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COMMON WORSHIP: ADDITIONAL COLLECTS

Report by the Liturgical Commission

Background

1. In July 2001, the General Synod passed a motion noting ‘criticisms of the new collects for *Common Worship*’, and in the light of this criticism called on the House of Bishops to commission ‘additional collects for each Sunday and feast day in the liturgical year in a worthy contemporary idiom’. During the debate a range of criticisms were made. It was clear that there was a widespread desire for an additional set to be authorized as soon as was reasonably possible.
2. Following the debate, the Liturgical Commission conducted a consultative process, using a simple questionnaire, to ascertain the range of criticisms which were being levelled at the existing *Common Worship* collects. This initially involved the chairs and secretaries of Diocesan Liturgical Committees, who in turn were encouraged to consult as widely as possible within their own dioceses.
3. The House of Bishops duly commissioned an additional set of collects at its meeting in October 2001.
4. The Liturgical Commission accepts that there is a widespread demand within the Church of England for these additional collects to be authorized and published as soon as possible. Conscious of the length of time required for the full synodical authorization process (which is legally required because the collects are alternative to material contained in *The Book of Common Prayer*) and for subsequent publication, the Commission has sought to complete its work on initial drafting as quickly as possible. In order to achieve this, it has reduced the task to more manageable proportions by concentrating on producing collects for Sundays and Principal Holy Days and for Harvest Festival (the one Special Occasion for which provision is made in the main volume of *Common Worship*) – a collection of 68 collects. The collection provides for the same occasions as ‘Collects and Post Communion for the Seasons’ (*CW*, pages 376-426) – with the exception of the Weekdays after Pentecost and Corpus Christi – and ‘Collect and Post Communion for a Special Occasion (*CW*, page 447).

What is required of the Additional Collects?

5. The Liturgical Commission has attempted to work within parameters which have emerged from its consultative process and from consideration of the context (*Common Worship*) in which the Additional Collects would be used. The July 2001 debate anticipated some of the issues which would need to be considered in framing the new collects – for example, the extent to which any new collects should be governed by the typical syntax of traditional collects. In general, three sets of consideration have been borne in mind, concerning context, general issues of style, and the specific issue of relative clauses.

The Context of the Collect

6. Within *Common Worship* the role of the collect is to act as the ‘collecting prayer’, in the Eucharist drawing together the prayer of the people at the beginning of the liturgy, and at the office bringing to a close a period of intercessory or thanksgiving prayer. The context of *Common Worship* rules out the framing of ‘thematic’ collects, such as those in *The Alternative Service Book 1980* (ASB). This is partly because, in line with liturgical tradition, the structure of the *Common Worship* Holy Communion service differentiates between the collect, as the concluding part of The Gathering, and the readings, which belong to The Liturgy of the Word. Thematic collects would undermine the traditional context and function of a collect as a ‘collecting’ prayer, rather than one which introduces a theme.
7. The *Common Worship* context also rules out thematic collects for a second reason. *Common Worship* has adopted the Revised Common Lectionary, which only synchronizes with the Calendar during the principal seasons. During Ordinary Time, the Calendar and Lectionary run according to different rules. Whilst it would, in theory, be possible to compile a set of collects tied to the readings in the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), the questions arise as to which reading the collect should reflect (since the RCL is not a thematic lectionary) and whether the collect would make any sense during the other services in the week. Linking the collects to the readings would

also make it necessary to write at least three separate cycles of collects (for each year of the Lectionary).

General issues of style

8. The consultation exercise produced a wide range of criticisms of the *Common Worship* collects. Some of these recurred in the responses with considerable frequency:
 - The syntax is too complicated and archaic.
 - They are too long.
 - They are bland in the themes, imagery and choice of language which they use ('they end up saying very little, and take a long time to say it, in an unnecessarily complicated way').
 - The closing doxology adds to their complexity and length.
 - Their language is frequently inaccessible for certain contexts; for example, where children are present in significant numbers, in 'non-book' contexts, and among missionary congregations where there is no background experience of the language of *The Book of Common Prayer*.
9. To address these issues in an additional compilation is something of a challenge. To provide a clear alternative to the present collection, the Additional Collects would need to be:
 - i) short
 - ii) simple in their syntax
 - iii) vivid and interesting in their themes and imagery
 - iv) accessible in the kind of language they use, and
 - v) to end up by saying something which is clear and distinct.

