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.

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.
From Christmas Day until the Eve of the Epiphany

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.

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.
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.

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.

From the Epiphany until the Eve of the Presentation

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.

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

And now we give you thanks because, by appearing in the temple, he comes near to us in judgment; the Word made flesh searches the hearts of all your people and brings to light the brightness of your splendor.
From Ash Wednesday until the Saturday after the Fourth Sunday of Lent

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.

The Annunciation of Our Lord

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.

Music for Short Prefaces (Contemporary)
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.

And now we give you thanks because for our sins he was lifted high up on 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.
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.
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

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.

(or)
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.
Ascension Day

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.

From the day after Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost

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.

*Trinity Sunday*

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 splendor,

yet one God, ever to be worshipped and adored.
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.

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:

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.
All Saints’ Day

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.

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

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.
On Saints’ Days

And now we give you thanks

that your glory is revealed in 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.

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.

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.
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.
Sundays before Lent and after Trinity

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.
Initiation
Baptism or Confirmation Services

And now we give you thanks

because by water and the Holy Spirit

you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord,

you raise us to new life in him

and renew in us the image of your glory.

Wholeness and Healing

1 For general use

And now we give you thanks

because you call us out of darkness into your marvelous light,

and by the power of your redeeming love you make us whole,

that we may be the first-fruits of your new creation.
And now we give you thanks

that, taking upon himself our human nature,

he shared our joy and our tears, bore all our sickness,

and carried all our sorrows.

Through death he brought us to the life of his glorious resurrection,

giving for frailty eternal strength,

and restoring in us the image of your glory.
And now we give you thanks
that you have shown the greatness of your love for us
by sending him to share our human nature
and accomplish our forgiveness.

He embraces us in our weakness,
he suffers with the sick and the rejected,
and, bringing your healing to the world,
he rescues us from every evil.
4 For general use

And now we give you thanks that through him the sick are healed:

the lame walk, and the out-cast are brought home;

the blind regain their sight, the deaf hear,

the poor receive good news

and the dead are raised to life.

5 For use in particular sickness
(especially when the sick have been anointed)

And now we give you thanks

because you provide medicine to heal our sickness,

and the leaves of the tree of life for the healing of the nations,

anointing us with your healing power

so that we may be the first-fruits of your new creation.
Marriage

And now we give you thanks

because you have made the union between Christ and his Church

a pattern for the marriage between husband and wife.

Funeral

And now we give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In him who rose from the dead our hope of resurrection dawned.

The sting of death has been removed

by the glorious promise of his risen life.
And now we give you thanks

because through him you have given us

the hope of a glorious resurrection;

so that, although death comes to us all,

yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life;

for to your faithful people life is changed, not taken away;

and when our mortal flesh is laid aside

an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven.