

Supplementary Texts

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¶ Penitential Material from the Order for the Celebration of Holy Communion

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Summary of the Law

This may be used with or without the congregational response.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

(or)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,
and with all thy strength.
This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this:
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
There is none other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**All Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

1

Hear these commandments which God has given to his people and examine your hearts.

God spake these words and said:

I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt have none other gods but me.

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

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image,
nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above,
or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth.
Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.
[For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God,
and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children
unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me,
and shew mercy unto thousands in them that love me
and keep my commandments.]

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

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

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

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.
Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do;
but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.
[In it thou shalt do no manner of work,
thou, and thy son, and thy daughter,
thy manservant, and thy maidservant,
thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates.
For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that in them is,
and rested the seventh day:
wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.]

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

Honour thy father and thy mother
[that thy days may be long in the land
which the Lord thy God giveth thee].

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

Thou shalt do no murder.

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

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

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

Thou shalt not steal.

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

Thou shalt not bear false witness [against thy neighbour].

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

Thou shalt not covet [thy neighbour's house,
thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant,
nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is his].

All **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

2

Hear these commandments which God has given to his people,
and examine your hearts.

I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit
and in truth.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God.
You shall worship him with awe and reverence.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.

Christ is risen from the dead: set your minds on things that are
above, not on things that are on the earth.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Honour your father and mother.

Live as servants of God; let us work for the good of all,
especially members of the household of faith.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder.

Live peaceably with all; overcome evil with good.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.

Know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not steal.

Be honest in all that you do, and care for those in need.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness.

Let everyone speak the truth.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus:

'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Love your neighbour as yourself, for love is the fulfilling of the law.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

The Beatitudes

Silence is kept between each Beatitude.

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Let us confess our many failures to keep this way of truth and life.

The confession follows without further invitation.

The Comfortable Words

One or more of these sentences may be used

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says
to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11.28*

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish
but have eternal life. *John 3.16*

Hear what Saint Paul says:
This saying is true, and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear what Saint John says:
If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous;
and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2.1,2*

[Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.]

(or)

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith
unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden,
and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11.28*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,
to the end that all that believe in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life. *John 3.16*

Hear what Saint Paul saith:
This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear what Saint John saith:
If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous;
and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2.1,2*

[Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.]

Exhortation

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
as we gather at the Lord's table
we must recall the promises and warnings
 given to us in the Scriptures.
Let us therefore examine ourselves and repent of our sins.
Let us give thanks to God
 for his redemption of the world through his Son Jesus Christ,
and as we remember Christ's death for us,
and receive this pledge of his love,
let us resolve to serve him in holiness and righteousness
all the days of our life.

Invitations to Confession

*The provision made for seasons and Principal Holy Days
(see pages 564–623) may be used at other times when appropriate.*

1
My brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ
in word and sacrament,
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

2
Jesus said:
Before you offer your gift,
go and be reconciled.
As brothers and sisters in God's family,
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

3
Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins,
and are in love and charity with your neighbours,
and intend to lead a new life,
following the commandments of God,
and walking from henceforth in his holy ways:
draw near with faith,
and take this holy sacrament to your comfort;
and make your humble confession to almighty God.

4
*This invitation may be used after the Commandments,
the Comfortable Words or the Exhortation, or may be introduced
by a penitential sentence of Scripture*

You then, who truly and earnestly repent of your sins,
and are in love and charity with your neighbours,
and intend to lead a new life,
following the commandments of God
and walking from henceforth in his holy ways:
draw near with faith,
and take this holy sacrament to your comfort;
and make your humble confession to almighty God.

The confession follows without further invitation.

Confessions

For other authorized confessions, see pages 509–520.

1

All Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.

2

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

3

All Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
we acknowledge and bewail
our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we, from time to time,
most grievously have committed,
by thought, word and deed,
against thy divine majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us;
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of thy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

4

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy spirit from me.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

5

In the wilderness we find your grace;
 you love us with an everlasting love.
 Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

There is none but you to uphold our cause;
 our sin cries out and our guilt is great.
 Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be healed;
 restore us and we shall know your joy.
 Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

6

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
 for they are everlasting.
 Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,
 but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
 according to your steadfast love.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

O keep my soul and deliver me;
 let me not be put to shame, for I have put my trust in you.
 Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For other authorized absolutions, see pages 521–523.

1

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
 who of his great mercy
 hath promised forgiveness of sins
 to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith
 turn unto him:

have mercy upon *you*;
 pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins;
 confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness;
 and bring *you* to everlasting life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

2

May almighty God have mercy on *you*,
 forgive *you your* sins,
 and bring *you* to everlasting life.

All **Amen.**

¶ Other Authorized Forms of Confession and Absolution

The forms of confession in the Order of Holy Communion and Morning and Evening Prayer in The Book of Common Prayer may be used on any occasion. These or one of the forms in the services in Common Worship should normally be used.

It may sometimes be helpful to vary the form on particular occasions, in which case one of the confessions and absolutions which follow should be used. If possible, an absolution should be chosen which reflects the style, in language and length, of the confession. 'Us' and 'our' are said by those who are not ordained priest: words in italics indicate the points where changes may be necessary.

Confessions

Incarnation, Christmas

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Lord of grace and truth,
we confess our unworthiness
to stand in your presence as your children.
We have sinned:

All **forgive and heal us.**

The Virgin Mary accepted your call
to be the mother of Jesus.
Forgive our disobedience to your will.
We have sinned:

All **forgive and heal us.**

Your Son our Saviour
was born in poverty in a manger.
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
We have sinned:

All **forgive and heal us.**

The shepherds left their flocks
to go to Bethlehem.
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.
We have sinned:

All **forgive and heal us.**

The wise men followed the star
to find Jesus the King.
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.
We have sinned:

All **forgive and heal us.**

Lent, Penitence

Let us admit to God the sin which always confronts us.

All **Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.** *cf Psalm 51*
Amen.

Cross, Failure in Discipleship

Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples.
We ask for your mercy and your help.

Our selfishness betrays you:
Lord, forgive us.

All **Christ have mercy.**

We fail to share the pain of your suffering:
Lord, forgive us.

All **Christ have mercy.**

We run away from those who abuse you:
Lord, forgive us.

All **Christ have mercy.**

We are afraid of being known to belong to you:
Lord, forgive us.

All **Christ have mercy.**

*Resurrection, Heaven, Glory,
Transfiguration, Death, Funerals*

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

Trinity, Mission

All **O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Creation, Harvest

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,
in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.
Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.
Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

City, World and Society

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people:
come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid;
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice;
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ,
but have failed to share it with others;
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves;
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

Reconciliation

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:

**All Father,
we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

cf Luke 15

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

All Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

cf Hosea 6

General

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

All God our Father,
long-suffering, full of grace and truth,
you create us from nothing and give us life.
You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.
You do not turn your face from us,
nor cast us aside.
We confess that we have sinned
against you and our neighbour.
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.
Restore us for the sake of your Son,
and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

General

All Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have wandered and strayed from your ways
like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things
that we ought to have done;
and we have done those things
that we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

All **Almighty God,**
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all people,
we acknowledge and confess
the grievous sins and wickedness
which we have so often committed
by thought, word and deed
against your divine majesty,
provoking most justly your anger
and indignation against us.
We earnestly repent,
and are deeply sorry for these our wrongdoings;
the memory of them weighs us down,
the burden of them is too great for us to bear.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father,
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that from this time onwards
we may always serve and please you
in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Man born of woman has but a short time to live.†
 We have our fill of sorrow.
 We blossom like a flower and wither away.
 We slip away like a shadow and do not stay.

All **Holy God,**
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.

In the midst of life we are in death;
 where can we turn for help?
 Only to you, Lord,
 who are justly angered by our sins.

All **Holy God,**
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.

Shut not your ears to our prayers,
 but spare us, O Lord.

All **Holy God,**
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.

You know the secrets of our hearts;
 forgive us our sins.

All **Holy God,**
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.

Eternal and merciful judge,
 both in life and when we come to die,
 let us not fall away from you.

All **Holy God,**
holy and mighty,
holy and merciful Saviour,
do not abandon us to the bitterness of eternal death.

† *or* Those born of women have but a short time to live.

General

All **Almighty God,**
long-suffering and of great goodness:
I confess to you,
I confess with my whole heart
my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;
the hurts I have done to others,
and the good I have left undone.
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;
and raise me to newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

General

All **My God, for love of you**
I desire to hate and forsake all sins
by which I have ever displeased you;
and I resolve by the help of your grace
to commit them no more;
and to avoid all opportunities of sin.
Help me to do this,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Kyrie Confessions

Short sentences may be inserted between the petitions of the Kyrie, suitable for particular seasons or themes. The insertion of such sentences may replace any form of confession, provided that the sentences are of a penitential character and are followed by an authorized form of absolution. Some examples follow. See also pages 505–506.

Spirit

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Word

May your loving mercy come to me, O Lord,
and your salvation according to your word:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light to my path:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

O let your mercy come to me that I may live,
for your law is my delight:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Word

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

City

Lord Jesus, you wept over the sins of your city.
On our city: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division,
jealousy and bitterness.
On us: Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner.
Grant us peace: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Absolutions

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw *us* to himself,
and cleanse *us* from all *our* sins
that *we* may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring *you* his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

All Amen.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse *us* from *our* sins,
and restore *us* in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

May the God of love and power
forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

May the Father forgive *us*
by the death of his Son
and strengthen *us*
to live in the power of the Spirit
all *our* days.

All Amen.

The Lord enrich *you* with his grace,
and nourish *you* with his blessing;
the Lord defend *you* in trouble and keep *you* from all evil;
the Lord accept *your* prayers,
and absolve *you* from *your* offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

All Amen.

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive *us our* sins
and make *us* holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

May God our Father forgive *us our* sins,
and bring *us* to the fellowship of his table
with his saints for ever.

All Amen.

May the God of love
bring *us* back to himself,
forgive *us our* sins,
and assure *us* of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant *you* pardon and forgiveness of all *your* sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive *us our* sins,
open *our* eyes to God's truth,
strengthen *us* to do God's will
and give *us* the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

May almighty God have mercy on *us*,
forgive *us our* sins,
and bring *us* to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

God, the Father of mercies,
has reconciled the world to himself
through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ,
not counting our trespasses against us,
but sending his Holy Spirit
to shed abroad his love among us.
By the ministry of reconciliation
entrusted by Christ to his Church,
receive his pardon and peace
to stand before him in his strength alone,
this day and evermore.

All Amen.

Gospel Acclamations for Ordinary Time

1

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

1 Samuel 3.9; John 6.68

All **Alleluia.**

2

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness

but will have the light of life.

cf John 8.12

All **Alleluia.**

3

Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.

I know them, and they follow me.

cf John 10.27

All **Alleluia.**

4

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

cf John 14.6

All **Alleluia.**

5

Alleluia, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

cf Matthew 4.4

All **Alleluia.**

6

Alleluia, alleluia.

Welcome with meekness the implanted word

that has the power to save your souls.

James 1.21

All **Alleluia.**

7

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

cf 1 Peter 1.25

All **Alleluia.**

Creeds and Authorized Affirmations of Faith

¶ Creeds

At a celebration of Holy Communion, the Apostles' Creed or the Athanasian Creed in an authorized form may be used in place of the Nicene Creed, or an authorized Affirmation of Faith may be used. Suitable words of introduction or conclusion (such as 'Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit') to the Creed or Affirmation of Faith may be used.

The Nicene Creed

The text of the Nicene Creed is printed in the Orders for the Celebration of Holy Communion on pages 399, 439, 460, and 479.

The Nicene Creed may be used responsively as follows

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
**All God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

All Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

**All For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

**All he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

All the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

All With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.

All We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**All We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

An Alternative Text of the Nicene Creed

This text of the Nicene Creed, which omits the phrase 'and the Son' in the third paragraph, may be used on suitable ecumenical occasions

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

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

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

The Apostles' Creed

The origin of the Apostles' Creed is the profession of faith made at baptism. This association may have implications for the occasion when it is used at Holy Communion.

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

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

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

(or)

All I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

The Apostles' Creed may also be used in the following form

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

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

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

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

The Athanasian Creed

*The authorized form of the Athanasian Creed is that contained in
The Book of Common Prayer.*

¶ Authorized Affirmations of Faith

In addition to the Nicene Creed, the Apostles' Creed and the Athanasian Creed, the following forms of the Creeds and these Affirmations of Faith are also authorized.

1

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

2

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ.

All **We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Son of God, is both divine and human.**

God, of the being of the Father,
the only Son from before time began;
human from the being of his mother, born in the world;

All **fully God and fully human;
human in both mind and body.**

As God he is equal to the Father,
as human he is less than the Father.

All **Although he is both divine and human
he is not two beings but one Christ.**

One, not by turning God into flesh,
but by taking humanity into God;

All **truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead,
but by being one person.**

For as mind and body form one human being
so the one Christ is both divine and human.

All **The Word became flesh and lived among us;
we have seen his glory,
the glory of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

from the Athanasian Creed

3

All We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.

We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.

We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.

(May be sung to any 87 87 or 87 87D tune.)

4

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. *cf Philipians 2.6-11*
Amen.

5

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. *cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7*
Amen.

6

We say together in faith

**All Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:

**All for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:

**All for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

**All the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.**

cf Revelation 4.8, 11; 5.9; 22.17, 20

7

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

cf Ephesians 3

¶ A Form for the Corporate Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*when celebrated within a service other than
Baptism or Confirmation*

Notes

- 1 This form should be used only when there has been due notice and proper preparation. It is recommended that it is used no more than once or twice in any one year. Suitable opportunities include Easter, Pentecost, the Baptism of Christ in Epiphany, and the inauguration of a new ministry.
- 2 This form is a corporate affirmation for use within a service. When it is used it replaces the Creed or other Affirmation of Faith.
- 3 Where it is customary for the assembly to be sprinkled with water from the font or to sign themselves with water from the font, this may take place immediately after the Profession of Faith or during a hymn, canticle or song at the conclusion of this form.

A Corporate Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The president may use words of introduction to this part of the service.

A large candle may be lit. The president may address the congregation as follows

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

All I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

All I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

All I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

All I come to Christ.

The president may say

May almighty God who has given you the desire to follow Christ give you the strength to continue in the way.

The Profession of Faith

The president addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

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

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

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

The president says

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptized into your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The president may use the Affirmation of Commitment (page 540).

The president concludes the Renewal of Vows saying

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All Amen.

¶ Affirmation of Commitment

This affirmation of commitment may be used after an authorized Creed or Affirmation of Faith

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

All With the help of God, I will.

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

All With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

All With the help of God, I will.

Intercessions

¶ Forms of Intercession

1

This form may be used either with the insertion of specific subjects between the paragraphs or as a continuous whole, with or without brief biddings addressed to the people before the prayer begins.

Not all paragraphs need to be used on every occasion.

Individual names may be added at the places indicated.

The responses indicated in the service order may be used at appropriate points in the text.

At the end of this form of intercession, silence may be kept and a Collect or other ending may be said (see page 548).

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you promised through your Son Jesus Christ
to hear us when we pray in faith.

Strengthen *N* our bishop and all your Church in the service of Christ,
that those who confess your name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Bless and guide *Elizabeth our Queen*; give wisdom to all in authority;
and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace;
that we may honour one another, and seek the common good.

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours,
that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit ...;
give them courage and hope in their troubles;
and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ ...;
according to your promises,
grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of [*N and of*] all your saints,
we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.

Silence may be kept and a Collect or other ending may be said.

2

This form may be used either with the insertion of specific subjects at the points indicated or as a continuous whole, with or without brief biddings addressed to the people before the prayer begins.

The responses indicated in the service order may be used at appropriate points in the text.

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

O God, the creator and preserver of all,
we pray for people in every kind of need;
make your ways known on earth,
your saving health among all nations ...

We pray for the good estate of the catholic Church;
guide and govern us by your good Spirit,
that all who profess and call themselves Christians
may be led into the way of truth,
and hold the faith in unity of spirit,
in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life ...

We commend to your fatherly goodness
all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed,
in mind, body or estate;
comfort and relieve them in their need,
give them patience in their sufferings,
and bring good out of all their afflictions ...

We remember those who have gone before us
in the peace of Christ,
and we give you praise for all your faithful ones,
with whom we rejoice in the communion of saints ...

All this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake.

All **Amen.**

3

This form is used as a continuous whole without interpolation except, if desired, the inclusion of responses printed in the service order. However, biddings may be addressed to the people before the prayer begins. Not all paragraphs need be used on every occasion.

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Almighty and ever-living God, who by thy holy apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness and peace; and so to direct all kings and rulers, that under them thy people may be godly and quietly governed. And grant unto thy servant *Elizabeth our Queen*, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests and deacons, especially to thy servant *N* our bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments.

Guide and prosper, we pray thee, those who are labouring for the spread of thy gospel among the nations, and enlighten with thy Spirit all places of education and learning; that the whole world may be filled with the knowledge of thy truth.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we commend to thy gracious keeping, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee, according to thy promises, to grant them refreshment, light and peace.

And here we give thee most high praise and hearty thanks for all thy saints, who have been the chosen vessels of thy grace, and lights of the world in their several generations; and we pray that, rejoicing in their fellowship and following their good examples, we may be partakers with them of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate.

All Amen.

4

At the end of this form of intercession, silence may be kept and a Collect or other ending may be said (see page 548).

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Hear our prayers, O Lord our God.

All Hear us, good Lord.

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

All Hear us, good Lord.

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

All Hear us, good Lord.

Enlighten *N* our bishop and all your ministers with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

All Hear us, good Lord.

Give your people grace to hear and receive your word, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All Hear us, good Lord.

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

All Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen those who stand, comfort and help the faint-hearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

All Hear us, good Lord.

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

All Hear us, good Lord.

Guard and strengthen your servant *Elizabeth our Queen*, that she may put her trust in you, and seek your honour and glory.

All Hear us, good Lord.

Endue the High Court of Parliament and all the ministers of the Crown with wisdom and understanding.

All Hear us, good Lord.

Bless those who administer the law, that they may uphold justice, honesty and truth.

All Hear us, good Lord.

Give us the will to use the fruits of the earth to your glory, and for the good of all creation.

All Hear us, good Lord.

Bless and keep all your people.

All Hear us, good Lord.

Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

All Lord, have mercy.

Keep in safety those who travel, and all who are in danger.

All Lord, have mercy.

Heal the sick in body and mind, and provide for the homeless, the hungry, and the destitute.

All Lord, have mercy.

Show your pity on prisoners and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

All Lord, have mercy.

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

All Lord, have mercy.

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, both those who have confessed the faith and those whose faith is known to you alone, and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

All Lord, have mercy.

Silence may be kept and a Collect or other ending may be said.

At the end of this form of intercession, silence may be kept and a Collect or other ending may be said (see page 548).

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For *N* our bishop,
for the leaders of our sister Churches,
and for all clergy and people,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For *Elizabeth our Queen*,
for the leaders of the nations,
and for all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For this community,
for every city, town and village,
and for all the people who live within them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For good weather,
and for abundant harvests for all to share,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel by land, air, or water,
for the sick and the suffering,

[*for ...*]

for prisoners and captives,
and for their safety, health and salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife and need,
and for the absolution of our sins and offences,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Remembering [... *and*]
all who have gone before us in faith,
and in communion with [... *and*] all the saints,
we commit ourselves, one another,
and our whole life to Christ our God;

All to you, O Lord.

Silence may be kept and a Collect or other ending may be said.

¶ *Collects and Other Endings for Intercession*

For use by the president or those leading intercessions.

1

Heavenly Father,
you have promised through your Son Jesus Christ,
that when we meet in his name,
and pray according to his mind,
he will be among us and hear our prayer:
in your love and mercy fulfil our desires,
and give us your greatest gift,
which is to know you, the only true God,
and your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

2

Be with us, Lord, in all our prayers,
and direct our way toward the attainment of salvation,
that among the changes and chances of this mortal life,
we may always be defended by your gracious help;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

3

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom,
you know our needs before we ask,
and our ignorance in asking:
have compassion on our weakness,
and give us those things
which for our unworthiness we dare not,
and for our blindness we cannot ask,
for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

4

Almighty God,
you have promised to hear the prayers
of those who ask in your Son's name;
we pray that what we have asked faithfully
we may obtain effectually;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

5

Almighty God,
by your Holy Spirit you have made us one
with your saints in heaven and on earth:
grant that in our earthly pilgrimage
we may ever be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer,
and know ourselves surrounded by their witness
to your power and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

6

Bring us all to your heavenly city,
to the joyful gathering of thousands of angels,
to the assembly of your firstborn,
to the spirits of the saints made perfect,
to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant
and to the sprinkled blood that promises peace.
Merciful Father

All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

7

Hasten, Lord, the day when people will come
from east and west,
from north and south,
and sit at table in your kingdom
and we shall see your Son in his glory.
Merciful Father ...

8

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

All **Amen.**

Introductions to the Peace

1

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

2

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

3

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy,
that you may be kept safe and blameless
in spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

4

Blessed are the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

5

God is love
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.

6

'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,'
says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them.'

7

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

*The provision made for seasons and Principal Holy Days
(see pages 154–83) may be used at other times when appropriate.*

Prayers at the Preparation of the Table

1

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All **All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

2

Generous God,
creator, redeemer, sustainer,
at your table we present this money,
symbol of the work you have given us to do;
use it, use us,
in the service of your world
to the glory of your name.

All **Amen.**

3

God of life, saviour of the poor,
receive with this money
gratitude for your goodness,
penitence for our pride
and dedication to your service
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

4

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

5

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

All **Amen.**

6

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

All **Amen.**

7

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

All **Amen.**

8

*In this prayer, the texts for single voice need not be spoken by
the president. It will sometimes be appropriate to ask children to
speak them.*

With this bread that we bring
All **we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring
All **we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body,
wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.

All **We shall remember Jesus.**

9

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

10

Blessed be God,
who feeds the hungry,
who raises the poor,
who fills our praise.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

11

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.

All **Amen.**

12

Pour upon the poverty of our love,
and the weakness of our praise,
the transforming fire of your presence.

All **Amen.**

Prefaces for the Sundays before Lent and after Trinity

Short Prefaces

And now we give you thanks
because you are the source of light and life;
you made us in your image
and called us to new life in him.

(or)

And now we give you thanks
because on the first day of the week
he overcame death and the grave
and opened to us the way of everlasting life.

(or)

And now we give you thanks
because by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us in him a new people to show forth your glory.

Extended Preface

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.
This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.
And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.
And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending song of praise:

Words at the Giving of Communion

1

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which was given for you,
preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life.
Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which was shed for you,
preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life.
Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you,
and be thankful.

2

The body of Christ.
The blood of Christ.

3

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.
The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

4

The body of Christ, broken for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

5

The bread of heaven in Christ Jesus.
The cup of life in Christ Jesus.

Supplementary Consecration

If either or both of the consecrated elements are likely to prove insufficient, the president returns to the holy table and adds more, saying these words

Father, having given thanks over the bread and the cup according to the institution of your Son Jesus Christ, who said,
'Take, eat; this is my body'
[and/or 'Drink this; this is my blood'],
we pray that by the power of your Holy Spirit this *bread/wine* also
may be to us his *body/blood*,
to be received in remembrance of him.

or (traditional language)

Father, having given thanks over the bread and the cup according to the institution of thy Son Jesus Christ, who said,
'Take, eat; this is my body'
[and/or 'Drink ye all of this; this is my blood'],
we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit this *bread/wine* also
may be unto us his *body/blood*,
to be received in remembrance of him.

Prayers after Communion

1

All We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.

2

All Faithful God,
in baptism you have adopted us as your children,
made us members of the body of Christ
and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom:
we thank you that in this Eucharist
you renew your promises within us,
empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve,
and send us out as disciples of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

3

All You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you
all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.

4

Almighty and ever-living God,
we thank you that you graciously feed us,
who have duly received these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the body and blood
of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

By this you assure us of your favour and goodness towards us:
we are incorporated into the mystical body of your Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
we are heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom,
by the merits of Christ's precious death and passion.
Assist us with your grace, heavenly Father,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and walk in goodness the way you have prepared for us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Blessings

1

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

2

Christ the good shepherd,
who laid down his life for the sheep,
draw you and all who hear his voice,
to be one flock within one fold;
and the blessing ...

3

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing ...

4

Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread,
make you one in praise and love,
and raise you up at the last day;
and the blessing ...

5

May the Father from whom every family
in earth and heaven receives its name
strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being,
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;
and the blessing ...

6

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;
and the blessing ...

7

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to
eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing ...

¶ Further Blessings

8

God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ,
keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

9

May the Father from whom every family
in earth and heaven receives its name
strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith
[and that, knowing his love,
broad and long, deep and high beyond all knowledge,
you may be filled with all the fullness of God];
and the blessing ...

10

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all humankind,
peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing ...

11

May God, who gives patience and encouragement,
give you a spirit of unity
to live in harmony as you follow Jesus Christ,
so that with one voice you may glorify
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;
and the blessing ...

12

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
and the blessing ...

13

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing ...

14

God the Father,
who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Christ as Lord;
and the blessing ...

15

May God give to you and to all those you love
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing ...

16

The Lord bless *you* and watch over *you*,
the Lord make his face shine upon *you*
and be gracious to *you*,
the Lord look kindly on *you*
and give *you* peace;
and the blessing ...

17

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw *you* to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen *you* in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill *your* hearts;
and the blessing ...

18

May God keep you in all your days.
May Christ shield you in all your ways.
May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.

May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you
and pour upon you blessing and light.

All **Amen.**

19

May God the Father bring us to the home
which his Son prepares for all who love him.

All **Amen.**

May God the Son give us the will
to live for him each day in life eternal.

All **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit give us the assurance
that our citizenship is in heaven
with the blessed and beloved,
and the whole company of the redeemed.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among *you* and remain with *you* always.

All **Amen.**

*The provision made for seasons and Principal Holy Days
(see pages 564–623) may be used at other times when appropriate.*

Seasonal Provisions

From the First Sunday of Advent until Christmas Eve

Invitation to Confession

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

1 Corinthians 4.5

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. *cf Isaiah 40.3-5*

All **Alleluia.**

Introduction to the Peace

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1.78,79*

Eucharistic Prefaces

Short Preface (contemporary language)

And now we give you thanks
because you sent him to redeem us from sin and death
and to make us inheritors of everlasting life;
that when he shall come again in power and great triumph
to judge the world,
we may with joy behold his appearing,
and in confidence may stand before him.

Short Preface (traditional language)

And now we give thee thanks
because thou didst send him to redeem us from sin and death
and to make us inheritors of everlasting life;

that when he shall come again in power and great triumph
to judge the world,
we may with joy behold his appearing,
and in confidence may stand before him.

Extended Preface for use with Eucharistic Prayers A, B and E (from the First Sunday of Advent until 16 December)

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and *saying:*

(from 17 December until Christmas Eve)

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
He is the one foretold by all the prophets,
whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling.
John the Baptist was his herald
and made him known when at last he came.
In his love Christ fills us with joy
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer,
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.
And so, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your glory,
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing ...

Additional Short Preface

John the Baptist

And now we give you thanks
because you prepared the way of your Son Jesus Christ
by the preaching of your servant John the Baptist,
who proclaimed him as the Lamb of God, our Saviour.

This Preface can also be used on 24 June and 29 August.

Solemn Blessings

May God the Father,
who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son,
give you grace to prepare for life eternal.

All **Amen.**

May God the Son,
who comes to us as redeemer and judge,
reveal to you the path from darkness to light.

All **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,
by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ,
help you bear the fruits of holiness.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

(or)

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.

All **Amen.**

May God the Son, coming among us in power,
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.

All **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope and constant in love.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

From Christmas Day until the Eve of the Epiphany

Invitation to Confession

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:
'You shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.'
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

cf Matthew 1.21

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory.

John 1.14

All **Alleluia.**

Introduction to the Peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9.6

Eucharistic Prefaces

Short Preface (contemporary language)

And now we give you thanks
because, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
he took our nature upon him
and was born of the Virgin Mary his mother,
that being himself without sin,
he might make us clean from all sin.

Short Preface (traditional language)

And now we give thee thanks
because, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
he took our nature upon him
and was born of the Virgin Mary his mother,
that being himself without sin,
he might make us clean from all sin.

Extended Preface for use with Eucharistic Prayers A, B and E

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit,
and lived as one of us.
In this mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Blessing

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill
and make you partakers of the divine nature;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Additional Short Prefaces

Incarnation

And now we give you thanks
because in coming to dwell among us as man,
he revealed the radiance of your glory
and brought us out of darkness
into your own marvellous light.

Holy Family

And now we give you thanks
because in his earthly childhood
you entrusted him to the care of a human family.
In Mary and Joseph you give us an example
of love and devotion to him
and also a pattern of family life.

Blessed Virgin Mary

And now we give you thanks
because in choosing the blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son
you have exalted the humble and meek.
Your angel hailed her as most highly favoured;
with all generations we call her blessed
and with her we rejoice and magnify your holy name.

*This Preface can also be used on 31 May, 15 August, 8 September
and 8 December.*

Additional Blessings

Simple Blessing

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ child
be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Solemn Blessing

May the Father,
who has loved the eternal Son
from before the foundation of the world,
shed that love upon you his children.

All **Amen.**

May Christ,
who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with joy and peace.

All **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,
by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer,
give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

From the Epiphany until the Eve of the Presentation

Invitation to Confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins. *cf Titus 2.11-14*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world. *cf 1 Timothy 3.16*

All **Alleluia.**

Introduction to the Peace

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end. *cf Isaiah 9.6,7*

Eucharistic Prefaces

Short Preface (contemporary language)

And now we give you thanks
because, in the incarnation of the Word,
a new light has dawned upon the world,
that all the nations may be brought out of darkness
to see the radiance of your glory.

Short Preface (traditional language)

And now we give thee thanks
because, in the incarnation of the Word,
a new light has dawned upon the world,
that all the nations may be brought out of darkness
to see the radiance of thy glory.

Extended Preface for use with Eucharistic Prayers A, B and E

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.
In the coming of the Magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Additional Blessings

Simple Blessing

Christ our Lord,
to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts,
reveal to you his glory
and pour upon you the riches of his grace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Solemn Blessings

May God the Father,
who led the wise men by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the Light from Light,
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

All **Amen.**

May God the Son,
who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

All **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,
who came upon the beloved Son
at his baptism in the river Jordan,
pour out his gifts on you
who have come to the waters of new birth.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

(or)

May God the Father,
who led the wise men by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the Light from Light,
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

All **Amen.**

May God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness,
give us a place with the saints in light
in the kingdom of his beloved Son.

All **Amen.**

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
shine in your hearts and fill your lives
with his joy and peace.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Invitation to Confession

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:

'I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness
but shall have the light of life.'

Let us therefore bring our sins into his light
and confess them in penitence and faith.

cf John 8.12

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

This child is the light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

cf Luke 2.32

All Alleluia.

Introduction to the Peace

In the tender mercy of our God
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

cf Luke 1.78,79

Eucharistic Prefaces

Short Preface (contemporary language)

And now we give you thanks
because, by appearing in the temple,
he comes near to us in judgement;
the Word made flesh searches the hearts of all your people
and brings to light the brightness of your splendour.

Short Preface (traditional language)

And now we give thee thanks
because, by appearing in the temple,
he comes near to us in judgement;
the Word made flesh searches the hearts of all thy people
and brings to light the brightness of thy splendour.

Extended Preface for use with Eucharistic Prayers A, B and E

It is indeed right and good,
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.
For on this day he appeared in the temple
in substance of our flesh
to come near to us in judgement.
He searches the hearts of all your people
and brings to light the image of your splendour.
Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the nations
while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption.
Destined for the falling and rising of many,
he was lifted high upon the cross
and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart
when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.
And now we rejoice and glorify your name
that we, too, have seen your salvation
and join with angels and archangels
in their unending hymn of praise:

Blessing

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

**From Ash Wednesday
until the Saturday after
the Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Invitation to Confession

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

cf Psalm 51.17

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts. *cf Psalm 95.3,7,8*

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Introduction to the Peace

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace. *Romans 5.1,2*

Eucharistic Prefaces

Short Preface (contemporary language)

And now we give you thanks
because you give us the spirit of discipline,
that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace,
as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery
with mind and heart renewed.

Short Preface (traditional language)

And now we give thee thanks
because thou dost give us the spirit of discipline,
that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace,
as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery
with mind and heart renewed.

Extended Preface for use with Eucharistic Prayers A, B and E

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and *saying*:

Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing ...

Additional Blessing

May God the Father,
who does not despise the broken spirit,
give to you a contrite heart.

All Amen.

May Christ,
who bore our sins in his body on the tree,
heal you by his wounds.

All Amen.

May the Holy Spirit,
who leads us into all truth,
speak to you words of pardon and peace.

All Amen.

And the blessing ...

The Annunciation of Our Lord

Invitation to Confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins. *cf Titus 2.11-14*

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
The Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory. *John 1.14*

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

(Note: If the Annunciation falls in Easter, use the text provided for Christmas.)

Introduction to the Peace

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1.78,79*
(In Easter, add Alleluia.)

Eucharistic Prefaces

Short Preface (contemporary language)

And now we give you thanks
because, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
he took our nature upon him
and was born of the Virgin Mary his mother,
that being himself without sin,
he might make us clean from all sin.

Short Preface (traditional language)

And now we give thee thanks
because, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
he took our nature upon him
and was born of the Virgin Mary his mother,
that being himself without sin,
he might make us clean from all sin.

Extended Preface for use with Eucharistic Prayers A, B and E

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
We give you thanks and praise
that the Virgin Mary heard with faith the message of the angel,
and by the power of your Holy Spirit
conceived and bore the Word made flesh.
From the warmth of her womb
to the stillness of the grave
he shared our life in human form.
In him new light has dawned upon the world
and you have become one with us
that we might become one with you
in your glorious kingdom.
Therefore earth unites with heaven
to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:

Blessing

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

From the Fifth Sunday of Lent until the Wednesday of Holy Week

Invitation to Confession

God shows his love for us
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith. *Romans 5.8*

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and given him the name that is above every name. *Philippians 2.8,9*

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Introduction to the Peace

Once we were far off,
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near
through the shedding of Christ's blood,
for he is our peace. *Ephesians 2.13*

Eucharistic Prefaces

Short Preface (contemporary language)

And now we give you thanks
because, for our salvation,
he was obedient even to death on the cross.
The tree of shame was made the tree of glory;
and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

Short Preface (traditional language)

And now we give thee thanks
because, for our salvation,
he was obedient even to death on the cross.
The tree of shame was made the tree of glory;
and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

Extended Preface for use with Eucharistic Prayers A, B and E

It is indeed right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.
The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.
He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and *saying*:

Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Additional Short Preface

The Holy Cross

And now we give you thanks
because for our sins he was lifted high upon the cross,
that he might draw the whole world to himself;
and, by his suffering and death,
became the source of eternal salvation
for all who put their trust in him.

This Preface can also be used on 14 September.

Maundy Thursday

Invitation to Confession

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:

'If you love me, keep my commandments.'

'Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.'

Let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love,
and ask him to cleanse us. *cf John 14.15; 13.8*

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:

Love one another as I have loved you. *cf John 13.34*

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Introduction to the Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

cf John 14.27

Eucharistic Prefaces

Short Preface (contemporary language)

And now we give you thanks
because, having loved his own who were in the world,
he loved them to the end;
and on the night before he suffered,
sitting at table with his disciples,
he instituted these holy mysteries,
that we, redeemed by his death
and restored to life by his resurrection,
might be partakers of his divine nature.

Short Preface (traditional language)

And now we give thee thanks
because, having loved his own who were in the world,
he loved them to the end;
and on the night before he suffered,
sitting at table with his disciples,
he instituted these holy mysteries,
that we, redeemed by his death
and restored to life by his resurrection,
might be partakers of his divine nature.

Extended Preface for use with Eucharistic Prayers A, B and E

It is indeed right to give you thanks,
Father most holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For on this night he girded himself with a towel
and, taking the form of a servant,
washed the feet of his disciples.
He gave us a new commandment
that we should love one another as he has loved us.
Knowing that his hour had come,
in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples
to be a memorial of his passion,
that we might proclaim his death until he comes again,
and feast with him in his kingdom.
Therefore earth unites with heaven
to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:

There is no blessing at the end of the Maundy Thursday liturgy.

Additional Short Preface

Blessing of the Oils

And now we give you thanks
because by your Holy Spirit
you anointed your only Son to be servant of all
and ordained that he should enter
into his kingdom through suffering.
In your wisdom and love you call your Church to serve the world,
to share in Christ's suffering and to reveal his glory.

From Easter Day until the Eve of the Ascension

Invitation to Confession

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

1 Corinthians 5.7,8

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All Alleluia.

cf Revelation 1.17,18

Introduction to the Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

John 20.19,20

Eucharistic Prefaces

Short Preface (contemporary language)

But chiefly are we bound to praise you
because you raised him gloriously from the dead.
For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,
and has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he has destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

Short Preface (traditional language)

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee
because thou didst raise him gloriously from the dead.
For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,
and has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he has destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

Extended Preface for use with Eucharistic Prayers A, B and E

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Additional Short Prefaces

And now we give you thanks
because in his victory over the grave a new age has dawned,
the long reign of sin is ended,
a broken world is being renewed
and humanity is once again made whole.

(or)

And now we give you thanks
because through him you have given us eternal life
and delivered us from the bondage of sin
and the fear of death
into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

(traditional language)

And now we give thee thanks
because through him thou hast given us eternal life,
and delivered us from the bondage of sin
and the fear of death
into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Additional Blessings

Simple Blessings

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Solemn Blessing

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

All **Amen.**

God the Son,
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

All **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Ascension Day

Invitation to Confession

Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed into the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God,
let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith,
and make our confession to our heavenly Father.

Hebrews 4.14; 10.22

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord.

Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

All Alleluia.

cf Matthew 28.19,20

Introduction to the Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father.' Alleluia.

John 14.27,28

Eucharistic Prefaces

Short Preface (contemporary language)

And now we give you thanks
because, after his most glorious resurrection,
he appeared to his disciples,
and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us;
that where he is, thither we might also ascend,
and reign with him in glory.

Short Preface (traditional language)

And now we give thee thanks
because, after his most glorious resurrection,
he appeared to his disciples,
and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us;
that where he is, thither we might also ascend,
and reign with him in glory.

Extended Preface for use with Eucharistic Prayers A, B and E

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ the King of glory.
Born of a woman,
he came to the rescue of our human race.
Dying for us,
he trampled death and conquered sin.
By the glory of his resurrection
he opened the way to life eternal
and by his ascension,
gave us the sure hope
that where he is we may also be.
Therefore the universe resounds with Easter joy
and with choirs of angels we sing for ever to your praise:

Blessing

Christ our ascended King pour upon you the abundance of his gifts
and bring you to reign with him in glory;
and the blessing ...

Additional Blessing

God the Father,
who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.

All Amen.

God the Son,
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,
plead for you at the right hand of the Father.

All Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,
make you faithful servants of Christ our King.

All Amen.

And the blessing ...

From the day after Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost

Invitation to Confession

What God has prepared for those who love him,
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;
for the Spirit searches everything.
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

1 Corinthians 2.9,10

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

All **Alleluia.**

Introduction to the Peace

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

cf 2 Corinthians 1.22

Eucharistic Prefaces

Short Preface (contemporary language)

And now we give you thanks
that, after he had ascended far above all heavens,
and was seated at the right hand of your majesty,
he sent forth upon the universal Church your holy and
life-giving Spirit;
that through his glorious power the joy of the everlasting gospel
might go forth into all the world.

Short Preface (traditional language)

And now we give thee thanks
that, after he had ascended far above all heavens,
and was seated at the right hand of thy majesty,
he sent forth upon the universal Church thy holy and
life-giving Spirit;
that through his glorious power the joy of the everlasting gospel
might go forth into all the world.

Extended Preface for use with Eucharistic Prayers A, B and E on days between Ascension Day and Pentecost

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For he is our great high priest
who has entered once for all
into the heavenly sanctuary,
evermore to pour upon your Church
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.
He is the one who has gone before us,
who calls us to be united in prayer
as were his disciples in the upper room
while they awaited his promised gift,
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.
Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

(on the Day of Pentecost only)

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.
This day we give you thanks
because in fulfilment of your promise
you pour out your Spirit upon us,
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,
and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.
Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,
to proclaim your gospel to all nations
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.
Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,
to proclaim the glory of your name,
for ever praising you and saying:

Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;
and the blessing ...

Additional Blessing

Solemn Blessing

May the Spirit,
who hovered over the waters when the world was created,
breathe into you the life he gives.

All **Amen.**

May the Spirit,
who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us,
make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

All **Amen.**

May the Spirit,
who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Trinity Sunday

Invitation to Confession

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,
all slander and malice,
and confess our sins to God our redeemer. *cf Ephesians 4.30,32*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come,
the Almighty. *cf Revelation 1.8*

All **Alleluia.**

Introduction to the Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.
The peace of the triune God be always with you.

Eucharistic Prefaces

Short Preface (contemporary language)

And now we give you thanks
because you have revealed the glory of your eternal fellowship
of love with your Son and with the Holy Spirit,
three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour,
yet one God,
ever to be worshipped and adored.

Short Preface (traditional language)

And now we give thee thanks
because thou hast revealed the glory of thine eternal fellowship
of love with thy Son and with the Holy Spirit,
three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour,
yet one God,
ever to be worshipped and adored.

Extended Preface for use with Eucharistic Prayers A, B and E

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit
you are one God, one Lord.
All that you reveal of your glory,
the same we believe of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality.
We, your holy Church, acclaim you,
Father of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
Three Persons we adore,
one in being and equal in majesty.
And so with angels and archangels,
with cherubim and seraphim,
we sing for ever of your glory:

Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing ...

Additional Blessing

Solemn Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you:

All **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you:

All **Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace:

All **Amen.**

Numbers 6.24-26

The Lord God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
the holy and undivided Trinity,
guard you, save you,
and bring you to that heavenly city,
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Additional Short Prefaces

Transfiguration

And now we give you thanks
because the divine glory of the incarnate Word
shone forth upon the holy mountain
before the chosen witnesses of his majesty;
and your own voice from heaven proclaimed your beloved Son.

(traditional language)

And now we give thee thanks
because the divine glory of the incarnate Word
shone forth upon the holy mount
before the chosen witnesses of his majesty;
and thine own voice from heaven proclaimed thy beloved Son.

Michael and All Angels

Through him the archangels sing your praise,
the angels fulfil your commands,
the cherubim and seraphim continually proclaim your holiness;
the whole company of heaven glorifies your name
and rejoices to do your will.
Therefore we pray that our voices may be heard with theirs,
for ever praising you and saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord ...**

Dedication

And now we give you thanks
for your blessing on this house of prayer,
where through your grace we offer you the sacrifice of praise
and are built by your Spirit into a temple made without hands,
even the body of your Son Jesus Christ.

(traditional language)

And now we give thee thanks
for thy blessings on this house of prayer,
where we are stirred to faithful witness
and are built up by thy Spirit into a temple made without hands,
even the body of thy Son Jesus Christ.

(or)

Though the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee,
and thy glory is in all the world,
thou dost deign to hallow places for thy worship,
and in them dost pour forth gifts of grace upon thy faithful people.

All Saints' Day

Invitation to Confession

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith. *Hebrews 12.1*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,
called out of darkness into his marvellous light. *1 Peter 2.9*

All Alleluia.

Introduction to the Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace
to those who were far off and those who were near.
Ephesians 2.19,17

Eucharistic Prefaces

Short Preface (contemporary language)

And now we give you thanks
for the glorious pledge of the hope of our calling
which you have given us in your saints;
that, following their example and strengthened by their fellowship,
we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
and with them receive the unfading crown of glory.

Short Preface (traditional language)

And now we give thee thanks
for the glorious pledge of the hope of our calling
which thou hast given us in thy saints;
that, following their example and strengthened by their fellowship,
we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
and with them receive the unfading crown of glory.

Extended Preface for use with Eucharistic Prayers A, B and E

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
We, your holy Church, acclaim you.
In communion with angels and archangels,
and with all who served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and *saying:*

Blessing

God, who has prepared for us a city with eternal foundations,
give you grace to share the inheritance of the saints in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Additional Blessing

May God,
who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

All Amen.

May he give you joy in their fellowship
and a share in their praises.

All Amen.

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness
and to come to the full radiance of glory.

All Amen.

And the blessing ...

**From the day after All Saints' Day
until the day before
the First Sunday of Advent**

Invitation to Confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith. *cf Matthew 3.2*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven. *Luke 19.38*

All **Alleluia.**

Introduction to the Peace

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. *Colossians 3.14,15*

Eucharistic Prefaces

Short Preface (contemporary language)

And now we give you thanks
that he is the King of glory,
who overcomes the sting of death
and opens the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
He is seated at your right hand in glory
and we believe that he will come to be our judge.

Short Preface (traditional language)

And now we give thee thanks
that he is the King of glory,
who overcomes the sting of death
and opens the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
He is seated at thy right hand in glory
and we believe that he will come to be our judge.

Extended Preface for use with Eucharistic Prayers A, B and E

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy
that we should always sing of your glory,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For you are the hope of the nations,
the builder of the city that is to come.
Your love made visible in Jesus Christ
brings home the lost,
restores the sinner
and gives dignity to the despised.
In his face your light shines out,
flooding lives with goodness and truth,
gathering into one in your kingdom
a divided and broken humanity.
Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation
we glorify your name,
for ever praising you and saying:

(on the Feast of Christ the King only)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For with the oil of gladness
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.
As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.
As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
that he may bring before your infinite majesty
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.
And so with angels and archangels
and all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Blessing

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing ...

On Saints' Days

Invitation to Confession

The saints were faithful unto death
and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom for ever.
As we celebrate their joy,
let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses,
and ask for his mercy.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I have called you friends, says the Lord,
for all that I have heard from my Father
I have made known to you.

cf John 15.15

All Alleluia.

or, in Lent

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
I have called you friends, says the Lord,
for all that I have heard from my Father
I have made known to you.

cf John 15.15

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Introduction to the Peace

May the God of peace sanctify you:
may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness
that you may be blameless before him
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.

1 Thessalonians 5.23; 3.13

Eucharistic Prefaces

Short Preface (contemporary language)

And now we give you thanks
that your glory is revealed in [*N and*] all the saints.
In their lives you have given us an example of faithfulness to Christ.
In their holiness we find encouragement and hope.
In our communion with them we share the unity of your kingdom.

Short Preface (traditional language)

And now we give thee thanks
that thy glory is revealed in [*N and*] all the saints.
In their lives thou hast given us an example of faithfulness to Christ.
In their holiness we find encouragement and hope.
In our communion with them we share the unity of thy kingdom.

Extended Preface for use with Eucharistic Prayers A, B and E

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
We rejoice in the glorious splendour of your majesty
for you have given us a share with *N*
in the inheritance of the saints in light.
In the darkness of this passing age
they proclaim the glory of your kingdom.
Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards the city of eternal light
where they sing the everlasting song of triumph.
In communion with angels and archangels
and all who have served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voices to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and *saying*:

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints
in faith and hope and love;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Additional Short Prefaces

Any Saint (traditional language)

who in the righteousness of thy saints
hast given us an example of godly living,
and in their blessedness a glorious pledge
of the hope of our calling,
that, being encompassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses,
we may run with patience the race that is set before us,
and with them receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Apostles and Evangelists

And now we give you thanks
because your Son Jesus Christ after his resurrection
sent forth his apostles and evangelists
to preach the gospel to all nations
and to teach us the way of truth.

Martyrs

And now we give you thanks
that in the witness of your martyrs
who follow Christ even to death
you reveal your power made perfect in our human weakness.

For the Holy Cross, see page 583.

For the Blessed Virgin Mary, see page 570.

For John the Baptist, see page 566.

Additional Blessings

Simple Blessings

God give you grace to share the inheritance of his saints in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

(or)

God give you grace to follow his saints
in faith and truth and gentleness;
and the blessing ...

Solemn Blessings

God,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation,
to know the hope to which he has called you.

All Amen.

God,
who has shown you a pattern of holy living and holy dying
in the lives of the saints,
bring you to share their glorious inheritance.

All Amen.

God,
who calls you no longer strangers
but fellow citizens with the saints,
set your hearts and minds on things above,
where Christ is seated at God's right hand.

All Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

(or)

May God the Father bring us to the home
which his Son prepares for all who love him.

All Amen.

May God the Son give us the will
to live for him each day in life eternal.

All Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit give us the assurance
that our citizenship is in heaven
with the blessed and beloved,
and the whole company of the redeemed.

All Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

¶ *Further Short Prefaces and Blessings*

Short Prefaces

Ministry

And now we give you thanks
because within the royal priesthood of your Church
you ordain ministers to proclaim the word of God,
to care for your people
and to celebrate the sacraments of the new covenant.

Unity

And now we give you thanks
because of the unity that you have given us in your Son
and that you are the God and Father of us all,
above all and through all and in all.

Blessings

Harvest/Creation

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use them to his glory and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing ...

May God who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the sky,
who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water,
who multiplied loaves and fishes and changed water into wine,
lead us, feed us, multiply us,
and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator
through all eternity;
and the blessing ...

Ministry

Almighty God,
who for the salvation of the world
gives to his people many gifts and ministries
to the advancement of his glory,
stir up in you the gifts of his grace,
sustain each one of you in your own ministry;
and the blessing ...