Music for the Eucharistic Prayers

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Introduction

Singing the opening dialogue, preface, Sanctus and conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer has been part of the received tradition of the Church since the earliest times. The President’s Edition of Common Worship accordingly contains a music supplement with settings of Eucharistic Prayers A, B, C and E to chants derived from the traditional melodies of the Church of England, based principally on Sarum tones. There are also three examples of new settings (of Prayers D, F and G) prepared especially for Common Worship. Settings of Eucharistic Prayers F and G to the traditional chant melodies may be found in the Common Worship area of the Church of England web site.

Contents of this Section

The present volume is intended to include everything needed by the president for a celebration of Holy Communion according to Order One (contemporary language) on Festivals, Lesser Festivals and Special Occasions. This music section completes that provision. For Prayers A, B, C and E (the prayers with which the Prefaces and Extended Prefaces contained in this volume may be used), there is provision for the singing of the dialogue, preface and doxology to the traditional chant melodies. This includes provision for Proper Prefaces. The settings are by Father Peter Allan CR.

In order to keep this section within manageable proportions, some material has not been included. For Prayer B, only the dialogue, preface, acclamations and doxology are set to music, and not the whole prayer as in the President’s edition. For each Festival and Special Occasion and for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (the only Lesser Festival for which one of the Commons is not used), one Preface and one Extended Preface have been set, and for each Common no more than two.
Singing the Chant

All the chants are presented at modal pitch, with C as the notional reciting note. However, the G clef (devised for the President’s edition of Common Worship) is a reminder that this pitch is relative rather than absolute. In most cases, the president will wish to sing these chants at a lower pitch, most likely beginning the dialogue on D, E flat, E or F (with a principal reciting note of G, A flat, A or B flat) according to the range of the voice.

The chant should be sung flowingly at a steady speaking pace, bearing in mind the shape and stress of the text; hollow notes are provided where the reciting pitch is unchanged, and doubled black notes indicate suggested lengthening or weighted sound. Often this will be roughly equivalent to doubling the length of the note. At the end of a phrase such as ‘Lift up your hearts’, which has two notes set to ‘hearts’, both notes are slightly lengthened, with the second sung more gently than the first.

For those Common Prefaces in which the saint’s name comes at the end of a line, alternative settings are provided for names of one, two, three or four syllables. In the case of three-syllable names there are two alternatives – one for those in which the first syllable is stressed and one for use where the stress is on the second syllable.
Eucharistic Prayers

Proper Prefaces are to be found on pages 385–459.

Prayer A

If an Extended Preface (pages 407–459) is used, it replaces all words between the opening dialogue and the Sanctus.

The Lord be with you R. and also with you.

(or)

The Lord is here. R. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,

at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,

ho-ly Father, heavenly King, almighty and e-ter-nal God,

through Je-sus Christ your Son our Lord.
The following may be omitted if a Short Proper Preface is used

For he is your living Word;

through him you have created all things from the beginning,

and formed us in your own image.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,

giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;

you raised him from the dead

and exalted him to your right hand on high.

To you be glory and praise for ever.
Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

The Sanctus follows and the president continues with the Eucharistic Prayer (page 237).

For the acclamations, see page 378.
The Prayer continues (page 239) and leads into the doxology

Through him, and with him, and in him,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,

we worship you, Father almighty,

in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honor and glory and power

be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The service continues with the Lord’s Prayer on page 230.
Prayer B

If an Extended Preface (pages 407–459) is used, it replaces all words between the opening dialogue and the Sanctus.

The Lord be with you R. and also with you.

(or)

The Lord is here. R. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right to give thanks and praise.

Fa-ther, we give you thanks and praise

through your be-loved Son Je-sus Christ,

your living Word, through whom you have cre-a-ted all things;

who was sent by you in your great good-ness to be our Sa- viour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,

he lived on earth and went about among us;

he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;

he put an end to death by dying for us;

and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;

so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate

Therefore with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,

for ever praising you and saying:

The Sanctus follows and the president continues with the Eucharistic Prayer (page 241).
One of these four acclamations is used

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

(or)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

(or)

Christ is the bread of life:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

(or)

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the world.
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Prayer continues (page 242) and leads into the doxology

The service continues with the Lord’s Prayer on page 230.
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Prayer C

The Lord be with you. R. and also with you.

(or)

The Lord is here. R. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,

at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,

ho-ly Father, hea-ven-ly King,

almighty and eternal God, through Je-sus Christ our Lord.
Short Proper Preface, when appropriate

[or, when there is no Proper Preface]

For he is our great high priest, who has loosed us from our sins

and has made us to be a royal priesthood to you,

our God and Father.]

Therefore with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,

for ever praising you and saying:

The Sanctus follows and the president continues with the Eucharistic Prayer (page 244).

For the acclamations, see page 378.
The Prayer continues (page 245) and leads into the doxology

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 230.
Prayer E

The Lord be with you. R. and also with you.

(or)

The Lord is here. R. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right to give thanks and praise.

Here follows an Extended Preface (pages 407–459) or the following

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

The Sanctus follows and the president continues with the Eucharistic Prayer (page 248). For the acclamations, see page 378.
The Prayer continues (page 249) and leads into the doxology

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The service continues with the Lord’s Prayer on page 230.
The Conversion of Paul

And now we give you thanks

because you have highly exalted him,

and given him the name which is above all other names,

that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.

The Conversion of Paul

And now we give you thanks

because your Son Jesus Christ can call to his service

even those who persecute your Church,

and send them forth to the nations to preach the gospel,

teaching them the way of truth.
Joseph of Nazareth

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.
The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

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.
Day of Thanksgiving for the Holy Communion
(Corpus Christi)

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.
The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary (page 396).

The Birth of 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.

Peter and Paul, Apostles

Common of Apostles and Evangelists (page 397).
Mary Magdalene

And now we give you thanks that Mary Magdalene, who followed Christ in love, was first to announce to his apostles that he had risen from the dead.

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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.
Holy Cross Day

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.
**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 singing:

**Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr**

And now we give you thanks

for the example of your chosen servant Stephen;
as a deacon he preached the good news of your kingdom;

he saw your glory, and as the first martyr

he committed his spirit to the Saviour.

**John, Apostle and Evangelist**

And now we give you thanks

for the grace and truth shown forth

in John, your evangelist and apostle;

by the light of Christ’s appearing

we behold your glory

and are born again to life eternal.
The Holy Innocents

And now we give you thanks

for the witness of the infants who died cruelly,

not knowing the new-born Christ

that your grace might be made perfect in human weakness,

and the way of salvation prepared in our sinful world.

Dedication Festival

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.
The Faithful Departed

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.
Common of the Saints

The 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.

with all generations we call her blessed

and with her we rejoice and magnify your holy name.

The Preface for The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary (page 387) may also be used.
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.

(or)

And now we give you thanks

because you formed your Church on the apostles

to stand firm for ever,

as a sign on earth of your infinite holiness

and the living gospel for all to hear.
Martyrs

And now we give you thanks

that in the witness of your martyr N,

who followed Christ even to death,

you reveal your power made perfect in our human weakness.

Teachers of the Faith

And now we give you thanks

that N became a teacher in your Church

through the gifts of the Holy Spirit of Christ.

His/her learning shines as a burning light,

a guide for all who follow the way to eternal life.
Bishops and other Pastors

And now we give you thanks

(1 syllable)

for the work of your grace in the life of Saint N.

(2 syllables)

for the work of your grace in the life of Saint N - N.

(3 syllables)

for the work of your grace in the life of Saint N-N-N.

(4 syllables)

for the work of your grace in the life of Saint N-N-N - N.

As a shepherd of your flock he imitated your Son,

inspired us by his life

and taught us by his preaching.
Members of Religious Communities

(1 syllable)

\[ \text{And now we give you thanks for N} \]

(2 syllables)

\[ \text{And now we give you thanks for N - N} \]

(3 syllables)

\[ \text{And now we give you thanks for N-N-N} \]

(4 syllables)

\[ \text{And now we give you thanks for N-N-N - N} \]

\[ \text{and all who have consecrated their lives to Christ} \]

\[ \text{for the sake of the king-dom;} \]

\[ \text{for in them you show us your sav-ing love} \]

\[ \text{and call us back to ho-li-ness.} \]
And now we give you thanks that your servant

was called by your Spirit

to preach the gospel to the nations

and to bring to your people the glorious light of your truth.
Any Saint; Holy Men and Women

And now we give you thanks

that your glory is re-vealed in [N and] all the saints.

In their lives you have given us

an example of faith-ful-ness to Christ.

In their holiness we find en-cour-age-ment and hope.

In our communion with them we share the u-ni-ty of your king-dom.
(or)

And now we give you thanks

for the work of your grace in the life of Saint

for the work of your grace in the life of Saint

for the work of your grace in the life of Saint

and that by the same grace you lead us in the way of holiness,

setting before us the vision of your glory.
Special Occasions

The Guidance of the Holy Spirit

And now we give you thanks

because by the Holy Spirit you lead us into all truth,

and give us power to proclaim your gospel to the nations,

and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Rogation Days

And now we give you thanks

for your ancient promise that while the earth endures,

seed-time and harvest, cold and heat,

summer and winter, day and night, will never cease.
The Unity of the Church

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.

The Peace of the World

And now we give you thanks because you have anointed your Son as the Messiah, the light of the nations, And revealed him as the hope of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.
Ministry (including Ember Days)

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.
The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,

mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We praise you that on the eighth day

he was circumcised in obedience to the law of Moses,

that he might fulfil the law and reveal to us your grace and truth.

For here is foreshadowed

his perfect self-offering upon the cross,

the shedding of his blood to set us free from sin and death.

In baptism we die with him and are raised in him,

that we might walk in newness of life,

and proclaim the wonders of his saving name.
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:

The Conversion of Paul

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our joy,

at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,

holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For on this day he called to his service

the blasphemer and persecutor of your Church.
Saul, who had resisted your grace,
became Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles.

Because he was faithful and true in his ministry,
you made him an example of patient service,
to instruct in the way of eternal life
all those who heard his preaching and believed your word.

Now, therefore, he who became your chosen instrument
for the salvation of the nations
has made us also eager to proclaim your mercy,
and sing in union
with all the powers of heaven the joyful hymn of your praise:
Joseph of Nazareth

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere
to give you thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today we honour Joseph,
the just man whom you gave as husband
to the Virgin Mother of your Son,
the wise and faithful servant
whom you placed over your household.

With a father’s love he cared for Jesus, your only Son,
conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit.
Through Christ the choirs of angels and all the powers of heaven
worship in awe before your presence.

May our voices blend with theirs,
as they sing with joy the hymn of your glory:

The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
ho-ly Father, almighty and e-ter-nal God,

through Je-sus 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:

Day of Thanksgiving for the Holy Communion
(Corpus Christi)

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise

holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

through Jesus Christ our great high priest.

He offered himself to you as the Lamb without blemish,

the acceptable gift that gives you perfect praise.
At the Last Supper, seated with his apostles,

he left this memorial of his passion

to bring us its saving power until the end of time.

In this great sacrament you feed your people

and strengthen them in holiness,

so that throughout the world the human family

may be enlightened by one faith

and drawn together in communion of love.

We come to this foretaste of your heavenly banquet

to be transformed by your grace

and restored in the image and likeness of the risen Christ.
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:

The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation,
almighty Father, everliving God,
to proclaim the wonders you have worked in all your saints,

and on this feast of Mary, ever blessed,
to echo her praise of your loving kindness.
For you have truly done great things and holy is your name,

and your mercy is on those who fear you

in every generation.

When you looked with favour on your lowly servant

you remembered your promise of mercy

and gave the world through her

your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Through him the hosts of heaven adore you

and rejoice in your presence for ever.

May our voices join with theirs

in the triumphal hymn of praise:
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.

Among those born of women

you marked out John the Baptist with your special favour

as the one who prepared the way before your Son.

His birth brought great rejoicing;

even in the womb he leapt for joy, so near was our salvation.
A. lone of all the pro-phets,

John hailed the Lamb who takes a-way the sin of the world.

He baptized Jesus, the author of bap-tism,
in waters made ho-ly by the one bap-tized.

By shed-ding his blood

he gave his last and great-est wit-ness to your Son.

And so with angels and arch-an-gels

and all the heavenly host we proclaim your glo-ry

and join in their un-end-ing hymn of praise:
Peter and Paul, Apostles


Mary Magdalene

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation,

to praise you, the all-powerful Father, in every season,

and on this holy day to celebrate the glory of your saints.

In Mary Magdalene you kindled a fire of love

for Christ, whose word had set her free.

You gave her the courage of love

to follow him even to the cross.
Seeking her teacher after his death,

so great was her longing

that you made her the first to behold him risen from the dead,

and the first to announce to the apostles

his new and glorious risen life.

Her words still ring through-out your Church,

to strengthen faith and encourage hope

in those who gather faithfully for prayer.

And so with her, and all the citizens of heaven,

we join our voices to acclaim your glory

in this their joyful hymn of praise:
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 our Lord.
For on this day he revealed his glory
before his chosen witnesses
and filled with divine splendour
the human flesh in which he is one with us.
So he prepared his disciples to bear the scandal of the cross
and showed that in the Church, his body,
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 our Lord.

Holy Cross Day

the same glory would be fulfilled
that shone forth from him, its head.
And so with joyful hearts we echo on earth
the song of the angels in heaven
as they praise your glory without end:
To-day we celebrate with songs of praise

the cross, the victory-sign of Christ.

Once through the fruit of the forbidden tree we fell,

now through this tree our Saviour cancels all our sin.

An instrument of shameful death

has become for Christ a throne of glory.

The power of the life-giving cross

reveals the judgement that has come upon the world

and the triumph of Christ crucified.

And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host,

we proclaim your glory and join their unending hymn of praise:

Holy Cross Day 423
Michael and All Angels

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

You reveal your wise purpose for the salvation of the human race

by assigning to the angels and archangels

the ministry of your steadfast love and protection.

While they contemplate your glory,

standing before you and singing your praise,

they keep a faithful vigil for us,

guarding us along the way that leads to life.
and guiding us towards the kingdom of your light.

In joyful gladness we unite our voices with theirs

and sing the ageless hymn of your praise:

### Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,

mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For love of us fallen sinners

he most wonderfully and humbly chose to be made human,

and to take our nature upon him,

so that we might be born again by your Spirit

and restored in your image.
The love that brought him down to earth

lifted your martyr Ste-phen from earth to hea-ven.

By that love he spoke your word with wisdom and the Spi-rit;

by that love he saw your glory and Je-sus at your right hand;

by that love he overcame the anger of his ac-cu-sers

and for-gave their cruel-ty;

by that love he committed his spirit in-to your hands

and won the crown of right-eous-ness.

There-fore with all the angels of hea-ven

we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name

and sing our joy-ful hymn of praise:
John, Apostle and Evangelist

All glory and honour be yours always and every-where,

might unequal, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is the Word before all crea-tion,

the Life made mani-fest,

the Light who shines in the dark-ness.

He is the living Bread who has come down from heaven,

the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for the sheep,

the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

He stands among us in his risen power,

and shows us his hands and his side.
With joy we worship him as our Lord and our God.

Therefo re with all the angels of heav en

we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name

and sing our joy ful hymn of praise:

The Holy Innocents

All glory and honour be yours always and ev ery where,

mighty creator, ever living God, through Je sus Christ our Lord.

In love for our fal len hu man race,

you sent your Son into the world to ligh ten our darkness.

In his life,

he rejoiced in the innocence and beauty of children;
in his death,
he carried in his body the violence and cruelty of our world;
in his resurrection
he brought life and salvation to his people
and began the new creation.
As our ascended and merciful high priest,
he hears our cries and knows our grief;
and will come as universal Lord to whom all must give account.
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:

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Dedication Festival

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our joy,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

almighty and eternal Father,

enthroned upon the praises of your people.

We thank you for this house of prayer,

in which you bless your family as we come to you in pilgrimage.

Here you reveal your presence in sacramental signs

and make us one with you through the unseen bond of grace.

Here you build your temple of living stones,

and bring the Church to its full stature

as the body of Christ throughout the world,
to reach its perfection at last in the heavenly city of Je-ru-sa-le\textsuperscript{m}

which is the vi-sion of your peace.

There-fore, in union with the heavenly Je-ru-sa-le\textsuperscript{m},

with angels in joyful assembly,

with all whose names are written in heaven,

and with the spirits of the righteous made per-fect,

we lift up our voices to join in the tri-um-phal song of praise.
Bless-ed are you, gracious God, creator of hea-ven and earth,
giver of life, and con-quer-or of death.
By his death on the cross, your Son Je-sus Christ
of-fered the one true sac-ri-fice for sin,
break-ing the power of e-vil and put-ting death to flight.
Through his re-sur-rection from the dead
you have given us new birth into a liv-ing hope,
into an inheritance which is imperishable, un-de-filed, and un-fa-ding.
The joy of resurrection fills the universe,

and so we join with angels and archangels,

with all your faithful people,

evermore praising you and singing:
Common of the Saints

The Blessed Virgin Mary

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation, all-mighty Father, ever-living God, to give you thanks and praise for the work of your grace in the Blessed Virgin Mary.

For by the overshadowing of your Holy Spirit she conceived and bore the Word made flesh.

At the cross she kept her vigil,

and saw the saving work of your Son brought to its perfection.

She rejoiced in his resurrection,

and joining her prayers to those of the apostles,

was filled with the gift of your promised Spirit.
In her you show us the greatness of your love,

and the wonderful purpose you intend for all your children.

Therefore we join our voice with hers,

and all the company of heaven,

as they sing with joy the hymn of your glory:

The Extended Prefaces for The Visitation (page 415–416) and The Annunciation (pages 411–412), and the Extended Preface for Christmas (President’s Edition, pages 725–726) may also be used.

It is indeed right and good

that we should give you thanks, praise and glory,

almighty and everlasting God,

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For after his resurrection
he sent out his apostles and evangelists
to preach the gospel to all nations
and lead us in the way of truth.
Himself the chief cornerstone,
he founded his Church upon the apostles
firmly to stand forever
as a sign of your holiness upon earth
and a living witness to all
of the way that leads to heaven.
And so with angels and archangels

and with all the company of heaven

we lift our voices and join in their un-ending hymn of praise:

**Martyrs**

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For following the example of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
your holy martyr N shed his/her blood for the glory of your name.
It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

His/her death reveals your power

made perfect in our humanity.

You choose the weak and make them strong

in bearing witness to you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With joyful hearts we echo on earth

the song of the angels in heaven

as they praise your glory without end:

(or)

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
and to praise the wonder of your work

revealed in the lives of N (N) and all your ho-ly mar-tyrs.

Before the foundation of the u-ni-verse

you chose them in Christ as your wit-nes-ses,

to glori fy your name

and reveal before the world the light of your truth.

By the Holy Spirit you gave them great cou rage

so that in the weakness of this mor tal bo dy

they might conquer death and o ver come its power.

And so we join with them and all the powers of hea ven

to glorify your holy name in this their joy ful hymn of praise:
Teachers of the Faith

It is truly right and good, our duty and our sal-va-tion,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,

Lord, holy Father,

almighty and eternal God, through Je-sus Christ our Lord.

For he has named his Church

the salt of the earth and light of the world;

a city set on a hill which can-not be hid-den.

Within this faithful company

your servant N became a learn-ed teach-er

through the gifts of the Ho-ly Spi-rit of Christ,

that all might welcome his/her teaching as your gift,
a beacon on the path of ho-li-ness that leads to e-ter-nal life.

As now we celebrate his/her me-mo-ry

we join with angels and arch-an-gels

and all who have served you on earth

and worship you now in hea-ven

to raise our voices and proclaim your glo-ry

for ever prais-ing you and sing-ing:
Bishops and other Pastors

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 our Lord.

Today we honour N, who in your loving providence
enabled your Church to grow in spirit as the body of Christ.

To your children

he faithfully proclaimed the good news of salvation

and nourished them by ministering your sacraments.

Through a pastor’s love he led your people to share your grace

and witness to the world
in the communion of one true faith

and in the work of self-less chari-ty.

On this his feast, we join with him to praise you

and in the company of angels and all the host of hea-ven

we sing for ev-er of your glo-ry:

Members of Religious Communities

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our sal-va-tion,

al-ways and everywhere to give you thanks,

holy Father,

almighty and eternal God, through Je-sus Christ our Lord.
This day we honour you in Saint N,
who consecrated his/her life to Christ
for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.

In him/her you show us your saving love
as you call the human race back to its first holiness,
and invite us to taste on earth the gifts of the world to come.

In communion with angels and archangels,
and 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 singing:
Missionaries

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,

Lord, holy Father,

almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has never ceased to call disciples;

he sends them to bring salvation
to the nations by the light of the gospel.

For this work your servant N was set apart by the Spirit;
in faith and obedience he/she went to peoples far away.
You called *him/her* to be all things to everyone

as a minister of your word,

so that in your sight the nations

might become a holy sacrifce, acceptable to you.

And so we join with all your saints to sing of your great glory

in this their joyful hymn of praise:
Any Saint; Holy Men and Women

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
ho-ly Father, almighty and e-ter-nal God,
through Je-sus Christ your Son our Lord.

We rejoice in the glorious splendour of your ma-jes-ty
for you have given us a share with N [or: with N__]
in the in-he-ri-tance of the saints in light.

In the darkness of this pas-sing age
they proclaim the glo-ry of your king-dom.
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 singing:
The Guidance of the Holy Spirit

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
al-ways and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Je-sus Christ our Lord.
For he is our great high priest who has entered once for all
in-to the heav’n-ly sanc-tua-ry,
ev-er-more to pour up-on your Church
the grace and com-fort of your Ho-ly Spi-rit.
He is the one who has gone be-fore us,
who calls us to be u-ni-ted in prayer
as were his disciples in the upper room

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The Guidance of the Holy Spirit

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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:

Rogation Days

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,

almighty God and Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

Through him you have created us in your own image,

and made us stewards of your good creation.

Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air,

the lilies of the field,
the precious and life-giving crops of the earth.

Through him you free us from the slavery of sin,

giving him to die upon the cross

and to rise again for our salvation.

Through him, you begin your work of new creation,

as we look for a new heaven and a new earth

in which your righteousness dwells.

Therefore, we join with angels and archangels,

and give voice to every creature under heaven,

for ever praising you and singing:

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Fa-ther, we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
be-cause you are God al-migh-ty,
creator of the world and all that is in it.
Through him you made the whole hu-man race
and in him you show us the my-ste-ry of your pur-pose.
In him you will bring all things together under him as head,
all things in heaven, all things on earth.
Through him we have heard the word of truth,
the good news of sal-va-tion,
and you have marked us with the seal of your pro-mised Spi-rit.
We who were once far off
have been brought near by the blood of Christ,
for he is the peace between us
and has broken down the barrier of hostility.
He has made of us one new humanity
and reconciled us to you by the cross.
Through him with angels and archangels
and all the company of heaven,
we come before you, Father, by the Holy Spirit,
for ever praising you and singing:
The Unity of the Church

Fa-ther, all-powerful and ever-liv-ing God,

we do well always and ev-ery-where

to give you thanks through Je-sus Christ our Lord.

By him, your only Son,

who restored us to peace through the blood of his cross,

you willed to re-con-cile all crea-tures.

In him you have led us to the knowledge of your truth,

that bound together by one faith and one bap-tism

we might be-come his bo-dy.
Through him you have given your Holy Spirit to all peoples
to work marvels by innumerable gifts
and an abundant variety of graces.
Gathering us together in unity,
your Spirit dwells in the hearts of all your children,
filling the whole Church with his presence
and guiding it with wisdom from above.
And so, with steadfast love, we proclaim your glory
and join with hosts of angels
in their triumphant hymn of praise:
The Peace of the World

Living God, Father of light,

hope of nations, friend of sinners,

builder of the city that is to come;

your love is made visible in Jesus Christ,

you bring home the lost, restore the sinner

and give dignity to the despised.

In the face of Jesus Christ your light shines out,

flood ing lives with goodness and truth,

gathering into one a divided and broken humanity.
With people from every race and nation,
with the Church of all the ages,
with apostles, evangelists and martyrs
we join the angels of heaven in their unending song;
It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks through your servant Jesus Christ our Lord.

At his baptism he was revealed as your beloved Son and coming among us as one who serves, he taught that they are greatest in your kingdom who make themselves least and the servants of all.

Although he was their teacher and their Lord, he washed the feet of his disciples, and commanded us to do the same.
Through your Holy Spirit you bestow upon your people

a rich di-ver-si-ty of gifts and min-is-tries,

and from this royal priesthood

you raise up men and women to pro-claim your word,

to care for your people

and to be the ste-wards of the my-ste-ries of Christ.

You call them to serve the world your Son re-deemed

and build up his body, the Church,

to the great-er glo-ry of your name.

And so with angels and archangels and all the heaven-ly host,

we proclaim your glory and join their un-end-ing hymn of praise: