share in the supper  
which your Son gave to his Church  
to proclaim his death until he comes:  
may he nourish us by his presence,  
and unite us in his love;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament  
you have given us the memorial of your passion:  
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries  
    of your body and blood  
that we may know within ourselves  
and show forth in our lives  
the fruit of your redemption,  
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.

**Good Friday**    *Hangings  
removed:  
red for the  
liturgy*  
*Principal Holy Day*

*Collect*

Almighty Father,  
look with mercy on this your family  
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed  
    and given up into the hands of sinners  
    and to suffer death upon the cross;  
who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Easter Eve**    *Hangings  
removed*

*Collect*

Grant, Lord,  
that we who are baptized into the death  
    of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
may continually put to death our evil desires  
    and be buried with him;  
and that through the grave and gate of death  
we may pass to our joyful resurrection;  
through his merits,  
who died and was buried and rose again for us,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Easter Day**     *Gold or  
Principal Feast     White*

*Collect*

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

*Post Communion*

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Second Sunday of Easter**     *White*

*Collect*

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Third Sunday of Easter**     *White*

*Collect*

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter *White*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter *White*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
    you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter *White*

*This provision is not used on or after Ascension Day.*

### *Collect*

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
    to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Ascension Day** *Gold or  
Principal Feast White*

*Collect*

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ  
to have ascended into the heavens,  
so we in heart and mind may also ascend  
and with him continually dwell;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

God our Father,  
you have raised our humanity in Christ  
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:  
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,  
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter** *White*  
Sunday after Ascension Day

*Collect*

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Day of Pentecost** *Red*  
Whit Sunday  
*Principal Feast*

*This provision is not used on the weekdays after the Day of Pentecost.*

*Collect*

God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Ordinary Time

### **The Weekdays after the Day of Pentecost** *Green*

#### *Collect*

O Lord, from whom all good things come:  
grant to us your humble servants,  
that by your holy inspiration  
we may think those things that are good,  
and by your merciful guiding may perform the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### *Post Communion*

Gracious God, lover of all,  
in this sacrament  
we are one family in Christ your Son,  
one in the sharing of his body and blood  
and one in the communion of his Spirit:  
help us to grow in love for one another  
and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.  
We make our prayer through your Son our Saviour.

### **Trinity Sunday** *Gold or White* *Principal Feast*

#### *Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### *Post Communion*

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.

*The Thursday after Trinity Sunday may be observed as*

### **The Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion** (Corpus Christi) *White*

#### *Collect*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament  
you have given us the memorial of your passion:  
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries  
of your body and blood  
that we may know within ourselves  
and show forth in our lives  
the fruits of your redemption;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### *Post Communion*

All praise to you, our God and Father,  
for you have fed us with the bread of heaven  
and quenched our thirst from the true vine:  
hear our prayer that, being grafted into Christ,  
we may grow together in unity  
and feast with him in his kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The First Sunday after Trinity

Green

### Collect

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Second Sunday after Trinity

Green

### Collect

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Post Communion

Loving Father,  
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:  
sustain us with your Spirit,  
that we may serve you here on earth  
until our joy is complete in heaven,  
and we share in the eternal banquet  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Third Sunday after Trinity

Green

### Collect

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts  
whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that we and all creation may be brought  
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining  
and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,  
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

## The Fourth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Fifth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## *Post Communion*

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,  
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered  
by your governance,  
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Sixth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward 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 your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Seventh Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves  
the power of his death and passion  
that, in his saving cup,  
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## The Eighth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body  
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you for ever.

## The Ninth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Holy Father,  
who gathered us here around the table of your Son  
to share this meal with the whole household of God:  
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,  
gather people of every race and language  
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Tenth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your will  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## *Post Communion*

Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice  
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:  
by our communion  
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel  
and preserve us from all sin;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

God of all mercy,  
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Green

### Collect

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

God our creator,  
you feed your children with the true manna,  
the living bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage  
until we come to that place  
    where hunger and thirst are no more;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Green

### Collect

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Green

### Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
    upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent  
    in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Green

### Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers  
of your people who call upon you;  
and grant that they may both perceive and know  
what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill them;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Green

### Collect

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given to all good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Green

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:  
for here we receive you,  
here the memory of your passion is renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,  
and here a pledge of future glory is given,  
when we shall feast at that table where you reign  
with all your saints for ever.

## The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

O God, forasmuch as without you  
we are not able to please you;  
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Holy and blessed God,  
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son  
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:  
may we honour you,  
not only with our lips  
but in lives dedicated to the service  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

God, the giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:  
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ  
and make us eager to do your will,  
that we may share with the whole creation  
the joys of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## *Post Communion*

God our Father,  
whose Son, the light unfailing,  
has come from heaven to deliver the world  
from the darkness of ignorance:  
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding  
that we may know the way of life,  
and walk in it without stumbling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,  
to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that they may be cleansed from all their sins  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Father of light,  
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,  
you give us every good and perfect gift  
and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:  
may we be a living sign of that kingdom  
where your whole creation will be made perfect  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*If there are twenty-three Sundays after Trinity, the provision  
for the Third Sunday before Lent (page 85) is used on the  
Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.*

## The Last Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast  
the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

*1 November*

**All Saints' Day** *Gold or White*  
*Principal Feast*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## *Post Communion*

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:  
may we who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth  
be welcomed with all your saints  
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Fourth Sunday before Advent *Red or Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have kindled the flame of love  
in the hearts of the saints:  
grant to us the same faith and power of love,  
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,  
we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Lord of heaven,  
in this eucharist you have brought us near  
to an innumerable company of angels  
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:  
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage  
we have shared their fellowship,  
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Third Sunday before Advent

Red or  
Green

### Collect

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

God of peace,  
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom  
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:  
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,  
and by your healing power  
make whole both people and nations;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

*In years when Remembrance Sunday is observed on the Second Sunday before Advent, the Collect and Post Communion for the Third Sunday before Advent may be used on Remembrance Sunday and the Collect and Post Communion for the Second Sunday before Advent may be used on the Third Sunday before Advent.*

## The Second Sunday before Advent

Red or  
Green

### Collect

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great glory  
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*In years when Remembrance Sunday is observed on the Second Sunday before Advent, the Collect and Post Communion for the Third Sunday before Advent may be used on Remembrance Sunday and the Collect and Post Communion for the Second Sunday before Advent may be used on the Third Sunday before Advent.*

**Christ the King**  
The Sunday next before Advent

*Red or  
White*

*Collect*

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*This Post Communion may be used as the Collect at Morning and  
Evening Prayer during this week.*

**¶ Festivals**

**The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**

*White*

*1 January*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose blessed Son was circumcised  
in obedience to the law for our sake  
and given the Name that is above every name:  
give us grace faithfully to bear his Name,  
to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit,  
and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Eternal God,  
whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour:  
grant that we who have shared  
in this sacrament of our salvation  
may live out our years in the power  
of the Name above all other names,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

*25 January*

**The Conversion of Paul**

*White*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who caused the light of the gospel  
to shine throughout the world  
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:  
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion  
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion  
of Apostles and Evangelists*

Almighty God,  
who on the day of Pentecost  
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles  
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:  
by the power of the same Spirit  
strengthen us to witness to your truth  
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(or)*

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*19 March*

**Joseph of Nazareth**      *White*

*Collect*

God our Father,  
who from the family of your servant David  
raised up Joseph the carpenter  
to be the guardian of your incarnate Son  
and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary:  
give us grace to follow him  
in faithful obedience to your commands;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Heavenly Father,  
whose Son grew in wisdom and stature  
in the home of Joseph the carpenter of Nazareth  
and on the wood of the cross  
perfected the work of the world's salvation:  
help us, strengthened by this sacrament of his passion,  
to count the wisdom of the world as foolishness,  
and to walk with him in simplicity and trust;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*25 March*      **The Annunciation of Our Lord**      *Gold or  
Principal Feast      White*

*Collect*

We beseech you, O Lord,  
pour your grace into our hearts,  
that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ  
by the message of an angel,  
so by his cross and passion  
we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

God most high,  
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption  
you visit us with your Holy Spirit  
and overshadow us by your power;  
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience  
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

23 April

**George**  
Martyr, Patron of England, c.304

Red

*Collect*

God of hosts,  
who so kindled the flame of love  
in the heart of your servant George  
that he bore witness to the risen Lord  
by his life and by his death:  
give us the same faith and power of love  
that we who rejoice in his triumphs  
may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Eternal God,  
who gave us this holy meal  
in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross  
and the victory of your martyr George:  
by our communion with Christ  
in his saving death and resurrection,  
give us with all your saints the courage to conquer evil  
and so to share the fruit of the tree of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(or)*

God our redeemer,  
whose Church was strengthened  
by the blood of your martyr George:  
so bind us, in life and death, to Christ's sacrifice  
that our lives, broken and offered with his,  
may carry his death and proclaim his resurrection in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

25 April

**Mark**  
Evangelist

Red

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who enlightened your holy Church  
through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark:  
grant that we, being firmly grounded  
in the truth of the gospel,  
may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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(page 124).*

1 May

**Philip and James**  
Apostles

Red

*Collect*

Almighty Father,  
whom truly to know is eternal life:  
teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ  
as the way, the truth, and the life;  
that we may follow the steps  
of your holy apostles Philip and James,  
and walk steadfastly in the way that leads to your glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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14 May

**Matthias**  
Apostle

Red

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who in the place of the traitor Judas  
chose your faithful servant Matthias  
to be of the number of the Twelve:  
preserve your Church from false apostles  
and, by the ministry of faithful pastors and teachers,  
keep us steadfast in your truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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31 May

**The Visit of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to Elizabeth**

White

*Collect*

Mighty God,  
by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary  
and greeted her as the mother of the Lord:  
look with favour on your lowly servants  
that, with Mary, we may magnify your holy name  
and rejoice to acclaim her Son our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Gracious God,  
who gave joy to Elizabeth and Mary  
as they recognized the signs of redemption  
at work within them:  
help us, who have shared in the joy of this eucharist,  
to know the Lord deep within us  
and his love shining out in our lives,  
that the world may rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

11 June

**Barnabas**  
Apostle

Red

*Collect*

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts,  
who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas  
and gave him grace to encourage others:  
help us, by his example,  
to be generous in our judgements  
and unselfish in our service;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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(page 124).*

24 June

## The Birth of John the Baptist

White

### Collect

Almighty God,  
by whose providence your servant John the Baptist  
was wonderfully born,  
and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour  
by the preaching of repentance:  
lead us to repent according to his preaching  
and, after his example,  
constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice,  
and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Merciful Lord,  
whose prophet John the Baptist  
proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world:  
grant that we who in this sacrament  
have known your forgiveness and your life-giving love  
may ever tell of your mercy and your peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

29 June

## Peter and Paul Apostles

Red

### Collect

Almighty God,  
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul  
glorified you in their death as in their life:  
grant that your Church,  
inspired by their teaching and example,  
and made one by your Spirit,  
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*or, where Peter is celebrated alone*

Almighty God,  
who inspired your apostle Saint Peter  
to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:  
build up your Church upon this rock,  
that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth  
and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

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(page 124).*

3 July

**Thomas**  
Apostle

Red

*Collect*

Almighty and eternal God,  
who, for the firmer foundation of our faith,  
allowed your holy apostle Thomas  
to doubt the resurrection of your Son  
till word and sight convinced him:  
grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe  
and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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(page 124).*

22 July

**Mary Magdalene**

White

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose Son restored Mary Magdalene  
to health of mind and body  
and called her to be a witness to his resurrection:  
forgive our sins and heal us by your grace,  
that we may serve you in the power of his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

God of life and love,  
whose risen Son called Mary Magdalene by name  
and sent her to tell of his resurrection to his apostles:  
in your mercy, help us,  
who have been united with him in this eucharist,  
to proclaim the good news  
that he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

25 July

**James**  
Apostle

Red

*Collect*

Merciful God,  
whose holy apostle Saint James,  
leaving his father and all that he had,  
was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ  
and followed him even to death:  
help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,  
to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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(page 124).*

6 August **The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Gold or  
White

*Collect*

Father in heaven,  
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured  
before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,  
and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:  
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross  
that in the world to come we may see him as he is;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

15 August **The Blessed Virgin Mary**

White

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:  
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood  
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

God most high,  
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption  
you visit us with your Holy Spirit  
and overshadow us by your power;  
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience  
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

24 August

**Bartholomew**  
Apostle

Red

*Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace  
truly to believe and to preach your word:  
grant that your Church  
may love that word which he believed  
and may faithfully preach and receive the same;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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(page 124).*

14 September

## Holy Cross Day

Red

### Collect

Almighty God,  
who in the passion of your blessed Son  
made an instrument of painful death  
to be for us the means of life and peace:  
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ  
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Faithful God,  
whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree  
and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes:  
give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for he is our salvation, our life and our hope,  
who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.

21 September

## Matthew Apostle and Evangelist

Red

### Collect

O Almighty God,  
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector  
to be an apostle and evangelist:  
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain  
and the possessive love of riches  
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

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(page 124).*

29 September

## Michael and All Angels

White

### Collect

Everlasting God,  
you have ordained and constituted  
the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:  
grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,  
so, at your command,  
they may help and defend us on earth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Lord of heaven,  
in this eucharist you have brought us near  
to an innumerable company of angels  
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:  
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage  
we have shared their fellowship,  
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

18 October

**Luke**  
Evangelist

Red

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
you called Luke the physician,  
whose praise is in the gospel,  
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:  
by the grace of the Spirit  
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,  
give your Church the same love and power to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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(page 124).*

28 October

**Simon and Jude**  
Apostles

Red

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who built your Church upon the foundation  
of the apostles and prophets,  
with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone:  
so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine,  
that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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(page 124).*

30 November

**Andrew**  
Apostle

Red

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who gave such grace to your apostle Saint Andrew  
that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ  
and brought his brother with him:  
call us by your holy word,  
and give us grace to follow you without delay  
and to tell the good news of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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(page 124).*

26 December

**Stephen**  
Deacon, First Martyr

Red

*Collect*

Gracious Father,  
who gave the first martyr Stephen  
grace to pray for those who took up stones against him:  
grant that in all our sufferings for the truth  
we may learn to love even our enemies  
and to seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt,  
looking up to heaven to him who was crucified for us,  
Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Merciful Lord,  
we thank you for the signs of your mercy  
revealed in birth and death:  
save us by the coming of your Son,  
and give us joy in honouring Stephen,  
first martyr of the new Israel;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*27 December*

**John** *White*  
Apostle and Evangelist

*Collect*

Merciful Lord,  
cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:  
that, being enlightened by the teaching  
of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John,  
we may so walk in the light of your truth  
that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that the Word made flesh  
proclaimed by your apostle John  
may, by the celebration of these holy mysteries,  
ever abide and live within us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*28 December*

**The Holy Innocents**

*Red*

*Collect*

Heavenly Father,  
whose children suffered at the hands of Herod,  
though they had done no wrong;  
by the suffering of your Son  
and by the innocence of our lives  
frustrate all evil designs  
and establish your reign of justice and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
in your humility you have stooped to share our human life  
with the most defenceless of your children:  
may we who have received these gifts of your passion  
rejoice in celebrating the witness of the Holy Innocents  
to the purity of your sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross;  
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.

## Dedication Festival

*Gold or  
White*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication  
of this house of prayer:  
we praise you for the many blessings  
you have given to those who worship you here:  
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,  
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,  
may become a living temple acceptable to you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Father in heaven,  
whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace,  
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:  
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage  
that, fed with the living bread of heaven,  
and united in the body of your Son,  
we may be the temple of your presence,  
the place of your glory on earth,  
and a sign of your peace in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Lesser Festivals

2 January

### **Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus**

White

*Bishops, Teachers of the Faith, 379 and 389*

#### *Collect*

Lord God,  
whose servants Basil and Gregory  
proclaimed the mystery of your Word made flesh,  
to build up your Church in wisdom and strength:  
grant that we may rejoice in his presence among us,  
and so be brought with them to know the power  
    of your unending love;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### *Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).*

12 January

**Aelred of Hexham**

White

*Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167*

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who endowed Aelred the abbot  
with the gift of Christian friendship  
and the wisdom to lead others in the way of holiness:  
grant to your people that same spirit of mutual affection,  
so that, in loving one another,  
we may know the love of Christ  
and rejoice in the eternal possession  
of your supreme goodness;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used  
(page 208).*

13 January

**Hilary**

White

*Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367*

**Collect**

Everlasting God,  
whose servant Hilary  
steadfastly confessed your Son Jesus Christ  
to be both human and divine:  
grant us his gentle courtesy  
to bring to all the message of redemption  
in the incarnate Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).*

17 January

**Antony of Egypt**

White

*Hermit, Abbot, 356*

**Collect**

Most gracious God,  
who called your servant Antony to sell all that he had  
and to serve you in the solitude of the desert:  
by his example may we learn to deny ourselves  
and to love you before all things;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used  
(page 208).*

19 January

**Wulfstan**

White

*Bishop of Worcester, 1095*

**Collect**

Lord God,  
who raised up Wulfstan to be a bishop among your people  
and a leader of your Church:  
help us, after his example,  
to live simply,  
to work diligently  
and to make your kingdom known;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 207).*

21 January

**Agnes**  
*Child Martyr at Rome, 304*

Red

**Collect**

Eternal God, shepherd of your sheep,  
whose child Agnes was strengthened to bear witness  
in her living and her dying  
to the true love of her redeemer:  
grant us the power to understand, with all your saints,  
what is the breadth and length and height and depth  
and to know the love that surpasses knowledge,  
even Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).*

24 January

**Francis de Sales**  
*Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622*

White

**Collect**

Holy God,  
who called your bishop Francis de Sales  
to bring many to Christ through his devout life  
and to renew your Church with patience and understanding:  
grant that we may, by word and example,  
reflect your gentleness and love to all we meet;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).*

26 January

**Timothy and Titus**  
*Companions of Paul*

White

**Collect**

Heavenly Father,  
who sent your apostle Paul to preach the gospel,  
and gave him Timothy and Titus  
to be his companions in faith:  
grant that our fellowship in the Holy Spirit  
may bear witness to the name of Jesus,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).*

28 January

**Thomas Aquinas**  
*Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274*

White

**Collect**

Eternal God,  
who enriched your Church with the learning and holiness  
of your servant Thomas Aquinas:  
give to all who seek you  
a humble mind and a pure heart  
that they may know your Son Jesus Christ  
as the way, the truth and the life;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).*

30 January

**Charles** *Red*  
King and Martyr, 1649

*Collect*

King of kings and Lord of lords,  
whose faithful servant Charles  
prayed for those who persecuted him  
and died in the living hope of your eternal kingdom:  
grant us by your grace so to follow his example  
that we may love and bless our enemies,  
through the intercession of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*One of the Post Communion of Martyrs is used (page 205).*

3 February

**Anskar** *White*  
Archbishop of Hamburg,  
Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865

*Collect*

God of grace and might,  
who sent your servant Anskar  
to spread the gospel to the Nordic peoples:  
raise up, we pray, in our generation  
messengers of your good news  
and heralds of your kingdom  
that the world may come to know  
the immeasurable riches of our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).*

14 February

**Cyril and Methodius** *White*  
Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885

*Collect*

Lord of all,  
who gave to your servants Cyril and Methodius  
the gift of tongues to proclaim the gospel to the Slavs:  
make your whole Church one as you are one  
that all Christians may honour one another,  
and east and west acknowledge  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
and you, the God and Father of all;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).*

17 February

**Janani Luwum** *Red*  
Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977

*Collect*

God of truth,  
whose servant Janani Luwum walked in the light,  
and in his death defied the powers of darkness:  
free us from fear of those who kill the body,  
that we too may walk as children of light,  
through him who overcame darkness by the power of the cross,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*One of the Post Communion of Martyrs is used (page 205).*

23 February

**Polycarp**  
*Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c.155*

Red

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who gave to your servant Polycarp  
boldness to confess the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ  
before the rulers of this world  
and courage to die for his faith:  
grant that we also may be ready  
to give an answer for the faith that is in us  
and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).*

27 February

**George Herbert**  
*Priest, Poet, 1633*

White

*Collect*

King of glory, king of peace,  
who called your servant George Herbert  
from the pursuit of worldly honours  
to be a priest in the temple of his God and king:  
grant us also the grace to offer ourselves  
with singleness of heart in humble obedience to your service;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Pastors is used (page 207).*

1 March

**David**  
*Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601*

White

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who called your servant David  
to be a faithful and wise steward of your mysteries  
for the people of Wales:  
in your mercy, grant that,  
following his purity of life and zeal for the gospel of Christ,  
we may with him receive the crown of everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 207).*

2 March

**Chad**  
*Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672*

White

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
from the first fruits of the English nation who turned to Christ,  
you called your servant Chad  
to be an evangelist and bishop of his own people:  
give us grace so to follow his peaceable nature,  
humble spirit and prayerful life,  
that we may truly commend to others  
the faith which we ourselves profess;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).*

7 March

**Perpetua, Felicity  
and their Companions**

Red

*Martyrs at Carthage, 203*

**Collect**

Holy God,  
who gave great courage to Perpetua, Felicity and their companions:  
grant that we may be worthy to climb the ladder of sacrifice  
and be received into the garden of peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).*

8 March

**Edward King**  
*Bishop of Lincoln, 1910*

White

**Collect**

God of peace,  
who gave such grace to your servant Edward King  
that whomever he met he drew to Christ:  
fill us, we pray, with tender sympathy and joyful faith,  
that we also may win others  
to know the love that passes knowledge;  
through him who is the shepherd and guardian of our souls,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 207).*

17 March

**Patrick**

White

*Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460*

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who in your providence chose your servant Patrick  
to be the apostle of the Irish people:  
keep alive in us the fire of the faith he kindled  
and strengthen us in our pilgrimage  
towards the light of everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).*

20 March

**Cuthbert**  
*Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687*

White

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who called your servant Cuthbert from following the flock  
to follow your Son and to be a shepherd of your people:  
in your mercy, grant that we, following his example,  
may bring those who are lost home to your fold;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).*

21 March

**Thomas Cranmer**

Red

*Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556*

**Collect**

Father of all mercies,  
who through the work of your servant Thomas Cranmer  
renewed the worship of your Church  
and through his death revealed your strength in human weakness:  
by your grace strengthen us to worship you  
in spirit and in truth  
and so to come to the joys of your everlasting kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).*

10 April

**William Law**

White

*Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761*

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who called your servant William Law  
to a devout and holy life:  
grant that by your spirit of love  
and through faithfulness in prayer  
we may find the way to divine knowledge  
and so come to see the hidden things of God;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).*

19 April

**Alphege**

Red

*Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012*

**Collect**

Merciful God,  
who raised up your servant Alphege  
to be a pastor of your people  
and gave him grace to suffer for justice and true religion:  
grant that we who celebrate his martyrdom  
may know the power of the risen Christ in our hearts  
and share his peace in lives offered to your service;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).*

21 April

**Anselm**

White

*Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury,  
Teacher of the Faith, 1109*

**Collect**

Eternal God,  
who gave great gifts to your servant Anselm  
as a pastor and teacher:  
grant that we, like him, may desire you with our whole heart  
and, so desiring, may seek you  
and, seeking, may find you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).*

29 April

**Catherine of Siena**

*Teacher of the Faith, 1380*

White

**Collect**

God of compassion,  
who gave your servant Catherine of Siena  
a wondrous love of the passion of Christ:  
grant that your people may be united to him in his majesty  
and rejoice for ever in the revelation of his glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).*

2 May

**Athanasius**

*Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373*

White

**Collect**

Ever-living God,  
whose servant Athanasius testified  
to the mystery of the Word made flesh for our salvation:  
help us, with all your saints,  
to contend for the truth  
and to grow into the likeness of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).*

4 May

**English Saints and Martyrs  
of the Reformation Era**

White

**Collect**

Merciful God,  
who, when your Church on earth was torn apart  
by the ravages of sin,  
raised up men and women in this land  
who witnessed to their faith with courage and constancy:  
give to your Church that peace which is your will,  
and grant that those who have been divided on earth  
may be reconciled in heaven  
and share together in the vision of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:  
may we who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth  
be welcomed with all your saints  
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

8 May

**Julian of Norwich**

White

*Spiritual Writer, c.1417*

**Collect**

Most holy God, the ground of our beseeching,  
who through your servant Julian  
revealed the wonders of your love:  
grant that as we are created in your nature  
and restored by your grace,  
our wills may be so made one with yours  
that we may come to see you face to face  
and gaze on you for ever;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used  
(page 208).*

19 May

**Dunstan**

White

*Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988*

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who raised up Dunstan to be a true shepherd of the flock,  
a restorer of monastic life  
and a faithful counsellor to those in authority:  
give to all pastors the same gifts of your Holy Spirit  
that they may be true servants of Christ and of all his people;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 207).*

20 May

**Alcuin of York**

White

*Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804*

**Collect**

God of wisdom, eternal light,  
who shone in the heart of your servant Alcuin,  
revealing to him your power and pity:  
scatter the darkness of our ignorance  
that, with all our heart and mind and strength,  
we may seek your face  
and be brought with all your saints  
to your holy presence;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used  
(page 208).*

24 May

**John and Charles Wesley**

White

*Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788*

**Collect**

God of mercy,  
who inspired John and Charles Wesley with zeal for your gospel:  
grant to all people boldness to proclaim your word  
and a heart ever to rejoice in singing your praises;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Pastors is used (page 207).*

25 May

**The Venerable Bede**  
*Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735*

White

**Collect**

God our maker,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gave to your servant Bede  
grace to drink in with joy the word  
that leads us to know you and to love you:  
in your goodness  
grant that we also may come at length to you,  
the source of all wisdom,  
and stand before your face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used  
(page 208).*

26 May

**Augustine of Canterbury**  
*First Archbishop of Canterbury, 605*

White

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose servant Augustine was sent as the apostle  
of the English people:  
grant that as he laboured in the Spirit  
to preach Christ's gospel in this land,  
so all who hear the good news  
may strive to make your truth known in all the world;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 207).*

30 May

**Josephine Butler**  
*Social Reformer, 1906*

White

**Collect**

God of compassion and love,  
by whose grace your servant Josephine Butler  
followed in the way of your Son  
in caring for those in need:  
help us like her to work with strength  
for the restoration of all to the dignity  
and freedom of those created in your image;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

God our redeemer,  
who inspired Josephine Butler to witness to your love  
and to work for the coming of your kingdom:  
may we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven,  
be fired by your Spirit to proclaim the gospel in our daily living  
and never to rest content until your kingdom come,  
on earth as it is in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or another Post Communion of 'Any Saint' (pages 211–212) is used.*

1 June

**Justin**  
*Martyr at Rome, c.165*

Red

**Collect**

God our redeemer,  
who through the folly of the cross taught your martyr Justin  
the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ:  
remove from us every kind of error  
that we, like him, may be firmly grounded in the faith,  
and make your name known to all peoples;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).*

5 June

**Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton**  
*Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr, 754*

Red

**Collect**

God our redeemer,  
who called your servant Boniface  
to preach the gospel among the German people  
and to build up your Church in holiness:  
grant that we may preserve in our hearts  
that faith which he taught with his words  
and sealed with his blood,  
and profess it in lives dedicated to your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).*

8 June

**Thomas Ken**  
*Bishop of Bath and Wells, Nonjuror, Hymn Writer, 1711*

White

**Collect**

O God, from whom all blessings flow,  
by whose providence we are kept  
and by whose grace we are directed:  
help us, through the example of your servant Thomas Ken,  
faithfully to keep your word,  
humbly to accept adversity  
and steadfastly to worship you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 207).*

9 June

**Columba**  
*Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597*

White

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who filled the heart of Columba  
with the joy of the Holy Spirit  
and with deep love for those in his care:  
may your pilgrim people follow him,  
strong in faith, sustained by hope,  
and one in the love that binds us to you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).*

16 June

**Richard** *White*  
Bishop of Chichester, 1253

*Collect*

Most merciful redeemer,  
who gave to your bishop Richard a love of learning,  
a zeal for souls and a devotion to the poor:  
grant that, encouraged by his example,  
we may know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly,  
day by day,  
who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are alive and reign,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 207).*

22 June

**Alban** *Red*  
First Martyr of Britain, c.250

*Collect*

Eternal Father,  
when the gospel of Christ first came to our land  
you gloriously confirmed the faith of Alban  
by making him the first to win a martyr's crown:  
grant that, following his example,  
in the fellowship of the saints  
we may worship you, the living God,  
and give true witness to Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).*

23 June

**Etheldreda** *White*  
Abbess of Ely, c.678

*Collect*

Eternal God,  
who bestowed such grace upon your servant Etheldreda  
that she gave herself wholly to the life of prayer  
and to the service of your true religion:  
grant that we, like her,  
may so live our lives on earth seeking your kingdom  
that by your guiding  
we may be joined to the glorious fellowship of your saints;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 208).*

28 June

**Irenæus** *White*  
Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, c.200

*Collect*

God of peace,  
who through the ministry of your servant Irenæus  
strengthened the true faith  
and brought harmony to your Church:  
keep us steadfast in your true religion,  
and renew us in faith and love,  
that we may always walk in the way that leads to eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).*

11 July

**Benedict of Nursia**  
*Abbot of Monte Cassino,  
Father of Western Monasticism, c.550*

White

**Collect**

Eternal God,  
who made Benedict a wise master  
in the school of your service  
and a guide to many called into community  
to follow the rule of Christ:  
grant that we may put your love before all else  
and seek with joy the way of your commandments;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used  
(page 208).*

14 July

**John Keble**  
*Priest, Tractarian, Poet, 1866*

White

**Collect**

Father of the eternal Word,  
in whose encompassing love  
all things in peace and order move:  
grant that, as your servant John Keble  
adored you in all creation,  
so we may have a humble heart of love  
for the mysteries of your Church  
and know your love to be new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Pastors is used (page 207).*

15 July

**Swithun**  
*Bishop of Winchester, c.862*

White

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
by whose grace we celebrate again  
the feast of your servant Swithun:  
grant that, as he governed with gentleness  
the people committed to his care,  
so we, rejoicing in our Christian inheritance,  
may always seek to build up your Church in unity and love;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 207).*

19 July

**Gregory and Macrina**  
*Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess,  
Teachers of the Faith, c.394 and c.379*

White

**Collect**

Lord of eternity, creator of all things,  
in your Son Jesus Christ you open for us the way to resurrection  
that we may enjoy your bountiful goodness:  
may we who celebrate your servants Gregory and Macrina  
press onwards in faith to your boundless love  
and ever wonder at the miracle of your presence among us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).*

26 July

**Anne and Joachim**  
*Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

White

*Collect*

Lord God of Israel,  
who bestowed such grace on Anne and Joachim  
that their daughter Mary grew up obedient to your word  
and made ready to be the mother of your Son:  
help us to commit ourselves in all things to your keeping  
and grant us the salvation you promised to your people;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name,  
your servants Anne and Joachim revealed your goodness  
in a life of tranquillity and service:  
grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table  
may like them know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge  
and be filled with all your fullness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or another Post Communion for 'Any Saint' (pages 211–212) is used.*

29 July

**Mary, Martha and Lazarus**  
*Companions of Our Lord*

White

*Collect*

God our Father,  
whose Son enjoyed the love of his friends,  
Mary, Martha and Lazarus,  
in learning, argument and hospitality:  
may we so rejoice in your love  
that the world may come to know  
the depths of your wisdom, the wonder of your compassion,  
and your power to bring life out of death;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ,  
our friend and brother,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name,  
your servants Mary, Martha and Lazarus revealed your goodness  
in a life of tranquillity and service:  
grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table  
may like them know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge  
and be filled with all your fullness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or another Post Communion for 'Any Saint' (pages 211–212) is used.*

30 July

**William Wilberforce**

White

*Social Reformer, 1833*

*Collect*

God our deliverer,  
who sent your Son Jesus Christ  
to set your people free from the slavery of sin:  
grant that, as your servant William Wilberforce  
toiled against the sin of slavery,  
so we may bring compassion to all  
and work for the freedom of all the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

God our redeemer,  
who inspired William Wilberforce to witness to your love  
and to work for the coming of your kingdom:  
may we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven,  
be fired by your Spirit to proclaim the gospel in our daily living  
and never to rest content until your kingdom come,  
on earth as it is in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or another Post Communion for 'Any Saint' (pages 211–212) is used.*

5 August

**Oswald**

Red

*King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642*

*Collect*

Lord God almighty,  
who so kindled the faith of King Oswald with your Spirit  
that he set up the sign of the cross in his kingdom  
and turned his people to the light of Christ:  
grant that we, being fired by the same Spirit,  
may always bear our cross before the world  
and be found faithful servants of the gospel;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).*

8 August

**Dominic**

White

*Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose servant Dominic grew in the knowledge of your truth  
and formed an order of preachers to proclaim the faith of Christ:  
by your grace give to all your people a love for your word  
and a longing to share the gospel,  
so that the whole world may come to know you  
and your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 208).*

9 August

**Mary Sumner**

White

*Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921*

**Collect**

Faithful and loving God,  
who called Mary Sumner to strive for the renewal of family life:  
give us the gift of your Holy Spirit,  
that through word, prayer and deed  
    your family may be strengthened and your people served;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name,  
your servant Mary Sumner revealed your goodness  
    in a life of tranquillity and service:  
grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table  
may like her know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge  
and be filled with all your fullness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or another Post Communion for 'Any Saint' (pages 211–212) is used.*

10 August

**Laurence**

Red

*Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258*

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who made Laurence a loving servant of your people  
and a wise steward of the treasures of your Church:  
fire us with his example to love as he loved  
and to walk in the way that leads to eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).*

11 August

**Clare of Assisi**

White

*Founder of the Minoresses (Poor Clares), 1253*

**Collect**

God of peace,  
who in the poverty of the blessed Clare  
gave us a clear light to shine in the darkness of this world:  
give us grace so to follow in her footsteps  
that we may, at the last, rejoice with her in your eternal glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 208).*

13 August

**Jeremy Taylor**

White

*Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667*

*Collect*

Holy and loving God,  
you dwell in the human heart  
and make us partakers of the divine nature  
in Christ our great high priest:  
help us who remember your servant Jeremy Taylor  
to put our trust in your heavenly promises  
and follow a holy life in virtue and true godliness;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).*

20 August

**Bernard**

White

*Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153*

*Collect*

Merciful redeemer,  
who, by the life and preaching of your servant Bernard,  
rekindled the radiant light of your Church:  
grant us, in our generation,  
to be inflamed with the same spirit of discipline and love  
and ever to walk before you as children of light;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).*

27 August

**Monica**

White

*Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387*

*Collect*

Faithful God,  
who strengthened Monica, the mother of Augustine, with wisdom,  
and through her patient endurance encouraged him  
to seek after you:  
give us the will to persist in prayer  
that those who stray from you may be brought to faith  
in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name,  
your servant Monica revealed your goodness  
in a life of tranquillity and service:  
grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table  
may like her know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge  
and be filled with all your fullness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or another Post Communion for 'Any Saint' (pages 211–212) is used.*

28 August

**Augustine of Hippo**  
*Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430*

White

*Collect*

Merciful Lord,  
who turned Augustine from his sins  
to be a faithful bishop and teacher:  
grant that we may follow him in penitence and discipline  
till our restless hearts find their rest in you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).*

29 August

**The Beheading of  
John the Baptist**

Red

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who called your servant John the Baptist  
to be the forerunner of your Son in birth and death:  
strengthen us by your grace  
that, as he suffered for the truth,  
so we may boldly resist corruption and vice  
and receive with him the unfading crown of glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Merciful Lord,  
whose prophet John the Baptist  
proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world:  
grant that we who in this sacrament have known  
your forgiveness and your life-giving love  
may ever tell of your mercy and your peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

30 August

**John Bunyan**  
*Spiritual Writer, 1688*

White

*Collect*

God of peace,  
who called your servant John Bunyan  
to be valiant for truth:  
grant that as strangers and pilgrims  
we may at the last rejoice with all Christian people  
in your heavenly city;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).*

31 August

**Aidan**

White

*Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651*

**Collect**

Everlasting God,  
you sent the gentle bishop Aidan  
to proclaim the gospel in this land:  
grant us to live as he taught  
in simplicity, humility and love for the poor;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).*

3 September

**Gregory the Great**

White

*Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604*

**Collect**

Merciful Father,  
who chose your bishop Gregory  
to be a servant of the servants of God:  
grant that, like him, we may ever long to serve you  
by proclaiming your gospel to the nations,  
and may ever rejoice to sing your praises;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).*

8 September

**The Birth of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

White

**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who stooped to raise fallen humanity  
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary:  
grant that we, who have seen your glory  
revealed in our human nature  
and your love made perfect in our weakness,  
may daily be renewed in your image  
and conformed to the pattern of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

God most high,  
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption  
you visit us with your Holy Spirit  
and overshadow us by your power;  
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience  
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

13 September

**John Chrysostom**

White

*Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407*

**Collect**

God of truth and love,  
who gave to your servant John Chrysostom  
eloquence to declare your righteousness in the great congregation  
and courage to bear reproach for the honour of your name:  
mercifully grant to those who minister your word  
such excellence in preaching,  
that all people may share with them  
in the glory that shall be revealed;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).*

15 September

**Cyprian**

Red

*Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258*

**Collect**

Holy God,  
who brought Cyprian to faith in Christ,  
made him a bishop in the Church  
and crowned his witness with a martyr's death:  
grant that, after his example,  
we may love the Church and her teachings,  
find your forgiveness within her fellowship  
and so come to share the heavenly banquet  
you have prepared for us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).*

16 September

**Ninian**

White

*Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432*

**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who called your servant Ninian to preach the gospel  
to the people of northern Britain:  
raise up in this and every land  
heralds and evangelists of your kingdom,  
that your Church may make known the immeasurable riches  
of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).*

17 September

**Hildegard**

White

*Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179*

**Collect**

Most glorious and holy God,  
whose servant Hildegard, strong in the faith,  
was caught up in the vision of your heavenly courts:  
by the breath of your Spirit  
open our eyes to glimpse your glory  
and our lips to sing your praises with all the angels;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 208).*

20 September

**John Coleridge Patteson**

Red

*First Bishop of Melanesia,  
and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871*

**Collect**

God of all tribes and peoples and tongues,  
who called your servant John Coleridge Patteson  
to witness in life and death to the gospel of Christ  
amongst the peoples of Melanesia:  
grant us to hear your call to service  
and to respond trustfully and joyfully  
to Jesus Christ our redeemer,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).*

25 September

**Lancelot Andrewes**

White

*Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626*

**Collect**

Lord God,  
who gave to Lancelot Andrewes many gifts of your Holy Spirit,  
making him a man of prayer and a pastor of your people:  
perfect in us that which is lacking in your gifts,  
    of faith, to increase it,  
    of hope, to establish it,  
    of love, to kindle it,  
that we may live in the light of your grace and glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 207).*

27 September

**Vincent de Paul**

White

*Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660*

**Collect**

Merciful God,  
whose servant Vincent de Paul,  
by his ministry of preaching and pastoral care,  
brought your love to the sick and the poor:  
give to all your people a heart of compassion  
that by word and action they may serve you  
    in serving others in their need;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used  
(page 208).*

4 October

**Francis of Assisi**

White

*Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226*

**Collect**

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself  
to the childlike and lowly of heart:  
grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis,  
we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness  
and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used  
(page 208).*

6 October

**William Tyndale**

Red

*Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536*

**Collect**

Lord, give to your people grace to hear and keep your word that, after the example of your servant William Tyndale, we may not only profess your gospel but also be ready to suffer and die for it, to the honour of your name; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).*

10 October

**Paulinus**

White

*Bishop of York, Missionary, 644*

**Collect**

God our Saviour, who sent Paulinus to preach and to baptize, and so to build up your Church in this land: grant that, inspired by his example, we may tell all the world of your truth, that with him we may receive the reward you prepare for all your faithful servants; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).*

12 October

**Wilfrid of Ripon**

White

*Bishop, Missionary, 709*

**Collect**

Almighty God, who called our forebears to the light of the gospel by the preaching of your servant Wilfrid: help us, who keep his life and labour in remembrance, to glorify your name by following the example of his zeal and perseverance; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).*

13 October

**Edward the Confessor**

White

*King of England, 1066*

**Collect**

Sovereign God,  
who set your servant Edward  
upon the throne of an earthly kingdom  
and inspired him with zeal for the kingdom of heaven:  
grant that we may so confess the faith of Christ  
by word and deed,  
that we may, with all your saints, inherit your eternal glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

God our redeemer,  
who inspired Edward to witness to your love  
and to work for the coming of your kingdom:  
may we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven,  
be fired by your Spirit to proclaim the gospel in our daily living  
and never to rest content until your kingdom come,  
on earth as it is in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or another Post Communion for 'Any Saint' (pages 211–212) is used.*

15 October

**Teresa of Avila**

White

*Teacher of the Faith, 1582*

**Collect**

Merciful God,  
who by your Spirit raised up your servant Teresa of Avila  
to reveal to your Church the way of perfection:  
grant that her teaching  
may awaken in us a longing for holiness,  
until we attain to the perfect union of love  
in Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).*

17 October

**Ignatius**

Red

*Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c.107*

**Collect**

Feed us, O Lord, with the living bread  
and make us drink deep of the cup of salvation  
that, following the teaching of your bishop Ignatius  
and rejoicing in the faith  
with which he embraced a martyr's death,  
we may be nourished for that eternal life  
for which he longed;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*One of the Post Communion of Martyrs is used (page 205).*

19 October

**Henry Martyn**

White

*Translator of the Scriptures,  
Missionary in India and Persia, 1812*

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who by your Holy Spirit gave Henry Martyn  
a longing to tell the good news of Christ  
and skill to translate the Scriptures:  
by the same Spirit give us grace to offer you our gifts,  
wherever you may lead, at whatever the cost;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).*

26 October

**Alfred the Great**

White

*King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899*

**Collect**

God, our maker and redeemer,  
we pray you of your great mercy  
and by the power of your holy cross  
to guide us by your will and to shield us from our foes:  
that, after the example of your servant Alfred,  
we may inwardly love you above all things;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

God our redeemer,  
who inspired Alfred to witness to your love  
and to work for the coming of your kingdom:  
may we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven,  
be fired by your Spirit to proclaim the gospel in our daily living  
and never to rest content until your kingdom come,  
on earth as it is in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or another Post Communion for 'Any Saint' (pages 211–212) is used.*

29 October

**James Hannington**

Red

*Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa,  
Martyr in Uganda, 1885*

**Collect**

Most merciful God,  
who strengthened your Church by the steadfast courage  
of your martyr James Hannington:  
grant that we also,  
thankfully remembering his victory of faith,  
may overcome what is evil  
and glorify your holy name;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*One of the Post Communion of Martyrs is used (page 205).*

2 November

## Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Purple

### Collect

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer,  
grant us, with all the faithful departed,  
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion  
and glorious resurrection  
that, in the last day,  
when you gather up all things in Christ,  
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

God of love,  
may the death and resurrection of Christ  
which we have celebrated in this eucharist  
bring us, with all the faithful departed,  
into the peace of your eternal home.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our rock and our salvation,  
to whom be glory for time and for eternity.

3 November

**Richard Hooker**

White

*Priest, Anglican Apologist, Teacher of the Faith, 1600*

### Collect

God of peace, the bond of all love,  
who in your Son Jesus Christ have made the human race  
your inseparable dwelling place:  
after the example of your servant Richard Hooker,  
give grace to us your servants ever to rejoice  
in the true inheritance of your adopted children  
and to show forth your praises now and ever;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).*

7 November

**Willibrord of York**

White

*Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739*

### Collect

God, the Saviour of all,  
you sent your bishop Willibrord from this land  
to proclaim the good news to many peoples  
and confirm them in their faith:  
help us also to witness to your steadfast love  
by word and deed  
so that your Church may increase  
and grow strong in holiness;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).*

8 November

## The Saints and Martyrs of England

White

### Collect

God, whom the glorious company of the redeemed adore,  
assembled from all times and places of your dominion:  
we praise you for the saints of our own land  
and for the many lamps their holiness has lit;  
and we pray that we also may be numbered at last  
with those who have done your will  
and declared your righteousness;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

God, the source of all holiness  
and giver of all good things:  
may we who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth  
be welcomed with all your saints  
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

10 November

## Leo the Great

White

*Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 461*

### Collect

God our Father,  
who made your servant Leo strong in the defence of the faith:  
fill your Church with the spirit of truth  
that, guided by humility and governed by love,  
she may prevail against the powers of evil;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).*

11 November

## Martin of Tours

White

*Bishop of Tours, c.397*

### Collect

God all powerful,  
who called Martin from the armies of this world  
to be a faithful soldier of Christ:  
give us grace to follow him  
in his love and compassion for the needy,  
and enable your Church to claim for all people  
their inheritance as children of God;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 207).*

13 November

## Charles Simeon

White

*Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836*

### Collect

Eternal God,  
who raised up Charles Simeon  
to preach the good news of Jesus Christ  
and inspire your people in service and mission:  
grant that we with all your Church may worship the Saviour,  
turn in sorrow from our sins and walk in the way of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

*The Post Communion of Pastors is used (page 207).*

16 November

## Margaret of Scotland

White

*Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist,  
Reformer of the Church, 1093*

### Collect

God, the ruler of all,  
who called your servant Margaret to an earthly throne  
and gave her zeal for your Church and love for your people  
that she might advance your heavenly kingdom:  
mercifully grant that we who commemorate her example  
may be fruitful in good works  
and attain to the glorious crown of your saints;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

God our redeemer,  
who inspired Margaret to witness to your love  
and to work for the coming of your kingdom:  
may we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven,  
be fired by your Spirit to proclaim the gospel in our daily living  
and never to rest content until your kingdom come,  
on earth as it is in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or another Post Communion for 'Any Saint' (pages 211–212) is used.*

17 November

## Hugh

White

*Bishop of Lincoln, 1200*

### Collect

O God,  
who endowed your servant Hugh  
with a wise and cheerful boldness  
and taught him to commend to earthly rulers  
the discipline of a holy life:  
give us grace like him to be bold in the service of the gospel,  
putting our confidence in Christ alone,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 207).*

18 November

**Elizabeth of Hungary**

White

*Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist, 1231*

*Collect*

Lord God,  
who taught Elizabeth of Hungary  
to recognize and reverence Christ in the poor of this world:  
by her example  
strengthen us to love and serve the afflicted and the needy  
and so to honour your Son, the servant king,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Faithful God,  
who called Elizabeth of Hungary to serve you  
and gave her joy in walking the path of holiness:  
by this eucharist  
in which you renew within us the vision of your glory,  
strengthen us all to follow the way of perfection  
until we come to see you face to face;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or another Post Communion for 'Any Saint' (pages 211–212) is used.*

19 November

**Hilda**

White

*Abbess of Whitby, 680*

*Collect*

Eternal God,  
who made the abbess Hilda to shine like a jewel in our land  
and through her holiness and leadership  
blessed your Church with new life and unity:  
help us, like her, to yearn for the gospel of Christ  
and to reconcile those who are divided;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 208).*

20 November

**Edmund**

Red

*King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870*

*Collect*

Eternal God,  
whose servant Edmund kept faith to the end,  
both with you and with his people,  
and glorified you by his death:  
grant us such steadfastness of faith  
that, with the noble army of martyrs,  
we may come to enjoy the fullness of the resurrection life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*One of the Post Communion of Martyrs is used (page 205).*

23 November

**Clement**  
Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c.100

Red

*Collect*

Creator and Father of eternity,  
whose martyr Clement bore witness with his blood  
to the love he proclaimed and the gospel that he preached:  
give us thankful hearts as we celebrate your faithfulness,  
    revealed to us in the lives of your saints,  
and strengthen us in our pilgrimage as we follow your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).*

6 December

**Nicholas**  
Bishop of Myra, c.326

White

*Collect*

Almighty Father, lover of souls,  
who chose your servant Nicholas  
    to be a bishop in the Church,  
that he might give freely out of the treasures of your grace:  
make us mindful of the needs of others  
and, as we have received, so teach us also to give;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 207).*

7 December

**Ambrose**  
Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397

White

*Collect*

God of hosts,  
who called Ambrose from the governor's throne  
to be a bishop in your Church  
and an intrepid champion of your faithful people:  
mercifully grant that, as he did not fear to rebuke rulers,  
so we, with like courage,  
    may contend for the faith we have received;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).*

8 December

## The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

White

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who stooped to raise fallen humanity  
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary:  
grant that we, who have seen your glory  
    revealed in our human nature  
and your love made perfect in our weakness,  
may daily be renewed in your image  
and conformed to the pattern of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

God most high,  
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption  
you visit us with your Holy Spirit  
and overshadow us by your power;  
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience  
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

13 December

Lucy

Red

Martyr at Syracuse, 304

### Collect

God our redeemer,  
who gave light to the world that was in darkness  
by the healing power of the Saviour's cross:  
shed that light on us, we pray,  
that with your martyr Lucy  
we may, by the purity of our lives,  
    reflect the light of Christ  
and, by the merits of his passion,  
    come to the light of everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).*

14 December

John of the Cross

White

Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591

### Collect

O God, the judge of all,  
who gave your servant John of the Cross  
a warmth of nature, a strength of purpose  
    and a mystical faith  
that sustained him even in the darkness:  
shed your light on all who love you  
and grant them union of body and soul  
in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).*

29 December

**Thomas Becket**  
Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170

Red

*Collect*

Lord God,  
who gave grace to your servant Thomas Becket  
to put aside all earthly fear  
and be faithful even to death:  
grant that we, disregarding worldly esteem,  
may fight all wrong,  
uphold your rule,  
and serve you to our life's end;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).*

 *Common of the Saints*

**The Blessed Virgin Mary**

White

*Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who stooped to raise fallen humanity  
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;  
grant that we, who have seen your glory  
revealed in our human nature  
and your love made perfect in our weakness,  
may daily be renewed in your image  
and conformed to the pattern of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

God most high,  
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption  
you visit us with your Holy Spirit  
and overshadow us by your power;  
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience  
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
 who built your Church upon the foundation  
 of the apostles and prophets,  
 with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone:  
 so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine,  
 that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Almighty God,  
 who on the day of Pentecost  
 sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles  
 with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,  
 filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:  
 by the power of the same Spirit  
 strengthen us to witness to your truth  
 and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(or)*

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
 keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
 united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
 and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
 by whose grace and power your holy martyr *N*  
 triumphed over suffering and was faithful unto death:  
 strengthen us with your grace,  
 that we may endure reproach and persecution  
 and faithfully bear witness to the name  
 of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Eternal God,  
 who gave us this holy meal  
 in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross  
 and the victory of your martyr *N*:  
 by our communion with Christ  
 in his saving death and resurrection,  
 give us with all your saints the courage to conquer evil  
 and so to share the fruit of the tree of life;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(or)*

God our redeemer,  
 whose Church was strengthened by the blood of your martyr *N*:  
 so bind us, in life and death, to Christ's sacrifice  
 that our lives, broken and offered with his,  
 may carry his death and proclaim his resurrection in the world;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
 who enlightened your Church  
 by the teaching of your servant *N*:  
 enrich it evermore with your heavenly grace  
 and raise up faithful witnesses  
 who, by their life and teaching,  
 may proclaim the truth of your salvation;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

God of truth,  
 whose Wisdom set her table  
 and invited us to eat the bread and drink the wine  
 of the kingdom:  
 help us to lay aside all foolishness  
 and to live and walk in the way of insight,  
 that we may come with *N* to the eternal feast of heaven;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect*

Eternal God,  
 you called *N* to proclaim your glory  
 in a life of prayer and pastoral zeal:  
 keep the leaders of your Church faithful  
 and bless your people through their ministry,  
 that the Church may grow into the full stature  
 of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*or, for a bishop*

Almighty God,  
 the light of the faithful and shepherd of souls,  
 who set your servant *N* to be a bishop in the Church,  
 to feed your sheep by the word of Christ  
 and to guide them by good example:  
 give us grace to keep the faith of the Church  
 and to follow in the footsteps  
 of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

God, shepherd of your people,  
 whose servant *N* revealed the loving service of Christ  
 in *his/her* ministry as a pastor of your people:  
 by this eucharist in which we share  
 awaken within us the love of Christ  
 and keep us faithful to our Christian calling;  
 through him who laid down his life for us,  
 but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever.

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
by whose grace *N*, kindled with the fire of your love,  
became a burning and a shining light in the Church:  
in flame us with the same spirit of discipline and love,  
that we may ever walk before you as children of light;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Merciful God,  
who gave such grace to your servant *N*  
that *he/she* served you with singleness of heart  
and loved you above all things:  
help us, whose communion with you  
has been renewed in this sacrament,  
to forsake all that holds us back from following Christ  
and to grow into his likeness from glory to glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect*

Everlasting God,  
whose servant *N* carried the good news of your Son  
to the people of ... :  
grant that we who commemorate *his/her* service  
may know the hope of the gospel in our hearts  
and manifest its light in all our ways;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Holy Father,  
who gathered us here around the table of your Son  
to share this meal with the whole household of God:  
in that new world where you reveal  
the fullness of your peace,  
gather people of every race and language  
to share with *N* and all your saints  
in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Any Saint     *White*

*Collect (general)*

Almighty Father,  
you have built up your Church  
through the love and devotion of your saints:  
inspire us to follow the example of *N*,  
whom we commemorate today,  
that we in our generation may rejoice with *him/her*  
in the vision of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*or (for Christian rulers)*

Sovereign God,  
who called *N* to be a ruler among *his/her* people  
and gave *him/her* grace to be their servant:  
help us, following our Saviour Christ  
in the path of humble service,  
to see his kingdom set forward on earth  
and to enjoy its fullness in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*or (for those working with the poor and underprivileged)*

Merciful God,  
you have compassion on all that you have made  
and your whole creation is enfolded in your love:  
help us to stand firm for your truth,  
to struggle against poverty,  
and to share your love with our neighbour,  
that with your servant *N*  
we may be instruments of your peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*or (for men and women of learning)*

God our Father,  
who gave wisdom and insight to your servant *N*  
to fathom the depths of your love  
and to understand your design for the world you have made:  
grant us the help of your Holy Spirit  
that we also may come to a full knowledge of your purposes  
revealed in your Son Jesus Christ, our wisdom and our life;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*or (for those whose holiness was revealed in marriage and family life)*

Eternal God,  
whose love is revealed in the mystery of the Trinity:  
help us, like your servant *N*,  
to find in our human loving a mirror of your divine love  
and to see in all your children our brothers and sisters in Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Faithful God,  
who called *N* to serve you  
and gave *him/her* joy in walking the path of holiness:  
by this eucharist,  
in which you renew within us the vision of your glory,  
strengthen us all to follow the way of perfection  
until we come to see you face to face;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(or)*

God our redeemer,  
who inspired *N* to witness to your love  
and to work for the coming of your kingdom:  
may we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven,  
be fired by your Spirit to proclaim the gospel in our daily living  
and never to rest content until your kingdom come,  
on earth as it is in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(or)*

Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name,  
your servant *N* revealed your goodness  
in a life of tranquillity and service:  
grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table  
may like *him/her* know the love of Christ  
that surpasses knowledge  
and be filled with all your fullness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(or)*

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:  
may we who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth  
be welcomed with all your saints  
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## ¶ *Special Occasions*

*For Collects and Post Communions for Holy Baptism see pages 26  
and 53–61, Wholeness and Healing see pages 609 and 612, Marriage  
see pages 614 and 616 and Funeral see pages 618 and 622.*

### **The Guidance of the Holy Spirit**

*Red*

#### *Collect*

God, who from of old  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*(or)*

Almighty God,  
you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church  
to lead us into all truth:  
bless with the Spirit's grace and presence  
the members of this *synod/PCC etc.*;  
keep *us/them* steadfast in faith and united in love,  
that *we/they* may manifest your glory  
and prepare the way of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### *Post Communion*

God of power,  
whose Holy Spirit renews your people  
in the bread and wine we bless and share:  
may the boldness of the Spirit transform us,  
the gentleness of the Spirit lead us,  
and the gifts of the Spirit equip us to serve and worship you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Rogation Days *White*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose will it is that the earth and the sea  
should bear fruit in due season:  
bless the labours of those who work on land and sea,  
grant us a good harvest  
and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*(or)*

Almighty God and Father,  
you have so ordered our life  
that we are dependent on one another:  
prosper those engaged in commerce and industry  
and direct their minds and hands  
that they may rightly use your gifts in the service of others;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*(or)*

God our Father,  
you never cease the work you have begun  
and prosper with your blessing all human labour:  
make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts  
that we may serve the common good,  
maintain the fabric of our world  
and seek that justice where all may share  
the good things you pour upon us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## *Post Communion*

God our creator,  
you give seed for us to sow and bread for us to eat:  
as you have blessed the fruit of our labour in this eucharist,  
so we ask you to give all your children their daily bread,  
that the world may praise you for your goodness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Harvest Thanksgiving *Green*

*Harvest Thanksgiving may be celebrated on a Sunday and may replace the provision for that day, provided it does not supersede any Principal Feast or Festival.*

### *Collect*

Eternal God,  
you crown the year with your goodness  
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
grant that we may use them to your glory,  
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## *Post Communion*

Lord of the harvest,  
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation  
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:  
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us  
and make us generous and wise stewards  
of the good things we enjoy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect*

Heavenly Father,  
you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ  
to continue his work of reconciliation  
and reveal you to the world:  
forgive us the sins which tear us apart;  
give us the courage to overcome our fears  
and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*(or)*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your apostles,  
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you':  
look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church  
and grant it the peace and unity of your kingdom;  
where you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Eternal God and Father,  
whose Son at supper prayed that his disciples might be one,  
as he is one with you:  
draw us closer to him,  
that in common love and obedience to you  
we may be united to one another  
in the fellowship of the one Spirit,  
that the world may believe that he is Lord, to your eternal glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:  
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace  
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom  
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth  
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,  
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

God our Father,  
your Son is our peace  
and his cross the sign of reconciliation:  
help us, who share the broken bread,  
to bring together what is scattered  
and to bind up what is wounded,  
that Christ may bring in the everlasting kingdom of his peace;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

*Collect*

Eternal God,  
in whose perfect realm  
no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness,  
and no strength known but the strength of love:  
so guide and inspire the work of those who seek your kingdom  
that all your people may find their security  
in that love which casts out fear  
and in the fellowship revealed to us  
in Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*(or)*

Almighty and eternal God,  
to whom we must all give account:  
guide with your Spirit the ... of this (*city, society, etc.*),  
that *we/they* may be faithful to the mind of Christ  
and seek in all *our/their* purposes to enrich our common life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Blessed God,  
help us, whom you have fed and satisfied in this eucharist,  
to hunger and thirst for what is right;  
help us, who here have rejoiced and been glad,  
to stand with those who are persecuted and reviled;  
help us, who here have glimpsed the life of heaven,  
to strive for the cause of right  
and for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Ministry (including Ember Days)** *Red or  
colour of  
the Season*

*Collect*

*(for the ministry of all Christian people)*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*or (for those to be ordained)*

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts,  
by your Holy Spirit you have appointed  
various orders of ministry in the Church:  
look with mercy on your servants  
now called to be deacons and priests;  
maintain them in truth and renew them in holiness,  
that by word and good example they may faithfully serve you  
to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church;  
through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*or (for vocations)*

Almighty God,  
you have entrusted to your Church  
a share in the ministry of your Son our great high priest:  
inspire by your Holy Spirit the hearts of many  
to offer themselves for the ministry of your Church,  
that strengthened by his power,

they may work for the increase of your kingdom  
and set forward the eternal praise of your name;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*or (for the inauguration of a new ministry)*

God our Father, Lord of all the world,  
through your Son you have called us into the fellowship  
of your universal Church:  
hear our prayer for your faithful people  
that in their vocation and ministry  
each may be an instrument of your love,  
and give to your servant *N* now to be ... (*installed, inducted, etc.*)  
the needful gifts of grace;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Heavenly Father,  
whose ascended Son gave gifts of leadership and service  
to the Church:  
strengthen us who have received this holy food  
to be good stewards of your manifold grace;  
through him who came not to be served but to serve,  
and give his life as a ransom for many,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(or)*

Lord of the harvest,  
you have fed your people in this sacrament  
with the fruits of creation made holy by your Spirit:  
by your grace raise up among us faithful labourers  
to sow your word and reap the harvest of souls;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect*

Sovereign God,  
the defence of those who trust in you  
and the strength of those who suffer:  
look with mercy on our affliction  
and deliver us through our mighty Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Almighty God,  
whose Son gave us in this meal a pledge of your saving love  
and a foretaste of your kingdom of justice and peace:  
strengthen your people in their faith  
that they may endure the sufferings of this present time  
in expectation of the glory to be revealed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect*

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,  
bless our Sovereign Lady, *Queen Elizabeth*,  
and all who are in authority under her;  
that they may order all things  
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,  
to the honour and glory of your name  
and the good of your Church and people;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace:  
give us grace seriously to lay to heart  
the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions;  
take away our hatred and prejudice  
and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord,  
that, as there is but one body, one Spirit  
and one hope of our calling,  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of us all,  
so may we henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul,  
united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity,  
and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# Collects and Post Communions for Sundays, Principal Holy Days and Festivals in Traditional Language

## Notes

- 1 Normally on any occasion only one Collect is used.
- 2 The Collect for each Sunday is used on the following weekdays, except where other provision is made.
- 3 At Evening Prayer on Saturdays other than Easter Eve, Christmas Eve or Principal Feasts or Festivals, the Collect appointed for the ensuing Sunday shall be used. When Evening Prayer on the day before a Festival makes use of the lessons relating to that Festival, the Collect of that Festival shall be used.
- 4 Where a Collect ends 'Through Jesus Christ ... now and for ever', the minister may use the shorter ending, 'Through Jesus Christ our Lord' to which the people respond 'Amen' and omit the longer Trinitarian ending. The longer ending is to be preferred at Holy Communion.

*For Rules, see pages 525–534 of Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England.*

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*For Collects and Post Communions in Contemporary Language, see page 71.*

## ¶ Advent

### The First Sunday of Advent Purple

#### Collect

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

*This Collect may be used as the Post Communion on any day from the Second Sunday of Advent until Christmas Eve instead of the Post Communion provided.*

#### Post Communion

O Lord our God,  
as we wait for the coming of thy Son our Lord,  
preserve us in watchfulness and faith,  
that when he shall appear  
he may not find us asleep in sin  
but active to serve him  
and joyful to praise him;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Second Sunday of Advent *Purple*

### *Collect*

O Lord, raise up we pray thee thy power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are sore let and hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
thy bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord,  
to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Heavenly Father,  
who didst send thy Son to redeem the world  
and wilt send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
    in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that when he shall come again,  
we may be found ready to greet him  
with joyful love and steadfast faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Third Sunday of Advent *Purple*

### *Collect*

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger  
to prepare thy way before thee:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,  
that at thy second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight;  
who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

We give thee thanks, O Lord, for these thy heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of thy Spirit  
that when our Saviour Christ shall come again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who liveth and reigneth now and for ever.

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent *Purple*

*This provision is not used on weekdays after 23 December.*

### *Collect*

O God our redeemer,  
who didst prepare the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of thy Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he shall come again to be our judge;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Heavenly Father,  
who didst choose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us thy servants with thy grace,  
that in all things we may embrace thy holy will  
and with her rejoice in thy salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

24 December

**Christmas Eve** Purple

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance  
of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer,  
so we may with sure confidence behold him  
when he shall come to be our judge;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Eternal God, for whom we wait,  
who hast fed us with the bread of eternal life:  
we pray that thou wilt keep us ever watchful  
so that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

 **Christmas**

25 December

**Christmas Night** Gold or  
Principal Feast White

*Collect*

Eternal God,  
who made this most holy night  
to shine with the brightness of thy one true light:  
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,  
to see the radiance of thy heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

God our Father,  
who in this night hast made known to us again  
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him  
until the dawning of the day  
when Christ the Morning Star shall rise in our hearts;  
to whom be glory both now and for ever.

25 December

**Christmas Day**  
*Principal Feast*

*Gold or  
White*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who hast given us thy only-begotten Son  
to take our nature upon him  
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that we, being regenerate  
and made thy children by adoption and grace,  
may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit,  
now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O God our Father,  
whose Word hath come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
grant that the light of faith may illumine our hearts  
and shine in all our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ the Lord.

**The First Sunday of Christmas** *White*

*This provision is not used on weekdays after 5 January.*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who hast wonderfully created us in thine own image  
and hast yet more wonderfully restored us  
through thy Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:  
grant to thy Church grace to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and at the last bring us all to our home in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Second Sunday of Christmas** *White*

*This provision is not used on weekdays after 5 January.*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who in the birth of thy Son  
hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word  
and revealed to us the fullness of thy love:  
help us so to walk in his light and dwell in his love  
that we may know the fullness of his joy;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

All praise to thee,  
almighty God and heavenly king,  
who hast sent thy Son into the world  
to take our nature upon him  
and to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that, as we are born again in him,  
so he may continually dwell in us  
and reign on earth as he reigneth in heaven,  
now and for ever.

## ¶ Epiphany

6 January

### The Epiphany *Principal Feast*      *Gold or White*

#### *Collect*

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know thee now by faith,  
may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### *Post Communion*

O Lord our God,  
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
grant that we, who with the wise men  
    have been drawn by thy light,  
may discern the glory of thy presence in thy Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### The Baptism of Christ The First Sunday of Epiphany      *Gold or White*

#### *Collect*

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
didst reveal him to be thy Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant that we, being born again by water and the Spirit,  
may be faithful to our calling as thine adopted children;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### *Post Communion*

O Lord of all time and eternity,  
who in the baptism of Jesus thy beloved Son  
didst open the heavens  
and didst reveal thyself as Father:  
by the power of thy Spirit  
make perfect the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### The Second Sunday of Epiphany      *White*

#### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
who in Christ makest all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of thy grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known thy heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### *Post Communion*

God of glory,  
as thou dost nourish us with thy Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with thy Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of thy glory  
may shine in all the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Third Sunday of Epiphany *White*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of thy saving presence:  
renew thy people with thy heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by thy mighty power;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Almighty God,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
grant that thy people,  
illuminated by thy word and sacraments,  
may shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth,  
who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

## The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany *White*

### *Collect*

Almighty God, creator of all things,  
who in the beginning  
didst command the light to shine out of darkness:  
grant that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,  
shine into the hearts of all thy people,  
and reveal the knowledge of thy glory  
in the face of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Gracious Lord,  
by whose mercy we have proclaimed in word and sacrament  
the mystery of thy love:  
help us so to live our lives  
that we may show forth thy wonders in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*2 February*

## The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

*Gold or  
White*

Candlemas  
*Principal Feast*

### *Collect*

Almighty and ever-living God,  
we humbly beseech thy majesty,  
that, as thy only-begotten Son  
was this day presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh,  
so we may be presented unto thee  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O Lord,  
who didst fulfil the hope of Simeon and Anna  
that they might live to greet the coming of the Messiah:  
grant that we, who have received these inexpressible gifts,  
may be prepared to meet Christ Jesus when he shall come  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

**The Fifth Sunday before Lent**     *Green*

*This provision is always used from the day after the Presentation of Christ in the Temple until the first of the Sundays before Lent.*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
by whose grace alone we are accepted  
and called to thy service:  
strengthen us by thy Holy Spirit  
and make us worthy of our calling;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O God of truth,  
by whose grace we have seen with our eyes  
and touched with our hands the bread of life:  
strengthen our faith  
that we may grow in love for thee and for one another;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Fourth Sunday before Lent**     *Green*

*Collect*

O God,  
who knowest us to be set  
in the midst of so many and great dangers,  
that by reason of the frailty of our nature  
we cannot always stand upright:  
grant to us such strength and protection  
as may support us in all dangers  
and carry us through all temptations;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Go before us, O Lord, in all our doings  
with thy most gracious favour,  
and further us with thy continual help,  
that in all our works  
begun, continued and ended in thee,  
we may glorify thy holy name,  
and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Third Sunday before Lent *Green*

### *Collect*

O almighty God,  
who alone canst order the unruly wills  
and affections of the sinful:  
grant unto thy people  
that they may love the thing which thou commandest  
and desire that which thou dost promise,  
that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world,  
our hearts may surely there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Merciful Father,  
who didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ  
to be for us the bread of life,  
that those who come to him should never hunger:  
draw us to him in faith and love,  
that we may eat and drink with him  
at his table in the kingdom,  
where he liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

## The Second Sunday before Lent *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
who hast created the heavens and the earth  
and hast made us in thine own image:  
teach us to discern thy hand in all thy works  
and thy likeness in all thy children;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O God our creator,  
by whose gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of thy Church:  
may we who have been nourished at thy table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Sunday next before Lent *Green*

*This provision is not used on or after Ash Wednesday.*

### *Collect*

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O holy God,  
we behold thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
grant that we who are partakers at his table  
may reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Ash Wednesday** *Purple or  
Principal Holy Day Lent Array*

*Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who hatest nothing that thou hast made  
and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*This Collect may be used as the Post Communion on any day from the  
First Sunday of Lent until the Saturday after the Fourth Sunday of Lent  
instead of the Post Communion provided.*

*Post Communion*

Almighty God,  
who hast given thine only Son to be unto us  
both a sacrifice for sin  
and also an example of godly life:  
give us grace  
that we may always most thankfully receive  
that his inestimable benefit,  
and also daily endeavour ourselves  
to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The First Sunday of Lent** *Purple or  
Lent Array*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ did fast forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to thy Spirit;  
and, as thou knowest our weakness,  
so may we know thy power to save;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O Lord our God,  
who hast renewed us with the living bread from heaven,  
and dost thereby nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
incline our hearts always to hunger for him  
who is the true and living bread,  
and give us grace to live by every word  
that proceedeth out of thy mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Second Sunday of Lent *Purple or Lent Array*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
who showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth,  
to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness:  
grant unto all them that are admitted  
    into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may eschew those things  
    that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

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

## The Third Sunday of Lent *Purple or Lent Array*

### *Collect*

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 thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Lord, we beseech thee,  
grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations  
    of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Fourth Sunday of Lent *Purple or Lent Array*

*Mothers' Sunday may be celebrated in preference to the provision  
for the Fourth Sunday of Lent.*

### *Collect*

O Lord, we beseech thee,  
absolve thy people from their offences,  
that through thy bountiful goodness  
we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins  
which by our frailty we have committed;  
grant this, O heavenly Father,  
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Lord God,  
whose blessed Son our Saviour  
gave his back to the smiters  
and hid not his face from shame:  
give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time  
with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Mothering Sunday** *Purple or  
Lent Array*

*Mothering Sunday may be celebrated in preference to the provision  
for the Fourth Sunday of Lent.*

*Collect*

Merciful God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily lives  
that in joy and sorrow  
we may know the power of thy presence  
    to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

God of love,  
who in this sacrament dost feed us  
    with the food and drink of eternal life,  
even as a mother feedeth her children at the breast:  
mercifully grant that we who have tasted thy goodness  
may grow in grace within the household of faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Fifth Sunday of Lent** *Purple or  
Lent Array*  
*Passiontide begins*

*Collect*

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ  
hast delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who hast taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for thee:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as thou wast the servant of all,  
who gavest up thy life and didst die for us,  
yet livest and reignest, now and for ever.

**Palm Sunday** *Red*

*Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who of thy tender love towards the world  
hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who didst humble thyself by taking the form of a servant  
and wast obedient even unto the death of the cross  
for our salvation:  
grant us the mind to follow thee  
and to proclaim thee as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Maundy Thursday** *White*  
*Principal Holy Day*

*At Morning and Evening Prayer the Collect of Palm Sunday is used.  
At Holy Communion this Collect is used.*

*Collect*

God our Father,  
who hast invited us to share in the supper  
which thy Son hath given to his Church  
that it may proclaim his death until he comes:  
may he nourish us by his presence,  
and unite us in his love;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we thank thee that in this wonderful sacrament  
thou hast given us a memorial of thy passion:  
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries  
of thy body and blood  
that we may know within ourselves  
and show forth in our lives  
the fruits of thy redemption;  
for thou livest and reignest, now and for ever.

**Good Friday** *Hangings*  
*Principal Holy Day* *removed:*  
*red for the*  
*liturgy*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family  
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed  
and given up into the hands of sinners  
and to suffer death upon the cross;  
who now liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Easter Eve** *Hangings*  
*removed*

*Collect*

Grant, O Lord,  
that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
so by continually mortifying our corrupt affections  
we may be buried with him;  
and that through the grave and gate of death  
we may pass to our joyful resurrection;  
for his merits, who died and was buried and rose again for us,  
thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Easter Day**     *Gold or  
Principal Feast     White*

*Collect*

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of thy Son  
hast overcome the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to thee in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

*Post Communion*

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

**The Second Sunday of Easter**     *White*

*Collect*

Almighty Father,  
who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve thee  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Lord God our Father,  
who through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
hast assured us of eternal life  
and in baptism made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in thy love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Third Sunday of Easter**     *White*

*Collect*

Almighty Father,  
who in thy great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve thee continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O living God,  
whose Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of the bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter *White*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O merciful Father,  
who gavest thy Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us ever under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter *White*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life:  
we humbly beseech thee that,  
as by thy grace preceding us  
    thou dost put into our minds good desires,  
so by thy continual help  
we may bring the same to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life:  
grant us grace to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter *White*

*This provision is not used on or after Ascension Day.*

### *Collect*

God our redeemer,  
who hast delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of thy Son:  
grant, that as by his death he hath recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ doth give the water of eternal life:  
may we ever thirst for thee,  
the spring of life and fountain of goodness,  
through him who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

**Ascension Day** *Gold or  
Principal Feast White*

*Collect*

Grant, we beseech thee, almighty God,  
that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son  
our Lord Jesus Christ  
to have ascended into the heavens;  
so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend  
and with him continually dwell,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O God our Father,  
who in Christ hast raised up our humanity  
and fed us with the bread of heaven:  
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,  
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter** *White*  
Sunday after Ascension Day

*Collect*

O God the King of glory,  
who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless,  
but send to us thine Holy Spirit to comfort us  
and exalt us unto the same place  
whither our Saviour Christ is gone before;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
whose Son Jesus Christ hath sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
so confirm us in this mission  
that our lives may show forth the good news which we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Day of Pentecost** *Red*  
Whit Sunday  
*Principal Feast*

*This provision is not used on the weekdays after the Day of Pentecost.*

*Collect*

God, who as at this time  
didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people  
by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the same Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O faithful God,  
who didst fulfil the promise of Easter  
by sending to us thy Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation the way of eternal life:  
open our lips by the same Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of thy glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Weekdays after the Day of Pentecost** *Green*

*Collect*

O Lord, from whom all good things do come:  
grant to us thy humble servants,  
that by thy holy inspiration  
we may think those things that be good  
and, by thy merciful guiding may perform the same;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O God of love,  
who in this sacrament  
dost make us one family in thy Son Jesus Christ,  
one in the sharing of his body and blood  
and one in the communion of his Spirit:  
help us so to grow in love for one another  
that we may come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Trinity Sunday** *Gold or  
Principal Feast White*

*Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who hast given unto us thy servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and, in the power of the divine majesty, to worship the Unity:  
we beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast  
in this faith  
and evermore defend us from all adversities;  
who livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Almighty and eternal God,  
who hast revealed thyself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and dost ever live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know thee in all thy ways  
and evermore rejoice in thy eternal glory;  
who art three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.

*The Thursday after Trinity Sunday may be observed as*

**The Day of Thanksgiving for the  
Institution of Holy Communion** *White*  
(Corpus Christi)

*Collect*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we thank thee that in this wonderful sacrament  
thou hast given us a memorial of thy passion:  
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries  
of thy body and blood  
that we may know within ourselves  
and show forth in our lives  
the fruits of thy redemption;  
who livest and reignest with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

All praise be to thee, our God and Father,  
for that thou hast fed us with the bread of heaven  
and hast quenched our thirst from the true vine:  
grant that we, being grafted into Christ,  
may grow together in unity  
and be partakers of his heavenly feast;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The First Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

O God,  
the strength of all them that put their trust in thee,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without thee,  
grant us the help of thy grace  
that, in keeping of thy commandments,  
we may please thee, both in will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Everlasting Father,  
we thank thee that thou dost nourish us  
with these thy heavenly gifts:  
by this sacrament strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Second Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

O Lord, who hast taught us  
that all our doings without charity are nothing worth:  
send thy Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity,  
the very bond of peace and of all virtues  
without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee;  
grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O loving Father,  
we thank thee for feeding us at the supper of thy Son:  
sustain us with thy Spirit  
that we, serving thee here on earth,  
may come at last to the fullness of thy joy in heaven  
and be partakers of thine eternal banquet  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Third Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
who hast broken the tyranny of sin  
and hast sent the Spirit of thy Son into our hearts,  
whereby we call thee Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to thy service,  
that the whole world may be brought  
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining  
and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us thy glory as far as we can grasp it,  
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear  
until we may look upon thee without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

## The Fourth Sunday after Trinity Green

### Collect

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us thy mercy  
that, thou being our ruler and guide,  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, O heavenly Father,  
for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Everlasting God,  
comforter to the afflicted and healer to the broken,  
who hast nourished us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Fifth Sunday after Trinity Green

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all thy faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve thee in holiness and truth,  
to the glory of thy name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee,  
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered  
by thy governance  
that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Sixth Sunday after Trinity Green

### Collect

O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward thee  
that we, loving thee in all things and above all things,  
may obtain thy promises  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

O God of our pilgrimage,  
who hast led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Seventh Sunday after Trinity Green

### Collect

Lord of all power and might,  
who art the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of thy name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of thy great mercy keep us in the same;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine,  
the source of life, who ever giveth himself that the world may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves  
the power of his death and passion  
that in his cup of salvation we may partake of his glory  
and also be made perfect in his love;  
who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

## The Eighth Sunday after Trinity Green

### Collect

O almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
vouchsafe, we beseech thee,  
to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of thy laws and in the works of thy commandments,  
that through thy most mighty protection,  
both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard thy word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung thy praise be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of thy love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with thy body  
be refreshed with the fullness of thy life;  
glory be to thee for ever.

## The Ninth Sunday after Trinity Green

### Collect

Almighty God,  
who didst send thy Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of thy Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of thy grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Holy Father,  
who didst gather us around the table of thy Son  
that we, with all thy household,  
might partake of this holy food:  
in that new world wherein the fullness of thy peace is revealed,  
gather people of every race and tongue  
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Tenth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of thy humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please thee;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

God of our pilgrimage,  
who hast willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in thee:  
look upon us with thy favour  
that we, following in the path of thy will,  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

O God,  
who declarest thy almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace  
that we, running the way of thy commandments,  
may obtain thy gracious promises  
and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## *Post Communion*

Merciful Lord,  
whose faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice  
which taketh away our sins and bringeth pardon and peace:  
by our communion  
stablish us on the foundation of the gospel  
and preserve us from all sin;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who art always more ready to hear than we to pray,  
and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy,  
forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask,  
but through the merits and mediation  
of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Merciful God,  
who in this holy sacrament hast put away our sins  
and given us thy healing;  
grant that as we are made whole in Christ,  
so we may bring thy healing to this broken world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Green

### Collect

Almighty God,  
who hast called thy Church to witness  
that thou wast in Christ reconciling the world to thyself:  
help us so to proclaim the good news of thy love  
that all who hear it may be drawn unto thee;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

O God our creator,  
who dost feed thy children with the true manna  
which is the living bread from heaven:  
grant that, by this holy food,  
we may be sustained through our earthly pilgrimage  
until we come to that place  
    where hunger and thirst shall be no more;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Green

### Collect

Almighty God,  
whose only Son hath opened for us  
a new and living way into thy presence:  
grant that, with pure hearts and constant wills,  
we may worship thee in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Post Communion

O Lord God,  
who art the source of all truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and in the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Green

### Collect

God, who of thy generous mercy didst send the Holy Spirit  
    upon thy Church in the burning fire of thy love:  
grant that thy people may be fervent  
    in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, ever abiding in thee,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord,  
    thy Church with thy perpetual mercy;  
and, because our human frailty without thee cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

O Lord,  
we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers  
of thy people which call upon thee;  
and grant that they may both perceive and know  
what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Almighty God,  
who hast taught us through thy Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love thee with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
thou hast made us for thyself  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in thee:  
pour thy love into our hearts and draw us to thyself,  
and so bring us at the last to thy heavenly city  
where we shall see thee face to face;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## *Post Communion*

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given to all good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us thy gift of faith  
that, forsaking that which is behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of thy commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

We give thee praise and thanks, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for this sacred feast:  
for here we receive thee,  
here the memory of thy passion is renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,  
and here we are given a pledge of the glory to come,  
when we shall feast at that table where thou reignest  
with all thy saints for ever.

## The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Green

### Collect

O God, forasmuch as without thee  
we are not able to please thee;  
mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Holy and blessed God,  
who dost vouchsafe to feed us  
with the body and blood of thy Son  
and hast filled us with thy Holy Spirit:  
grant that we may honour thee  
not only with our lips  
but in lives dedicated to the service  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity Green

### Collect

O God, giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit welleteth up within thy Church:  
fill us with the gifts of that same Spirit  
to live the gospel of Christ,  
and make us ready to do thy will,  
that we may share with all thy whole creation  
the joys of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

God our Father,  
whose Son, the light unailing,  
hath come from heaven that he may deliver the world  
from the darkness of ignorance:  
may the eyes of our understanding  
be opened through these holy mysteries  
that we, knowing the way of life,  
may walk in it without stumbling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity Green

### Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord,  
to thy faithful people pardon and peace,  
that they may be cleansed from all their sins  
and serve thee with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Father of light,  
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,  
who dost give us every good and perfect gift  
and hast brought us to birth by thy word of truth:  
grant that we may be a living sign of that kingdom  
where thy whole creation will be made perfect  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*If there are twenty-three Sundays after Trinity, the provision  
for the Third Sunday before Lent (page 238) is used on the  
Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.*

## The Last Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Blessed Lord,  
who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
grant that we may in such wise hear them,  
read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them,  
that by patience and comfort of thy holy word,  
we may embrace and ever hold fast  
    the blessed hope of everlasting life,  
which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Most gracious God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew thy people with thy heavenly grace  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by thy true and living bread;  
who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

*1 November*

## All Saints' Day *Gold or White* *Principal Feast*

### *Collect*

O almighty God,  
who hast knit together thine elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
    in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## *Post Communion*

O God,  
the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:  
grant that we, who have shared at this table  
    as strangers and pilgrims here on earth,  
may with all thy saints  
    be welcomed to the heavenly feast  
    in the day of thy kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Fourth Sunday before Advent *Red or Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who hast kindled the flame of love  
    in the hearts of thy saints:  
grant to us, we beseech thee,  
the same faith and power of love  
that we, rejoicing in their triumphs,  
may be sustained by their example and fellowship;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O Lord of heaven,  
who in this sacrament hast brought us near  
    to an innumerable company of angels  
    and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:  
grant that, as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage  
    we have shared their fellowship,  
so we may come to share their heavenly joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Third Sunday before Advent

Red or  
Green

### Collect

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in thy beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

O God of peace,  
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom  
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:  
look with compassion upon the anguish of the world  
and, by thy healing power,  
make whole both people and nations;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

*In years when Remembrance Sunday is observed on the Second Sunday before Advent, the Collect and Post Communion for the Third Sunday before Advent may be used on Remembrance Sunday and the Collect and Post Communion for the Second Sunday before Advent may be used on the Third Sunday before Advent.*

## The Second Sunday before Advent

Red or  
Green

### Collect

O God,  
whose blessed Son was manifested  
that he might destroy the works of the devil  
and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope,  
we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure,  
that when he shall appear again with power and great glory  
we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Spirit,  
he liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Gracious Lord,  
who in this holy sacrament  
dost give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*In years when Remembrance Sunday is observed on the Second Sunday before Advent, the Collect and Post Communion for the Third Sunday before Advent may be used on Remembrance Sunday and the Collect and Post Communion for the Second Sunday before Advent may be used on the Third Sunday before Advent.*

**Christ the King**  
The Sunday next before Advent

Red or  
White

*Collect*

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord,  
the wills of thy faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may of thee be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*This Post Communion may be used as the Collect at Morning and Evening Prayer during this week.*

**Festivals**

**The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**

White

1 January

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose blessed Son was circumcised  
in obedience to the law for our sake  
and given the Name that is above every name:  
give us grace faithfully to bear his Name,  
to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit  
and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour:  
grant that we who have shared  
in this sacrament of our salvation  
may live out our lives in this world  
in the power of the Name that is above every name,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

25 January

## The Conversion of Paul

White

### Collect

O God,  
who through the preaching of the blessed apostle Saint Paul,  
hast caused the light of the gospel  
to shine throughout the world:  
grant, we beseech thee, that we,  
having his wonderful conversion in remembrance,  
may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same,  
by following the holy doctrine which he taught;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion of Apostles and Evangelists

Almighty God,  
who on the day of Pentecost  
didst send thy Holy Spirit to the apostles  
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:  
by the power of the same Spirit  
strengthen us to bear witness to thy truth  
and to draw everyone to the fire of thy love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(or)*

O Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

19 March

## Joseph of Nazareth

White

### Collect

O God our Father,  
who from the house of thy servant David  
didst raise up Joseph the carpenter  
to be the guardian of thine incarnate Son  
and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary:  
give us grace to follow him  
in faithful obedience to thy commands;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Heavenly Father,  
whose Son grew in wisdom and stature  
in the home of Joseph the carpenter in Nazareth  
and on the wood of the cross  
perfected the work of the world's salvation:  
grant us, strengthened by this sacrament of his passion,  
to count the wisdom of this world as foolishness,  
and to walk with him in simplicity and faith;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.

*Collect*

We beseech thee, O Lord,  
pour thy grace into our hearts;  
that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ  
by the message of an angel,  
so by his cross and passion  
we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O God most high,  
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
we give thee thanks that in this sacrament of our redemption  
thou dost visit us with thy Holy Spirit  
and dost overshadow us by thy power;  
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience  
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect*

O God of hosts,  
who didst so kindle the flame of love  
in the heart of thy servant George  
that he bore witness to the risen Lord  
by his life and by his death:  
grant us the same faith and power of love  
that we, who rejoice in his triumphs,  
may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O eternal God,  
who hast given us this holy meal  
in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross  
and the victory of thy martyr George:  
by our communion with Christ  
in his saving death and resurrection,  
grant us with all thy saints the courage to overcome evil  
and so to partake of the fruit of the tree of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(or)*

O God our redeemer,  
whose Church was strengthened  
by the blood of thy martyr George:  
so bind us, in life and in death,  
to the sacrifice of Christ  
that, our lives being broken and offered with his,  
we may carry his death  
and proclaim his resurrection in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

25 April

**Mark**  
Evangelist

Red

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who hast enlightened thy holy Church  
through the inspired witness of thine evangelist Saint Mark:  
grant that we, being rooted and grounded  
in the truth of the gospel,  
may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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1 May

**Philip and James**  
Apostles

Red

*Collect*

O almighty God,  
whom truly to know is everlasting life:  
grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ  
to be the way, the truth and the life;  
that, following the steps of thy holy apostles,  
Saint Philip and Saint James,  
we may steadfastly walk  
in the way that leadeth to eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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14 May

**Matthias**  
Apostle

Red

*Collect*

O almighty God,  
who into the place of the traitor Judas  
didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias  
to be of the number of the twelve apostles:  
grant that thy Church,  
being always preserved from false apostles,  
may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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31 May

**The Visit of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to Elizabeth**

White

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary  
and greeted her as the mother of the Lord:  
look with favour, we beseech thee, on thy lowly servants,  
that, with Mary, we may magnify thy holy name  
and rejoice to acclaim her Son our Saviour,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O gracious God,  
who gavest to Elizabeth and Mary  
joy in recognizing the signs of redemption  
at work within them:  
grant us, who have shared in the joy of this communion,  
knowledge of the Lord deep within us,  
and of his love shining forth in our lives,  
that the world may rejoice in thy salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

11 June

**Barnabas**  
Apostle

Red

### *Collect*

O God, the giver of all good gifts,  
who didst pour out thy Spirit upon thy servant Barnabas  
and gavest him grace to strengthen others:  
grant us, by his example,  
to be generous in our judgements  
and faithful in our service;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

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24 June

**The Birth of John the Baptist**

White

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
by whose providence thy servant John Baptist  
was wonderfully born,  
and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Saviour,  
by preaching of repentance:  
make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life,  
that we may truly repent according to his preaching  
and, after his example,  
constantly speak the truth,  
boldly rebuke vice  
and patiently suffer for the truth's sake;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O merciful Lord,  
whose prophet John the Baptist  
proclaimed thy Son to be the Lamb of God  
who taketh away the sin of the world:  
grant that we, who in this sacrament  
have known thy pardon and thy life-giving love,  
may ever tell of thy mercy and thy peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

29 June

**Peter and Paul**  
Apostles

Red

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul  
glorified thee in their death as in their life:  
grant that thy Church,  
inspired by their teaching and example,  
and made one by thy Spirit,  
may ever stand firm on the one foundation  
which is thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*or, where Peter is celebrated alone*

Almighty God,  
who didst inspire thy apostle Saint Peter  
to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:  
build up thy Church upon this rock,  
that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth  
and follow one Lord, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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(page 276).*

3 July

**Thomas**  
Apostle

Red

*Collect*

Almighty and eternal God,  
who, for the greater confirmation of the faith,  
didst allow thy holy apostle Thomas  
to doubt the resurrection of thy Son  
till word and sight convinced him:  
grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe,  
and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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(page 276).*

22 July

**Mary Magdalene**

White

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose Son restored Mary Magdalene  
to health of mind and body  
and called her to be a witness to his resurrection:  
forgive us our sins, we beseech thee,  
and heal us by thy grace,  
that we may serve thee in the power of his risen life;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Almighty God,  
from whom all life and love proceed,  
whose risen Son called Mary Magdalene by her name,  
sending her to tell his apostles of his resurrection:  
we pray thee in thy mercy to assist us,  
    who have been united with him in this holy communion,  
to proclaim the good news  
    that he liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

*25 July*

**James**  
Apostle

*Red*

### *Collect*

Grant, O merciful God,  
that as thine holy apostle Saint James,  
leaving his father and all that he had,  
without delay was obedient unto the calling  
    of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him:  
so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections,  
may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

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## *6 August*    **The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

*Gold or  
White*

### *Collect*

Heavenly Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured  
before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,  
and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:  
grant us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross  
that in the world to come we may behold him as he is;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O holy God,  
we behold thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
grant that we who are partakers at his table  
may reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*15 August*

## **The Blessed Virgin Mary**

*White*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
who didst look upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and didst choose her to be the mother of thy only Son:  
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood  
may share with her in the glory of thine eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O God most high,  
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
we give thee thanks that in this sacrament of our redemption  
thou dost visit us with thy Holy Spirit  
and dost overshadow us with thy power;  
strengthen us to walk with Mary in the joyful path of obedience,  
that we may bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*24 August*

**Bartholomew**  
Apostle

*Red*

### *Collect*

O almighty and everlasting God,  
who didst give to thine apostle Bartholomew grace  
truly to believe and to preach thy word:  
grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church,  
to love that word which he believed,  
and both to preach and receive the same;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

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*14 September*

**Holy Cross Day**

*Red*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
who in the passion of thy blessed Son  
hast made an instrument of painful death  
to be for us the means of life and peace:  
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ  
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O faithful God,  
whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree  
and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes:  
give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for he is our salvation, our life and our hope,  
who reigneth as Lord, now and for ever.

*21 September*

**Matthew**  
Apostle and Evangelist

*Red*

### *Collect*

O almighty God,  
who by thy blessed Son  
didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom  
to be an apostle and evangelist:  
grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires  
and inordinate love of riches,  
and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

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29 September

**Michael and All Angels**

White

*Collect*

O everlasting God,  
who hast ordained and constituted  
the services of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:  
mercifully grant that,  
as thy holy angels always do thee service in heaven,  
so by thy appointment  
they may succour and defend us on earth;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O Lord of heaven,  
in this sacrament thou hast brought us near  
to an innumerable company of angels  
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:  
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage  
we have shared their fellowship,  
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.

18 October

**Luke**  
Evangelist

Red

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who calledst Luke the physician,  
whose praise is in the gospel,  
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:  
may it please thee that,  
by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him,  
all the diseases of our souls may be healed;  
through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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(page 276).*

28 October

**Simon and Jude**  
Apostles

Red

*Collect*

O almighty God,  
who hast built thy Church upon the foundation  
of the apostles and prophets,  
Jesus Christ himself being the head cornerstone:  
grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit  
by their doctrine,  
that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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(page 276).*

30 November

**Andrew**  
Apostle

Red

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who didst give such grace unto thy apostle Saint Andrew  
that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ  
and followed him without delay:  
grant unto us all that we, being called by thy holy word,  
may forthwith give up ourselves obediently  
to fulfil thy holy commandments;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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26 December

**Stephen**  
Deacon, First Martyr

Red

*Collect*

Gracious Father,  
who gavest to the first martyr Stephen  
grace to pray for those who took up stones against him:  
grant that in all our sufferings for the truth  
we may learn to love even our enemies  
and to seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt,  
looking up to heaven to him who was crucified for us,  
Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Merciful Lord,  
we give thee thanks for the signs of thy mercy  
revealed in birth and death:  
save us, we beseech thee, by the coming of thy Son,  
and grant us joy in honouring Stephen,  
first martyr of the new Israel;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

27 December

**John**     *White*  
Apostle and Evangelist

*Collect*

Merciful Lord,  
we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church,  
that it being enlightened by the doctrine  
of thy blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John  
may so walk in the light of thy truth,  
that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Grant, O Lord God, we beseech thee,  
that the Word made flesh  
proclaimed by thine apostle John  
may, by the celebration of these holy mysteries,  
ever abide and live within us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

28 December

**The Holy Innocents**     *Red*

*Collect*

Heavenly Father,  
whose children suffered at the hands of Herod,  
though they had done no wrong;  
by the suffering of thy Son  
and by the innocence of our lives  
frustrate, we beseech thee, all evil designs  
and establish thy reign of justice and peace;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who in thy humility stooped to share our human life  
even with the most defenceless of thy children:  
grant that we who have received these gifts of thy passion  
may rejoice in celebrating the witness of the Holy Innocents  
to the purity of thy sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross;  
for thou livest and reignest, now and for ever.

## Dedication Festival

Gold or  
White

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication  
of this house of prayer:  
we praise thee for the many blessings  
thou hast given to those who worship thee here:  
and we pray that all who seek thee in this place  
may find thee,  
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,  
may become a living temple acceptable to thee;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Father in heaven,  
whose Church on earth is a sign of thy heavenly peace,  
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:  
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage  
that, fed with the living bread of heaven,  
and united in the body of thy Son,  
we may be the temple of thy presence,  
the place of thy glory on earth,  
and a sign of thy peace in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Lesser Festivals

2 January

### **Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus**

White

*Bishops, Teachers of the Faith, 379 and 389*

#### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose servants Basil and Gregory  
proclaimed the mystery of thy Word made flesh,  
that thy Church might be built up in wisdom and strength:  
grant that we,  
rejoicing in his presence among us,  
may with them be brought to know the power  
    of thine unending love;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### *Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).*

12 January

**Aelred of Hexham**

White

*Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167*

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who didst endow the blessed abbot Aelred  
with the gift of Christian friendship  
and the wisdom to lead others into the way of holiness:  
grant to thy people that same spirit of mutual affection,  
that in loving one another  
we may know the love of Christ  
and rejoice in the eternal possession  
    of thine unsurpassable goodness;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used  
(page 362).*

13 January

**Hilary**

White

*Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367*

**Collect**

Everlasting God,  
whose servant Hilary  
steadfastly confessed thy Son Jesus Christ  
    to be both human and divine:  
grant us his gentle courtesy  
to bring to all the message of redemption  
    in the incarnate Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).*

17 January

**Antony of Egypt**

White

*Hermit, Abbot, 356*

**Collect**

Most gracious God,  
who didst call thy servant Antony to sell all that he had  
and to serve thee in the solitude of the desert:  
grant that we, following his example,  
may learn to deny ourselves  
and to love thee before all things;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used  
(page 362).*

19 January

**Wulfstan**

White

*Bishop of Worcester, 1095*

**Collect**

O Lord God,  
who didst raise up Wulfstan to be a bishop among thy people  
    and a leader in thy Church:  
give us grace, after his example,  
    to live simply,  
    to work diligently,  
    and to make thy kingdom known;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).*

21 January

**Agnes** *Red*  
*Child Martyr at Rome, 304*

*Collect*

Eternal God, Shepherd of thy sheep,  
by whose grace thy child Agnes was strengthened to bear witness,  
in her life and in her death,  
to the true love of her redeemer:  
grant us the power to understand, with all thy saints,  
what is the breadth and length and height and depth  
and to know the love that passeth all knowledge,  
even Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).*

24 January

**Francis de Sales** *White*  
*Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622*

*Collect*

God of all holiness,  
who didst call thy bishop Francis de Sales  
to bring many to Christ through his devout life,  
and to renew thy Church with patience and understanding,  
grant that we may, by word and example,  
reflect thy gentleness and love to all those whom we meet;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).*

26 January

**Timothy and Titus** *White*  
*Companions of Paul*

*Collect*

Heavenly Father,  
who didst send thine apostle Paul to preach the gospel,  
and gavest him Timothy and Titus  
to be his companions in the faith:  
grant that our fellowship in the Holy Spirit  
may bear witness to the name of Jesus,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).*

28 January

**Thomas Aquinas** *White*  
*Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274*

*Collect*

Everlasting God,  
who didst enrich thy Church with the learning and holiness  
of thy servant Thomas Aquinas:  
grant to all who seek thee  
a humble mind and a pure heart  
that they may know thy Son Jesus Christ  
to be the way, the truth and the life;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).*

30 January

**Charles**  
*King and Martyr, 1649*

Red

**Collect**

King of kings and Lord of lords,  
whose faithful servant Charles  
prayed for his persecutors  
and died in the living hope of thine eternal kingdom:  
grant us, by thy grace, so to follow his example  
that we may love and bless our enemies,  
through the intercession of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).*

3 February

**Anskar**  
*Archbishop of Hamburg,  
Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865*

White

**Collect**

Almighty and gracious God,  
who didst send thy servant Anskar  
to spread the gospel among the Nordic people:  
raise up in this our generation, we beseech thee,  
messengers of thy good tidings  
and heralds of thy kingdom,  
that the world may come to know  
the immeasurable riches of our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).*

14 February

**Cyril and Methodius**  
*Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885*

White

**Collect**

O Lord of all,  
who gavest to thy servants Cyril and Methodius  
the gift of tongues to proclaim the gospel to the Slavic people:  
we pray that thy whole Church may be one as thou art one,  
that all who confess thy name may honour one another,  
and that from east and west all may acknowledge  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
and thee, the God and Father of all;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).*

17 February

**Janani Luwum**  
*Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977*

Red

**Collect**

O God of truth,  
whose servant Janani Luwum walked in the light,  
and in his death defied the powers of darkness:  
free us, we beseech thee, from fear of those who kill the body,  
that we also may walk as children of light,  
through him who overcame darkness by the power of the cross,  
Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).*

23 February

**Polycarp**  
*Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c.155*

Red

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who gavest to thy servant Polycarp  
boldness to confess the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ  
before the rulers of this world  
and courage to suffer death for his faith:  
grant that we too may be ready  
to give an answer for the faith that is in us  
and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).*

27 February

**George Herbert**  
*Priest, Poet, 1633*

White

*Collect*

King of glory, king of peace,  
who didst call thy servant George Herbert  
from the pursuit of worldly honours  
to be a priest in the temple of his God and king:  
grant us also the grace to offer ourselves  
with singleness of heart in humble obedience to thy service;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Pastors is used (page 361).*

1 March

**David**  
*Bishop of Menevia, Patron Saint of Wales, c.601*

White

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who didst call thy servant David  
to be a faithful and wise steward of thy mysteries  
for the people of Wales:  
in thy mercy, grant that,  
following his purity of life and zeal for the gospel of Christ,  
we may with him receive the crown of everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
world without end.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).*

2 March

**Chad**  
*Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672*

White

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who, from the first fruits of the English nation  
that turned to Christ,  
didst call thy servant Chad  
to be an evangelist and bishop of his own people:  
grant us grace so to follow his peaceable nature,  
humble spirit and prayerful life,  
that we may truly commend to others  
the faith which we ourselves profess;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).*

7 March

**Perpetua, Felicity  
and their Companions**

*Martyrs at Carthage, 203*

Red

**Collect**

O holy God,  
who gavest great courage to Perpetua,  
Felicity and their companions:  
grant that we may be worthy to climb the ladder of sacrifice  
and be received into the garden of peace;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).*

8 March

**Edward King**

*Bishop of Lincoln, 1910*

White

**Collect**

O God of peace,  
who gavest such grace to thy servant Edward King  
that all whom he met he drew to Christ:  
fill us, we pray, with tender sympathy and joyful faith,  
that we too may draw others  
to know the love which passeth knowledge;  
through him who is the shepherd and guardian of our souls,  
Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).*

17 March

**Patrick**

*Bishop, Missionary, Patron Saint of Ireland, c.460*

White

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who in thy providence chose thy servant Patrick  
to be the apostle of the people of Ireland:  
keep alive in us the fire of faith which he kindled,  
and in this our earthly pilgrimage  
strengthen us to gain the light of everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).*

20 March

**Cuthbert**

*Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687*

White

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who didst call thy servant Cuthbert from following the flock  
to follow thy Son and to be a shepherd of thy people:  
in thy mercy, grant that we may so follow his example  
that we may bring those who are lost home to thy fold;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).*

21 March

**Thomas Cranmer**

Red

*Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556*

**Collect**

Father of all mercies,  
who through the work of thy servant Thomas Cranmer  
didst renew the worship of thy Church  
and through his death  
didst reveal thy strength in human weakness:  
strengthen us by thy grace so to worship thee in spirit and in truth  
that we may come to the joys of thine everlasting kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).*

10 April

**William Law**

White

*Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761*

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who didst call thy servant William Law  
to a devout and holy life:  
grant that by thy spirit of love  
and through faithfulness in prayer  
we may find the way to divine knowledge  
and so come to see the hidden things of God;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).*

19 April

**Alphege**

Red

*Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012*

**Collect**

O merciful God,  
who didst raise up thy servant Alphege  
to be a pastor of thy people  
and gavest him grace to suffer for justice and true religion:  
grant that we who celebrate his martyrdom  
may know the power of the risen Christ in our hearts  
and share his peace in lives offered to thy service;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

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21 April

**Anselm**

White

*Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury,  
Teacher of the Faith, 1109*

**Collect**

O everlasting God,  
who gavest to thy servant Anselm  
singular gifts as a pastor and teacher:  
grant that we, like him,  
may desire thee with our whole heart  
and, so desiring, may seek thee  
and, seeking, may find thee;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).*

29 April

**Catherine of Siena**

White

*Teacher of the Faith, 1380*

**Collect**

O merciful God,  
who gavest to thy servant Catherine of Siena  
a wondrous love of the passion of Christ:  
grant that we thy people may be united to him in his majesty  
and rejoice for ever in the revelation of his glory;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).*

2 May

**Athanasius**

White

*Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373*

**Collect**

Ever-living God,  
whose servant Athanasius bore witness  
to the mystery of the Word made flesh for our salvation:  
give us grace, with all thy saints,  
to contend for the truth  
and to grow into the likeness of thy Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).*

4 May

**English Saints and Martyrs  
of the Reformation Era**

White

**Collect**

O merciful God,  
who, when thy Church on earth was torn apart  
by the ravages of sin,  
didst raise up men and women in this land  
who witnessed to their faith with courage and constancy:  
give unto thy Church that peace which is thy will,  
and grant that those who have been divided on earth  
may be reconciled in heaven  
and be partakers together in the vision of thy glory;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

O God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:  
grant that we, who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth,  
may with all thy saints be welcomed  
to the heavenly feast in the day of thy kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

8 May

**Julian of Norwich**

*Spiritual Writer, c.1417*

White

**Collect**

Most holy God, the ground of our beseeching,  
who through thy servant Julian  
didst reveal the wonders of thy love:  
grant that as we are created in thy nature  
and restored by thy grace,  
our wills may be so made one with thy will,  
and that we may come to see thee face to face  
and gaze on thee for ever;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities  
is used (page 362).*

19 May

**Dunstan**

*Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988*

White

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who didst raise up Dunstan  
to be a true shepherd of the flock,  
a restorer of monastic life  
and a faithful counsellor to kings:  
grant, we beseech thee, to all pastors  
the like gifts of thy Holy Spirit  
that they may be true servants of Christ  
and of all his people;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).*

20 May

**Alcuin of York**

*Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804*

White

**Collect**

O God of wisdom, eternal light,  
who didst shine in the heart of thy servant Alcuin,  
revealing to him thy power and pity:  
scatter the darkness of our ignorance  
that, with all our heart and mind and strength,  
we may seek thy face  
and be brought with all thy saints  
into thy holy presence;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities  
is used (page 362).*

24 May

**John and Charles Wesley**

*Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788*

White

**Collect**

Merciful God,  
who didst inspire John and Charles Wesley  
with zeal for thy gospel:  
grant to all people boldness to proclaim thy word  
and a heart ever to rejoice in singing thy praises;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Pastors is used (page 361).*

25 May

**The Venerable Bede**  
*Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735*

White

*Collect*

Almighty God, maker of all things,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gave to thy servant Bede  
grace to drink in with joy  
the word which leadeth us to know thee and to love thee:  
in thy goodness  
grant that we also may come at length to thee,  
the source of all wisdom,  
and stand before thy face;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used  
(page 362).*

26 May

**Augustine of Canterbury**  
*First Archbishop of Canterbury, 605*

White

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose servant Augustine was sent as the apostle  
of the English people:  
mercifully grant that, as he laboured in the Spirit  
to preach Christ in this land,  
so all who hear thy gospel  
may strive to make thy truth known in all the world;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).*

30 May

**Josephine Butler**  
*Social Reformer, 1906*

White

*Collect*

O God of compassion and love,  
by whose grace thy servant Josephine Butler  
followed in the way of thy Son  
in caring for those in need:  
help us, after her example, to work with strength  
for the restoration of all to the dignity  
and freedom of those created in thine image;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O God our redeemer,  
who didst inspire Josephine Butler to witness to thy love  
and to labour for the coming of thy kingdom:  
grant that we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven,  
may be fired by thy Spirit  
to proclaim the gospel in our daily lives  
and never to rest content until thy kingdom come,  
on earth as it is in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or another Post Communion of 'Any Saint' (pages 365–366) is used.*

1 June

**Justin**  
*Martyr at Rome, c.165*

Red

*Collect*

O God our redeemer,  
who through the folly of the cross  
didst teach thy martyr Justin  
the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ:  
free us, we beseech thee, from every kind of error,  
that we, like him, may be firmly grounded in the faith,  
and make thy name known to all peoples;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*One of the Post Communion of Martyrs is used (page 359).*

5 June

**Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton**  
*Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr, 754*

Red

*Collect*

O God our redeemer,  
who didst call thy servant Boniface  
to preach the gospel among the German people  
and to build up thy Church in holiness:  
grant that we may hold fast in our hearts  
that faith which he taught with his words  
and sealed with his blood,  
and profess it in lives dedicated to thy Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*One of the Post Communion of Martyrs is used (page 359).*

8 June

**Thomas Ken**  
*Bishop of Bath and Wells, Nonjuror, Hymn Writer, 1711*

White

*Collect*

O God, from whom all blessings flow,  
by whose providence we are kept  
and by whose grace we are directed:  
assist us, through the example of thy servant Thomas Ken,  
faithfully to keep thy word,  
humbly to accept adversity  
and steadfastly to worship thee;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).*

9 June

**Columba**  
*Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597*

White

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who didst fill the heart of Columba  
with the joy of the Holy Spirit,  
and with deep love for those in his care:  
grant to thy pilgrim people grace to follow him,  
strong in faith, sustained by hope,  
and made one in the love that binds us to thee;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).*

16 June

**Richard** *White*  
Bishop of Chichester, 1253

*Collect*

Most merciful redeemer,  
who gavest to thy bishop Richard  
a love of learning, a zeal for souls  
and a devotion to the poor:  
grant that, encouraged by his example,  
we may know thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
and follow thee more nearly,  
day by day;  
who livest and reignest with the Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
ever one God, world without end.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).*

22 June

**Alban** *Red*  
First Martyr of Britain, c.250

*Collect*

O eternal Father,  
who, when the gospel of Christ first came to our land,  
didst gloriously confirm the faith of Alban  
by making him the first to win the martyr's crown:  
grant that, following his example in the fellowship of the saints,  
we may worship thee, the living God,  
and faithfully witness to Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).*

23 June

**Etheldreda** *White*  
Abbess of Ely, c.678

*Collect*

O eternal God,  
who didst bestow such grace on thy servant Etheldreda  
that she gave herself wholly to the life of prayer  
and to the service of thy true religion:  
grant that we may in like manner  
seek thy kingdom in our earthly lives,  
that by thy guidance  
we may be united in the glorious fellowship of thy saints;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 362).*

28 June

**Irenæus** *White*  
Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, c.200

*Collect*

O God of peace,  
who through the ministry of thy servant Irenæus  
didst strengthen the true faith and bring harmony to thy Church:  
keep us steadfast in thy true religion  
and renew us in faith and love,  
that we may ever walk in the way  
that leadeth to everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).*

11 July

**Benedict of Nursia**  
*Abbot of Monte Cassino,  
Father of Western Monasticism, c.550*

White

**Collect**

O eternal God,  
who made Benedict a wise master  
in the school of thy service,  
and a guide to many called into the common life  
to follow the rule of Christ:  
grant that we may put thy love above all things,  
and seek with joy the way of thy commandments;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used  
(page 362).*

14 July

**John Keble**  
*Priest, Tractarian, Poet, 1866*

White

**Collect**

Father of the eternal Word,  
in whose encompassing love  
all things in peace and order move:  
grant that, as thy servant John Keble  
adored thee in all creation,  
so we may have a humble heart of love  
for the mysteries of thy Church  
and know thy love to be new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Pastors is used (page 361).*

15 July

**Swithun**  
*Bishop of Winchester, c.862*

White

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
by whose grace we celebrate again  
the feast of thy servant Swithun:  
grant that, as he governed with gentleness  
the people committed to his care,  
so we, rejoicing in our inheritance in Christ,  
may ever seek to build up thy Church in unity and love;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).*

19 July

**Gregory and Macrina**  
*Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess,  
Teachers of the Faith, c.394 and c.379*

White

**Collect**

O Lord of eternity, creator of all things,  
who in thy Son Jesus Christ  
dost open for us the way to resurrection  
that we may enjoy thy bountiful goodness:  
grant that we, who celebrate thy servants Gregory and Macrina,  
may press onwards in faith to thine unbounded love  
and ever wonder at the miracle of thy presence among us;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).*

26 July

**Anne and Joachim**      *White*  
*Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Collect*

O Lord God of Israel,  
who didst bestow such grace on Anne and Joachim  
that their daughter Mary grew up obedient to thy word  
and was made ready to be the mother of thy Son:  
strengthen us to commit ourselves in all things to thy keeping  
and grant us the salvation which thou hast promised to thy people;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O God our Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,  
whose servants Anne and Joachim revealed thy goodness  
in a life of tranquillity and service:  
grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table  
may like them know the love of Christ  
that surpasses knowledge  
and be filled with all thy fullness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or another Post Communion of 'Any Saint' (pages 365–366) is used.*

29 July

**Mary, Martha and Lazarus**      *White*  
*Companions of Our Lord*

*Collect*

O God our Father,  
whose Son delighted in the love of his friends,  
Mary, Martha and Lazarus,  
in learning, argument and hospitality:  
grant to us so to rejoice in thy love  
that the world may come to know  
the depths of thy wisdom, the wonder of thy compassion,  
and thy power to bring life out of death;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ,  
our friend and brother,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O God our Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,  
whose servants Mary, Martha and Lazarus revealed thy goodness  
in a life of tranquillity and service:  
grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table  
may like them know the love of Christ  
that surpasses knowledge  
and be filled with all thy fullness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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30 July

**William Wilberforce**

White

*Social Reformer, 1833*

*Collect*

O God our deliverer,  
who didst send thy Son Jesus Christ  
to set thy people free from the slavery of sin:  
grant that, as thy servant William Wilberforce  
    toiled against the sin of slavery,  
so we may bring compassion to all,  
and work for the liberty of all the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O God our redeemer,  
who didst inspire William Wilberforce to witness to thy love  
and to labour for the coming of thy kingdom:  
grant that we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven,  
may be fired by thy Spirit  
    to proclaim the gospel in our daily lives  
and never to rest content until thy kingdom come,  
on earth as it is in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or another Post Communion of 'Any Saint' (pages 365–366) is used.*

5 August

**Oswald**

Red

*King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642*

*Collect*

O Lord God almighty,  
who didst so kindle the faith of thy servant King Oswald  
    with thy Spirit  
that he set up the sign of the cross in his kingdom  
and turned his people to the light of Christ:  
grant that we, being fired by the same Spirit,  
may ever bear our cross before the world  
and be found faithful servants of the gospel;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).*

8 August

**Dominic**

White

*Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose servant Dominic grew in the knowledge of thy truth,  
and formed an order of preachers to proclaim the faith of Christ:  
by thy grace grant to all thy people a love for thy word  
and a longing to share the gospel,  
that the whole world may be filled with the knowledge of thee  
and of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used  
(page 362).*

9 August

**Mary Sumner**

White

*Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921*

**Collect**

O faithful and loving God,  
who didst call Mary Sumner  
to strive for the renewal of family life:  
grant to us the gift of thy Holy Spirit,  
that through word and prayer and deed  
thy family may be strengthened and thy people served:  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

O God our Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,  
whose servant Mary Sumner revealed thy goodness  
in a life of tranquillity and service:  
grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table  
may like her know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge  
and be filled with all thy fullness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or another Post Communion of 'Any Saint' (pages 365–366) is used.*

10 August

**Laurence**

Red

*Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258*

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who didst make Laurence  
a loving servant of thy people  
and a wise steward of the treasures of thy Church:  
in flame us, by his example, to love as he loved  
and to walk in the way that leads to everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).*

11 August

**Clare of Assisi**

White

*Founder of the Minoresses (Poor Clares), 1253*

**Collect**

O God of peace,  
who in the poverty of the blessed Clare  
gavest us a clear light to shine in the darkness of this world:  
give us grace so to follow in her footsteps  
that we may, at the last, rejoice with her in thine eternal glory;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 362).*

13 August

**Jeremy Taylor**

White

*Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667*

**Collect**

O holy and loving God,  
who dwellest in the human heart  
and makest us partakers of the divine nature  
in Christ our great high priest:  
grant that we,  
having in remembrance thy servant Jeremy Taylor,  
may put our trust in thy heavenly promises,  
and follow a holy life in virtue and true godliness;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).*

20 August

**Bernard**

White

*Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153*

**Collect**

O merciful redeemer,  
who, by the life and preaching of thy servant Bernard,  
didst rekindle the radiant light of thy Church:  
grant that we in our generation  
may be inflamed with the same spirit of discipline and love  
and ever walk before thee as children of light;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).*

27 August

**Monica**

White

*Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387*

**Collect**

O faithful God,  
who didst strengthen Monica, the mother of Augustine,  
with wisdom,  
and by her steadfast endurance  
didst draw him to seek after thee:  
grant us to be constant in prayer  
that those who stray from thee may be brought to faith  
in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

O God our Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,  
whose servant Monica revealed thy goodness  
in a life of tranquillity and service:  
grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table  
may like her know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge  
and be filled with all thy fullness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or another Post Communion of 'Any Saint' (pages 365–366) is used.*

28 August

**Augustine of Hippo**  
*Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430*

White

*Collect*

O merciful Lord,  
who didst turn Augustine from his sins  
to be a faithful bishop and teacher:  
grant that we may follow him in penitence and godly discipline,  
till our restless hearts find their rest in thee;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).*

29 August

**The Beheading of  
John the Baptist**

Red

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who didst call thy servant John the Baptist  
to be in birth and death the forerunner of thy blessed Son:  
strengthen us by thy grace  
that, as he suffered for the truth,  
so may we boldly withstand corruption and vice  
and receive with him the unfading crown of glory;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O merciful Lord,  
whose prophet John the Baptist  
proclaimed thy Son to be the Lamb of God  
who taketh away the sin of the world:  
grant that we who in this sacrament  
have known thy pardon and thy life-giving love,  
may ever tell of thy mercy and thy peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

30 August

**John Bunyan**  
*Spiritual Writer, 1688*

White

*Collect*

O God of peace,  
who didst call thy servant John Bunyan  
to be valiant for truth:  
grant that as strangers and pilgrims  
we may at the last  
rejoice with all Christian people in thy heavenly city;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).*

31 August

**Aidan** *White*  
*Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651*

*Collect*

O everlasting God,  
who didst send thy gentle bishop Aidan  
to proclaim the gospel in this land:  
grant that we may live after his teaching  
in simplicity, humility and love for the poor;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).*

3 September

**Gregory the Great** *White*  
*Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604*

*Collect*

O merciful Father,  
who didst choose thy bishop Gregory  
to be a servant of the servants of God:  
grant that, like him, we may ever desire to serve thee  
by proclaiming thy gospel to the nations,  
and may ever rejoice to sing thy praises;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).*

8 September

**The Birth of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary** *White*

*Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who stooped to raise fallen humanity  
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary:  
grant that we, who have seen thy glory  
revealed in our human nature  
and thy love made perfect in our weakness,  
may daily be renewed in thine image  
and conformed to the pattern of thy Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O God most high,  
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
we give thee thanks that in this sacrament of our redemption  
thou dost visit us with thy Holy Spirit  
and dost overshadow us with thy power;  
strengthen us to walk with Mary  
in the joyful path of obedience,  
that we may bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

13 September

**John Chrysostom**

White

*Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407*

**Collect**

O God of truth and love,  
who gavest to thy servant John Chrysostom  
eloquence to declare thy righteousness in the great congregation  
and courage to bear reproach for the honour of thy name:  
mercifully grant to the ministers of thy word  
such excellence in preaching  
that all people may share with them  
in the glory that shall be revealed;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).*

15 September

**Cyprian**

Red

*Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258*

**Collect**

O holy God,  
who didst bring Cyprian to faith in Christ  
and didst make him a bishop in the Church,  
crowning his witness with a martyr's death:  
grant that, following his example,  
we may love the Church and her doctrine,  
find thy forgiveness within her fellowship,  
and so come to share the heavenly banquet  
which thou hast prepared for us;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).*

16 September

**Ninian**

White

*Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432*

**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who didst call thy servant Ninian to preach the gospel  
to the people of northern Britain:  
raise up, we beseech thee, in this and every land,  
heralds and evangelists of thy kingdom,  
that thy Church may make known the immeasurable riches  
of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).*

17 September

**Hildegard**

White

*Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179*

**Collect**

Most glorious and holy God,  
whose servant Hildegard, strong in the faith,  
was caught up in the vision of thy heavenly courts:  
by the breath of thy Spirit  
open our eyes to glimpse thy glory  
and our lips to sing thy praises with all the angels;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 362).*

20 September

**John Coleridge Patteson**

Red

*First Bishop of Melanesia,  
and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871*

**Collect**

O God of all tribes and peoples and tongues,  
who didst call thy servant John Coleridge Patteson  
to witness in life and death to the gospel of Christ  
amongst the peoples of Melanesia:  
grant us to hear thy call to service  
and to respond with trust and joy  
to Jesus Christ our redeemer,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).*

25 September

**Lancelot Andrewes**

White

*Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626*

**Collect**

O Lord God,  
who didst give Lancelot Andrewes many gifts  
of thy Holy Spirit,  
making him a man of prayer and a pastor of thy people:  
perfect in us that which is lacking in thy gifts,  
of faith, to increase it,  
of hope, to establish it,  
of love, to kindle it,  
that we may live in the light of thy grace and glory;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).*

27 September

**Vincent de Paul**

White

*Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660*

**Collect**

O merciful God,  
whose servant Vincent de Paul,  
by his ministry of preaching and pastoral care,  
brought thy love to the sick and the poor:  
grant to all thy people a heart of compassion,  
that by serving the needs of others  
they may serve thee in word and deed;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used  
(page 362).*

4 October

**Francis of Assisi**

White

*Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226*

**Collect**

O God,  
who ever delightest to reveal thyself  
to the childlike and lowly of heart,  
grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis,  
we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness  
and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used  
(page 362).*

6 October

**William Tyndale**

Red

*Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536*

**Collect**

O Lord, grant to thy people  
grace to hear and keep thy word  
that, after the example of thy servant William Tyndale,  
we may both profess thy gospel  
and also be ready to suffer and die for it,  
to the honour of thy name;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).*

10 October

**Paulinus**

White

*Bishop of York, Missionary, 644*

**Collect**

O God our Saviour,  
who didst send thy servant Paulinus to preach and to baptize,  
and so to build up thy Church in this land:  
grant that, being inspired by his example,  
we may proclaim to the whole world thy truth,  
that with him we may receive the reward  
thou hast prepared for all thy faithful servants;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).*

12 October

**Wilfrid of Ripon**

White

*Bishop, Missionary, 709*

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who didst call our forebears to the light of the gospel  
by the preaching of thy servant Wilfrid:  
grant us, who keep his life and labour in remembrance,  
to glorify thy name  
by following the example of his zeal and perseverance;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).*

13 October

**Edward the Confessor**

White

*King of England, 1066*

**Collect**

O Sovereign God,  
who didst set thy servant Edward  
upon the throne of an earthly kingdom  
and didst inspire him with zeal for the kingdom of heaven:  
grant that we may so confess the faith of Christ  
by word and deed,  
that we may, with all thy saints, inherit thine eternal glory;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

O God our redeemer,  
who didst inspire Edward to witness to thy love  
and to labour for the coming of thy kingdom:  
grant that we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven,  
may be fired by thy Spirit  
to proclaim the gospel in our daily lives  
and never to rest content until thy kingdom come,  
on earth as it is in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or another Post Communion of 'Any Saint' (pages 365–366) is used.*

15 October

**Teresa of Avila**

White

*Teacher of the Faith, 1582*

**Collect**

Merciful God,  
who by thy Spirit didst raise up thy servant Teresa of Avila  
to reveal to thy Church the way of perfection:  
grant that her teaching  
may awaken in us a longing for holiness  
until we attain to the perfect union of love  
in Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).*

17 October

**Ignatius**

Red

*Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c.107*

**Collect**

Feed us, O Lord, with the living bread  
and make us drink deep of the cup of salvation  
that, following the teaching of thy bishop Ignatius,  
and rejoicing in the faith  
with which he embraced the death of a martyr,  
we may be nourished for that eternal life  
which he ever desired;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

*One of the Post Communion of Martyrs is used (page 359).*

19 October

**Henry Martyn** *White*  
*Translator of the Scriptures,  
Missionary in India and Persia, 1812*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who by thy Holy Spirit didst grant to Henry Martyn  
a longing to proclaim the gospel of Christ  
and skill to translate the Scriptures:  
by the same Spirit, give us grace to offer our gifts to thee  
wheresoever thou leadest, not counting the cost;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).*

26 October

**Alfred the Great** *White*  
*King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899*

*Collect*

O God our maker and redeemer,  
we beseech thee of thy great mercy  
and by the power of thy holy cross  
to guide us by thy will and to shield us from our foes,  
that, following the example of thy servant Alfred,  
we may inwardly love thee above all things;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O God our redeemer,  
who didst inspire Alfred to witness to thy love  
and to labour for the coming of thy kingdom:  
grant that we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven,  
may be fired by thy Spirit  
to proclaim the gospel in our daily lives  
and never to rest content until thy kingdom come,  
on earth as it is in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or another Post Communion of 'Any Saint' (pages 365–366) is used.*

29 October

**James Hannington** *Red*  
*Bishop in Eastern Equatorial Africa,  
Martyr in Uganda, 1885*

*Collect*

Most merciful God,  
who didst strengthen thy Church  
by the steadfast courage of thy martyr James Hannington:  
grant that we also,  
thankfully remembering his victory of faith,  
may overcome all that is evil,  
and ever glorify thy holy name;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).*

2 November

## Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Purple

### Collect

Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer,  
grant us, with all the faithful departed,  
the sure benefits of thy Son's saving passion  
and glorious resurrection,  
that, in the last day,  
when thou dost gather up all things in Christ,  
we may with them enjoy the fullness of thy promises;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

O God of love,  
grant that the death and resurrection of Christ  
which we have celebrated in this sacrament  
may bring us, with all the faithful departed,  
into the peace of thine eternal home;  
through Jesus Christ, our rock and our salvation,  
to whom be glory for time and for eternity.

3 November

**Richard Hooker**

White

*Priest, Anglican Apologist, Teacher of the Faith, 1600*

### Collect

O God of peace, the bond of all love,  
who in thy Son Jesus Christ hast made for all people  
thine inseparable dwelling place:  
give us grace that,  
after the example of thy servant Richard Hooker,  
we thy servants may ever rejoice  
in the true inheritance of thine adopted children  
and show forth thy praises now and for ever;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).*

7 November

**Willibrord of York**

White

*Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739*

### Collect

O God the Saviour of all,  
who didst send thy bishop Willibrord from this land  
to proclaim the gospel to many peoples  
and confirm them in their faith:  
strengthen us, we beseech thee,  
to witness to thy steadfast love by word and deed  
so that thy Church may increase and grow strong in holiness;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

*The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).*

8 November

## The Saints and Martyrs of England

White

### Collect

O God,  
whom the glorious company of the redeemed adore,  
gathered from all times and places of thy dominion:  
we praise thee for the saints of our own land,  
and for the lamps that were lit by their holiness;  
and we beseech thee that, at the last,  
we too may be numbered among those who have done thy will  
and declared thy righteousness;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

O God,  
the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:  
grant that we, who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth,  
may with all thy saints be welcomed  
to the heavenly feast in the day of thy kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

10 November

**Leo the Great**

White

*Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 461*

### Collect

O God our Father,  
who madest thy servant Leo strong in the defence of the faith:  
we humbly beseech thee  
so to fill thy Church with the spirit of truth  
that, being guided by humility and governed by love,  
she may prevail against the powers of evil;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).*

11 November

**Martin of Tours**

White

*Bishop of Tours, c.397*

### Collect

Almighty God,  
who didst call Martin from the armies of this world  
to be a faithful soldier of Christ:  
give us grace to follow him  
in his love and compassion for those in need,  
and empower thy Church to claim for all people  
their inheritance as the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).*

13 November

**Charles Simeon** *White*  
Priest, *Evangelical Divine*, 1836

*Collect*

O eternal God,  
who didst raise up Charles Simeon  
to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ  
and inspire thy people in service and mission:  
grant that we, with all thy Church, may worship the Saviour,  
turn away in true repentance from our sins  
and walk in the way of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Pastors is used (page 361).*

16 November

**Margaret of Scotland** *White*  
*Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist,*  
*Reformer of the Church, 1093*

*Collect*

O God, the ruler of all,  
who didst call thy servant Margaret to an earthly throne  
and gavest to her both zeal for thy Church and love for thy people,  
that she might advance thy heavenly kingdom:  
mercifully grant that we who commemorate her example  
may be fruitful in good works  
and attain to the glorious crown of thy saints;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O God our redeemer,  
who didst inspire Margaret to witness to thy love  
and to labour for the coming of thy kingdom:  
grant that we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven,  
may be fired by thy Spirit  
to proclaim the gospel in our daily lives  
and never to rest content until thy kingdom come,  
on earth as it is in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or another Post Communion of 'Any Saint' (pages 365–366) is used.*

17 November

**Hugh** *White*  
*Bishop of Lincoln, 1200*

*Collect*

O God,  
who didst endow thy servant Hugh  
with a wise and cheerful boldness  
and didst teach him to commend to earthly rulers  
the discipline of a holy life:  
give us grace like him to be bold in the service of the gospel,  
putting our confidence in Christ alone,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).*

18 November

**Elizabeth of Hungary**

White

*Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist, 1231*

*Collect*

O Lord God,  
who didst teach Elizabeth of Hungary  
to recognize and to reverence Christ in the poor of this world:  
grant that we, being strengthened by her example,  
may so love and serve the afflicted and those in need  
that we may honour thy Son, the servant king,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Faithful God,  
who didst call Elizabeth of Hungary to thy service  
and gavest her joy in walking the path of holiness:  
we pray that through this holy communion  
in which the vision of thy glory is renewed within us,  
we may all be strengthened to follow the way of perfection  
until we come to see thee face to face;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or another Post Communion of 'Any Saint' (pages 365–366) is used.*

19 November

**Hilda**

White

*Abbess of Whitby, 680*

*Collect*

O eternal God,  
who madest the abbess Hilda to shine as a jewel in our land  
and through her holiness and leadership  
didst bless thy Church with newness of life and unity:  
so assist us by thy grace  
that we, like her, may yearn for the gospel of Christ  
and bring reconciliation to those who are divided;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 362).*

20 November

**Edmund**

Red

*King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870*

*Collect*

O eternal God,  
whose servant Edmund kept faith to the end,  
both with thee and with his people,  
and glorified thee by his death:  
grant us the same steadfast faith,  
that, together with the noble army of martyrs,  
we may come to the perfect joy of the resurrection life;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*One of the Post Communion of Martyrs is used (page 359).*

23 November

**Clement** Red  
*Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c.100*

*Collect*

Eternal Father, creator of all,  
whose martyr Clement bore witness with his blood  
to the love that he proclaimed and the gospel that he preached:  
give us thankful hearts as we celebrate thy faithfulness,  
revealed to us in the lives of thy saints,  
and strengthen us in our pilgrimage as we follow thy Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).*

6 December

**Nicholas** White  
*Bishop of Myra, c.326*

*Collect*

Almighty Father, lover of souls,  
who didst choose thy servant Nicholas  
to be a bishop in the Church,  
that he might give freely out of the treasures of thy grace:  
make us mindful of the needs of others  
and, as we have received, so teach us also to give;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).*

7 December

**Ambrose** White  
*Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397*

*Collect*

Lord God of hosts,  
who didst call Ambrose from the governor's throne  
to be a bishop in thy Church  
and a courageous champion of thy faithful people:  
mercifully grant that, as he fearlessly rebuked rulers,  
so we may with like courage  
contend for the faith which we have received;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).*

8 December

## The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

White

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who stooped to raise fallen humanity  
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary:  
grant that we, who have seen thy glory  
    revealed in our human nature  
and thy love made perfect in our weakness,  
may daily be renewed in thine image  
and conformed to the pattern of thy Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

O God most high,  
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
we give thee thanks that in this sacrament of our redemption  
thou dost visit us with thy Holy Spirit  
and dost overshadow us with thy power;  
strengthen us to walk with Mary  
in the joyful path of obedience,  
that we may bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

13 December

Lucy

Red

Martyr at Syracuse, 304

### Collect

O God our redeemer,  
who gavest light to the world that was in darkness  
by the healing power of the Saviour's cross:  
we beseech thee to shed that light on us  
that with thy martyr Lucy  
we may, by the purity of our lives,  
    reflect the light of Christ  
and, by the merits of his passion,  
    attain to the light of everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).*

14 December

John of the Cross

White

Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1591

### Collect

O God, the judge of all,  
who gavest to thy servant John of the Cross  
a warmth of nature, a strength of purpose  
    and a mystical faith  
that sustained him even in the darkness:  
shed thy light on all who love thee,  
granting them union of body and soul  
in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

*The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).*

29 December

**Thomas Becket**  
Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170

Red

*Collect*

O Lord God,  
who gavest to thy servant Thomas Becket  
grace to put aside all earthly fear  
and be faithful even unto death:  
grant that we, caring not for worldly esteem,  
may fight against evil,  
uphold thy rule,  
and serve thee to our life's end;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).*

 *Common of the Saints*

**The Blessed Virgin Mary**

White

*Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who stooped to raise fallen humanity  
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary:  
grant that we, who have seen thy glory  
revealed in our human nature  
and thy love made perfect in our weakness,  
may daily be renewed in thine image  
and conformed to the pattern of thy Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O God most high,  
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
we give thee thanks that in this sacrament of our redemption  
thou dost visit us with thy Holy Spirit  
and dost overshadow us with thy power;  
strengthen us to walk with Mary  
in the joyful path of obedience,  
that we may bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect*

O almighty God,  
 who hast built thy Church upon the foundation  
 of the apostles and prophets,  
 Jesus Christ himself being the head cornerstone:  
 grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit  
 by their doctrine,  
 that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee;  
 through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
 who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Almighty God,  
 who on the day of Pentecost  
 didst send thy Holy Spirit to the apostles  
 with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,  
 filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:  
 by the power of the same Spirit  
 strengthen us to bear witness to thy truth  
 and to draw everyone to the fire of thy love;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(or)*

O Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
 keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
 united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
 and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
 by whose grace and power thy holy martyr *N*  
 triumphed over suffering and was faithful unto death:  
 strengthen us with thy grace,  
 that we may endure reproach and persecution  
 and faithfully bear witness to the name  
 of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
 who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O eternal God,  
 who hast given us this holy meal  
 in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross  
 and the victory of thy martyr *N*:  
 by our communion with Christ  
 in his saving death and resurrection,  
 grant us with all thy saints the courage to overcome evil  
 and so to partake of the fruit of the tree of life;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(or)*

O God our redeemer,  
 whose Church was strengthened by the blood of thy martyr *N*:  
 so bind us, in life and in death,  
 to the sacrifice of Christ  
 that, our lives being broken and offered with his,  
 we may carry his death  
 and proclaim his resurrection in the world;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect*

O God,  
 who hast enlightened thy Church  
     by the teaching of thy servant *N*:  
 enrich it evermore, we beseech thee, with thy heavenly grace,  
 and raise up faithful witnesses,  
 who by their life and doctrine may set forth to all people  
     the truth of thy salvation;  
 through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
 who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O God of truth,  
 whose Wisdom prepared her table  
 and invited us to eat the bread and drink the wine  
     of the kingdom:  
 help us to lay aside all folly  
 and to walk all our days in the way of discernment,  
 that we may come with *N* to the eternal heavenly feast;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
 who didst call thy servant *N* to proclaim thy glory  
     by a life of prayer and the zeal of a true pastor:  
 keep constant in faith the leaders of thy Church  
 and so bless thy people through their ministry  
 that the Church may grow into the full stature  
     of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*or, for a Bishop*

Almighty God,  
 the light of the faithful and shepherd of souls,  
 who didst call thy servant *N* to be a bishop in the Church,  
 to feed thy sheep by the word of Christ  
 and to guide them by his godly example:  
 give us grace to abide by the faith of the Church  
 and to follow in the footsteps  
     of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
 who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O God, the shepherd of thy people,  
 whose servant *N* showed forth the loving service of Christ  
     in *his/her* ministry as a pastor of thy people:  
 we pray that, by this sacrament in which we share,  
 thou wilt awaken within us the love of Christ  
 and keep us faithful to our calling in his name;  
 through him who laid down his life for us,  
 but liveth and reigneth with thee, now and for ever.

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
 by whose grace *N*,  
 enkindled with the fire of thy love,  
 became a burning and a shining light in the Church:  
 inflame us with the same spirit of discipline and love,  
 that we may ever walk before thee as children of light;  
 through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
 who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Merciful God,  
 who gavest such grace to thy servant *N*  
 that *he/she* served thee with singleness of heart  
 and loved thee above all things:  
 help us, whose communion with thee  
     has been renewed in this sacrament,  
 to forsake all that hinders us from following Christ  
 and to grow into his likeness from glory to glory;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect*

O everlasting God,  
 whose servant *N* carried the gospel of thy Son  
     to the people of ... :  
 mercifully grant that we who commemorate *his/her* service  
 may know the hope of the gospel in our hearts  
 and manifest its light in all our ways;  
 through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
 who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Holy Father,  
 who didst gather us around the table of thy Son  
 that we, with all thy household,  
 might partake of this holy food:  
 in that new world  
     wherein the fullness of thy peace is revealed,  
 gather people of every race and tongue  
 to share with *N* and all thy saints  
 in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect (general)*

Almighty Father,  
who hast built up thy Church  
through the love and devotion of thy saints:  
inspire us to follow the example of *N*  
whom we commemorate this day,  
that we in our generation may rejoice with *him/her*  
in the vision of thy glory;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*or (for Christian rulers)*

Sovereign God,  
who didst call *N* to be a ruler among *his/her* people  
and gavest *him/her* grace to be their servant:  
help us to follow our Saviour Christ  
in the path of humble service,  
that we may see his kingdom set forward on earth  
and enjoy its fullness in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*or (for those working for the poor and underprivileged)*

O merciful God,  
who hast compassion on all that thou hast made,  
and hast enfolded thy whole creation in thy love:  
help us to stand firm for thy truth,  
to strive against poverty,  
and to share thy love with our neighbour,  
that with thy servant *N* we may be instruments of thy peace;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*or (for men and women of learning)*

O God our Father,  
who gavest to thy servant *N* wisdom and discernment  
that *he/she* might fathom the depths of thy love  
and understand thy design for the world that thou hast made:  
grant us the help of thy Holy Spirit,  
that we also may come to a full knowledge of thy purposes  
revealed in thy Son Jesus Christ, our Wisdom and our Life;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*or (for those whose holiness was revealed in marriage and family life)*

O eternal God,  
whose love is revealed in the mystery of the Trinity:  
grant that we, like thy servant *N*,  
may find in our human loving a mirror of thy divine love  
and discern in all thy children our brothers and sisters in Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Faithful God,  
who didst call *N* to thy service  
and gavest *him/her* joy in walking the path of holiness:  
we pray that through this holy communion,  
in which the vision of thy glory is renewed within us,  
we may all be strengthened to follow the way of perfection  
until we come to see thee face to face;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(or)*

O God our redeemer,  
who didst inspire *N* to witness to thy love  
and to labour for the coming of thy kingdom:  
grant that we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven,  
may be fired by thy Spirit

to proclaim the gospel in our daily lives  
and never to rest content until thy kingdom come,  
on earth as it is in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(or)*

O God our Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,  
whose servant *N* revealed thy goodness  
in a life of tranquillity and service:  
grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table  
may like *him/her* know the love of Christ  
that surpasses knowledge  
and be filled with all thy fullness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(or)*

O God,  
the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:  
grant that we, who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth,  
may with all thy saints be welcomed  
to the heavenly feast in the day of thy kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## ¶ *Special Occasions*

*For Collects and Post Communions for Holy Baptism see pages 26  
and 53–61, Wholeness and Healing see pages 609 and 612, Marriage  
see pages 614 and 616 and Funeral see pages 618 and 622.*

### **The Guidance of the Holy Spirit**

*Red*

#### *Collect*

God, who dost teach the hearts of thy faithful people  
by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the same Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*(or)*

Almighty God,  
who hast given thy Holy Spirit to the Church  
to lead us into all truth:  
bless with the Spirit's grace and presence  
the members of this *synod/PCC etc.*;  
keep *us/them* steadfast in faith and united in love,  
that *we/they* may manifest thy glory  
and prepare the way of thy kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### *Post Communion*

God of all power and might,  
by whose Holy Spirit thy people are made new  
in the blessing and sharing of bread and wine:  
grant that we may be transformed by the boldness of the Spirit,  
guided by his gentleness,  
and enabled by his gifts to serve and worship thee,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Rogation Days *White*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
by whose will both earth and sea bear their fruits in due season:  
bless the labours of those who work on land and sea,  
grant us a plenteous harvest  
and the grace always to rejoice in thy fatherly care;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*(or)*

Almighty God and Father,  
who hast ordered our life  
in common dependence one on another:  
prosper those who work in commerce and industry  
and direct their minds and their hands  
that they may rightly use thy gifts in the service of others;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*(or)*

O God our Father,  
who dost never cease from the work that thou hast begun,  
and dost prosper with thy blessing all human labour:  
make us wise and faithful stewards of thy gifts,  
that we may serve the common good,  
maintain the fabric of the world  
and seek that justice where all may share  
the good things thou dost pour upon us;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## *Post Communion*

O God our creator,  
who dost give seed for us to sow and bread for us to eat:  
as thou hast blessed the fruit of our labour in this sacrament,  
so give to all thy children their daily bread,  
that the world may praise thee for thy goodness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Harvest Thanksgiving *Green*

*Harvest Thanksgiving may be celebrated on a Sunday and may replace the provision for that day, provided it does not supersede any Principal Feast or Festival.*

### *Collect*

O eternal God,  
who crownest the year with thy goodness  
and dost give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
give us grace that we may use them to thy glory,  
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## *Post Communion*

Lord of the harvest,  
as with joy we have offered our thanksgiving  
for thy love shown in creation  
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:  
so by thy grace plant within us  
a reverence for all that thou hast given us  
and make us generous and wise stewards  
of those good things which we enjoy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Mission and Evangelism

*Colour  
of the  
Season*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
who hast called thy Church to witness  
that thou wast in Christ reconciling the world to thyself:  
help us so to proclaim the good news of thy love  
that all who hear it may be drawn to thee;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
whose Son Jesus Christ hast sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
so confirm us in this mission  
that our lives may show forth the good news  
    which we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Unity of the Church

*Colour  
of the  
Season*

### *Collect*

Heavenly Father,  
who hast called us in the Body of thy Son Jesus Christ  
to continue his work of reconciliation  
and reveal thee to the world:  
forgive us the sins which tear us apart;  
give us the courage to overcome our fears  
and to seek that unity which is thy gift and thy will;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*(or)*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who didst say to thine apostles,  
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you':  
look not on our sins but on the faith of thy Church  
and grant it the peace and unity of thy kingdom,  
where thou livest and reignest with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
ever one God, world without end.

### *Post Communion*

Eternal God and Father,  
whose Son at supper prayed that his disciples might be one,  
as he is one with thee:  
draw us closer to him,  
that in mutual love and obedience to thee  
we may be united to one another  
in the fellowship of the one Spirit,  
that the world may believe that he is Lord, to thine eternal glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Peace of the World

Colour  
of the  
Season

### Collect

Almighty God,  
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:  
kindle, we pray thee, in every heart  
the true love of peace;  
and guide with thy pure and peaceable wisdom  
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth,  
that in tranquillity thy kingdom may go forward,  
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

O God our Father,  
whose Son is our peace  
and his cross the sign of reconciliation:  
help us, who share the broken bread,  
to draw together that which is scattered  
and to bind up that which is wounded,  
that Christ may bring in the everlasting kingdom of his peace;  
who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

## Social Justice and Responsibility

Colour  
of the  
Season

### Collect

O eternal God,  
in whose perfect realm  
no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness,  
and no strength known but the strength of love:  
so guide and inspire the work of those who seek thy kingdom  
that all thy people may find their strength  
in that love which casteth out fear  
and in the fellowship revealed to us  
in Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Almighty and eternal God,  
to whom we must all give account:  
guide with thy Spirit the ... of this (*city, society, etc.*),  
that *we/they* may be faithful to the mind of Christ  
and seek in all *our/their* purposes to enrich our common life;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Blessed God,  
help us, whom thou hast fed and satisfied by this sacrament,  
to hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
help us that, having here rejoiced with great gladness,  
we may stand with those who are reviled and persecuted;  
help us that, having here received a glimpse of the life of heaven,  
we may ever strive for thy righteous purposes  
and for the coming of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

## Ministry (including Ember Days)

*Red or  
colour of  
the Season*

### *Collect (for the ministry of all Christian people)*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all thy faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
each may serve thee in holiness and truth  
to the glory of thy name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *or (for those to be ordained)*

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts,  
who by thy Holy Spirit hast appointed  
various orders of ministry in thy Church:  
look with mercy on thy servants  
now called to be deacons and priests;  
so maintain them in truth and renew them in holiness,  
that they may faithfully serve thee both in word and deed,  
to the glory of thy name and the benefit of thy holy Church;  
through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *or (for vocations)*

Almighty God,  
who hast entrusted to thy Church  
a share in the ministry of thy Son our great High Priest:  
we pray that by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit  
the hearts of many may be moved to offer themselves  
for the ministry of thy Church,  
and that, strengthened by his power,  
they may work for the increase of thy kingdom

and set forward the eternal praise of thy name;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *or (for the inauguration of a new ministry)*

God our Father, Lord of all the world,  
who through thy blessed Son hast called us  
into the fellowship of thy universal Church:  
hear our prayer for all thy faithful people  
that in their vocation and ministry  
each may be an instrument of thy love,  
and grant to thy servant *N* now to be ... (*installed, inducted, etc.*)  
the needful gifts of grace;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Heavenly Father,  
whose ascended Son gave gifts of leadership and service  
to the Church:  
strengthen us who have received this holy food  
to be good stewards of thy manifold grace;  
through him who came not to be served but to serve,  
and give his life as a ransom for many,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *(or)*

Lord of the harvest,  
who in this sacrament hast fed thy people  
with the fruits of creation sanctified by thy Spirit:  
by thy grace raise up among us faithful labourers  
who shall sow thy word and reap the harvest of souls;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## In Time of Trouble

Colour  
of the  
Season

### Collect

Sovereign God,  
who art the defence of those who trust in thee  
and the strength of those who suffer:  
mercifully look upon our affliction  
and deliver us through the might of our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Almighty God,  
whose Son gave us in this meal a pledge of thy saving love  
and a foretaste of thy just and peaceful kingdom:  
strengthen thy people in their faith  
that they may endure the sufferings of this present time  
in expectation of the glory that shall be revealed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## For the Sovereign

Colour  
of the  
Season

### Collect

Almighty God,  
the fountain of all goodness,  
we pray thee to bless our Sovereign Lady, *Queen Elizabeth*,  
and all who are set in authority under her;  
that they may order all things  
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,  
to the honour and glory of thy name  
and the good of thy Church and people;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace:  
give us grace seriously to lay to heart  
the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions;  
take away our hatred and prejudice  
and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord,  
that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit  
and one hope of our calling,  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of us all,  
so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul,  
united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity,  
and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# A Text of the Lord's Prayer

*This text may be used on suitable occasions*

As we look for the coming of the kingdom, so we pray

*All* 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 for ever.  
Amen.