Relative clauses

10. The collects contained in *The Book of Common Prayer* were, in many cases, translations of a Latin original. One effect of this was the use of the relative clause, which translates quite easily into the English of the sixteenth century, but in the context of contemporary English can sound unusually complex and formal, especially when the clause is a long one. This effect is accentuated to the modern ear when God is addressed using the vocative ‘O’ (O God...) or when the relative clause is extended in order to invoke a characteristic or work of God in some detail. There are many instances of this in the collects of *Common Worship*; for example, the adjacent collects for the Fifth Sunday of Lent and Palm Sunday:

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant ...

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant ...

11. In the first example, the relative clause is shorter. In the second example it is rather stretched.
12. One solution to this problem is to remove the relative clause altogether. This can be done in some cases by making the entire collect a petition. Examples of this can be found in *The Book of Common Prayer*. Another solution, common in the ASB, is to address God directly, introducing the qualifying clause with ‘you’ rather than ‘who’. This use of the pronoun has been criticised as appearing to tell God something about himself as if he didn’t already know it. Furthermore, although it avoids some of the problems associated with

the use of ‘who’, it can still fall foul of other pitfalls; for example, in the *Common Worship* collect for the Fourth Sunday before Lent:

O God,
you know us to be set
in the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant ...

13. For many, this qualification is simply too long and its imagery too vague for the contemporary ear.
14. On the other hand, occasional use of a relative clause is probably still needed, as it forms part of the classic Anglican inheritance of collect-writing, where the petition is normally based on some prior spoken reflection on the nature and works of God. Sometimes a simple relative clause can achieve this, provided it is not at the expense of the flow of contemporary language. What is needed is a simple set of parameters governing the limits to complexity of the language which the collect uses to invoke the name of God.

Guidelines influencing composition of the Additional Collects

15. We concluded that a general set of guidelines was required, rather than hard and fast rules. The principles underlying our work, formulated in the light of our consultation exercise and further reflections, may be summarised as follows:
 - the collects are, in general, significantly shorter than those contained in *Common Worship*;
 - on the occasions when the relative clause is used, attention has been paid to the need for brevity;
 - use of the vocative form ‘O God ...’ has been avoided;

- use of archaisms in both syntax and language has been rigorously avoided;
- the use of a closing Trinitarian doxology has been dropped except in a few significant cases, but in a number of instances an essentially Trinitarian framework governs the structure of the prayer;
- contemporary imagery and directness of language have been adopted in many cases, without the concomitant pitfall of being so over-direct that the prayer fails to apply ‘across the board’ and so to perform its function of ‘collecting’ the prayers of all the people;
- when direct language is used, there is a related need to avoid sermonizing or moralizing in the prayer.

16. Particularly in relation to the latter points, a key question that arises is ‘What shall we pray about?’ Thomas Cranmer bequeathed to the Church of England a strong reliance (some might say ‘over-reliance’) upon the metaphor of defence. Since the new compilation is not a thematic one, we have tried to incorporate petitions, ideas and metaphors drawn from the following sources:

- reflection upon Scripture;
- reflection upon the season of the Church’s year (except in Ordinary Time);
- reflection upon key theological themes;
- reflection upon the general experience of being a Christian today, but also in the light of the history of Christian faith and discipleship down the centuries.

17. The result, we hope, is simple and short prayers, which are recognizably in the Anglican tradition of collect-writing whilst having an accessible and contemporary style of language.

Features of the new collection

18. As with most collects, these prayers are usually addressed to the Father and end with a pleading through Christ. Some, however, are addressed directly to the Son. These are for festivals marking events in the life of Christ: Christmas Day, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Palm Sunday, Ascension Day and the Sundays of Easter except Easter Day and Pentecost. The collect for Pentecost is unique in being addressed to the Spirit. The collects for the Sundays of Easter which are addressed to the Son have a common ending: ‘to the glory of God the Father’ (in the case of the Second Sunday of Easter, ‘to the praise of God the Father’).
19. The seasons make their mark on the collects, with each one in a season marking something of the season’s themes and flavour. The Advent collects are not quite so strongly thematic as those in the ASB or *Common Worship*, but those for the Third and Fourth Sundays relate to the work of John the Baptist and the Blessed Virgin Mary respectively. The Epiphany collects tend to make reference to the missionary work of the Gospel. The Lenten collects, unsurprisingly, contain the themes of self-discipline and struggle against sin and evil, becoming more focussed on the Cross from the Fifth Sunday of Lent onwards. The Easter collects contain recollections of gospel accounts of the disciples’ encounters with the risen Christ. The Collects for Ascension Day, Trinity Sunday and Christ the King all contain explicit reference to the immanent life of the Holy Trinity.

An additional collection, not a replacement set

20. The Synod’s call for ‘additional’ collects has been at the forefront of the Commission’s thinking during the compilation of this collection. It is an additional collection of collects, not a replacement set. If these collects are authorized, there will be two collects for each Sunday. Those conducting services will be able to choose the collect which they consider more suitable for the particular service and congregation on each occasion. These additional collects should therefore not be viewed solely as a discrete set, but rather as part the complete provision of collects for the Church of England.

21. Unlike many other Anglican collections, these collects represent a complete departure from the collects of *The Book of Common Prayer*. This was a deliberate move, as the *Common Worship* collection was highly influenced by the Prayer Book tradition. The Additional Collects are written with the intention of filling out the provision of collects in the Church of England by providing collects which can convey the spirituality of the Anglican collect in a worthy, contemporary idiom, complementing the approach of those already contained in *Common Worship*.

On behalf of the Commission

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¶ Advent

The First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and Saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

The Third Sunday of Advent

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
help us to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Eternal God,
as we wait with Mary for the coming of your Son,
bring us through the birth-pangs of our present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 *Christmas Eve*

2
3 Almighty God,
4 as we prepare with joy
5 to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child,
6 embrace the earth with your glory
7 and be for us a living hope
8 in Jesus Christ our Lord
9

10 ¶ **Christmas**

11
12 *Christmas Night*

13
14 Eternal God,
15 in the stillness of this night
16 your almighty Word leapt down from heaven:
17 pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation
18 and give to the earth the peace that we long for
19 through our Saviour, Jesus Christ
20

21 *Christmas Day*

22
23 Lord Jesus Christ,
24 your birth at Bethlehem
25 draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven here on earth:
26 accept our heartfelt praise,
27 as we worship you,
28 our Saviour and our eternal God.
29

30 *The First Sunday of Christmas*

31
32 God in Trinity,
33 eternal communion of perfect love:
34 gather the nations to be one family,
35 and draw us into your holy life
36 through the birth of Emmanuel,
37 our Lord Jesus Christ.
38

1 *The Second Sunday of Christmas*

2
3 God our Father,
4 in love you sent your Son
5 that the world may have life:
6 lead us to seek him among the outcast
7 and find him in those in need,
8 for Jesus Christ's sake.

9
10 ¶ **Epiphany**

11
12 *The Epiphany*

13
14 Creator of the heavens,
15 who led the Magi by a star
16 to worship the Christ-child:
17 guide and sustain us,
18 that we may find our journey's end
19 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

20
21 *The Baptism of Christ*
22 *The First Sunday of Epiphany*

23
24 Heavenly Father
25 at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
26 may we recognize him as our Lord
27 and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
28 through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

29
30 *The Second Sunday of Epiphany*

31
32 Eternal Lord,
33 our beginning and our end:
34 bring us with the whole creation
35 to the glory hidden through past ages
36 and now made known
37 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

38

1 *The Third Sunday of Epiphany*

2
3 God of all mercy
4 your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
5 release to the captives,
6 and freedom to the oppressed:
7 anoint us with your Holy Spirit
8 and set all your people free
9 to praise you in Christ our Lord.

10
11 *The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany*

12
13 God of heaven,
14 you send the Gospel to the ends of the earth
15 and your messengers to every nation:
16 send your Holy Spirit to convert us
17 to the good news of everlasting life
18 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

19
20 *The Presentation of Christ in the Temple*
21 *Candlemas*

22
23 Lord Jesus Christ,
24 light of the nations and glory of Israel:
25 make your home among us,
26 and present us pure and holy
27 to your heavenly Father,
28 your God, and our God.

29
30 ¶ **Ordinary Time**

31
32 *The Fifth Sunday before Lent*

33
34 Lord of life,
35 help us to put away all habits of mind and body
36 that lead to eternal death,
37 and to choose again your gift of life,
38 revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 *The Fourth Sunday before Lent*

2
3 Lord of the hosts of heaven,
4 our salvation and our strength,
5 without you we are lost:
6 guard us from all that harms or hurts
7 and raise us when we fall;
8 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

9
10 *The Third Sunday before Lent*

11
12 God of purity and power,
13 as you call us to your service,
14 cleansing our minds with the salt of the gospel,
15 and our lips with the fire of the Spirit,
16 that we may speak and live the truth
17 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

18
19 *The Second Sunday before Lent*

20
21 Almighty God,
22 give us reverence for all creation
23 and respect for every person,
24 that we may mirror your likeness
25 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

26
27 *The Sunday next before Lent*

28
29 Holy God,
30 you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
31 put right our crooked hearts,
32 and bend our wills to love your goodness
33 and your glory
34 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

35

1 **¶ Lent**

2
3 *Ash Wednesday*

4
5 God the only saviour,
6 our lives are laid open before you:
7 help us to turn to you this Lent,
8 and through your Son,
9 the skilful healer,
10 strengthen us and make us whole
11 in the power of the Holy Spirit.

12
13 *The First Sunday of Lent*

14
15 Heavenly Father,
16 your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
17 and grew closer to you in the desert:
18 help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
19 that we may witness to your saving love
20 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

21
22 *The Second Sunday of Lent*

23
24 Almighty God,
25 by the prayer and discipline of Lent
26 may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
27 and by following in the Way
28 may we come to share in the glory;
29 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

30
31 *The Third Sunday of Lent*

32
33 Eternal God,
34 give us insight
35 to discern your will for us,
36 to give up what harms us,
37 and to seek the perfection we are promised
38 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

39

1 *The Fourth Sunday of Lent*

2
3 Merciful Lord,
4 you know our struggle to serve you:
5 when sin spoils our lives
6 and overshadows our hearts,
7 come to our aid
8 and turn us back to you again;
9 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

10
11 *Mothering Sunday*

12
13 God of love,
14 passionate and strong,
15 tender and careful:
16 watch over us and hold us
17 all the days of our life;
18 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

19
20 *The Fifth Sunday of Lent*
21 *Passiontide begins*

22
23 Holy God,
24 in the Saviour's cross
25 your boundless love meets human sin:
26 strengthen and deliver us
27 that we may know the victory is ours
28 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

29
30 *Palm Sunday*

31
32 True and humble King,
33 the crowd hailed you as Messiah
34 then turned against you:
35 may our praise last longer than a day;
36 may we be found beside you
37 on the way of the cross,
38 which is the path of glory.

1 *Maundy Thursday*

2
3 God our Father,
4 your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end
5 and drank the cup prepared for him:
6 may we who share his table
7 watch with him through the night of suffering
8 and be faithful.

9
10 *Good Friday*

11
12 Almighty God,
13 as we stand at the foot of the cross of your Son,
14 may we know your love for us,
15 that in humility, love and joy
16 we may place at his feet
17 all that we have and all that we are;
18 through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

19
20 *Easter Eve*

21
22 In the depths of our isolation
23 we cry to you, Lord God:
24 give light in our darkness
25 and bring us out of the prison of our despair;
26 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

27
28 **¶ Easter**

29
30 *Easter Day*

31
32 God of glory,
33 by the raising of your Son
34 you have broken the chains of death and hell:
35 fill your Church with faith and hope;
36 for a new day has dawned,
37 creation is restored,
38 and the way to life stands open
39 in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
40

1 *The Second Sunday of Easter*

2
3 Risen Christ,
4 for whom no door is locked, no heart is closed:
5 open the doors of our compassion,
6 that we may seek the good of others
7 and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
8 to the praise of God the Father.

9
10 *The Third Sunday of Easter*

11
12 Risen Christ,
13 you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
14 strengthen us also to proclaim your risen life
15 and fill us with your peace,
16 to the glory of God the Father.

17
18 *The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

19
20 Risen Christ,
21 faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
22 teach us to hear your voice
23 and follow your command,
24 that all your people may be gathered in one flock,
25 to the glory of God the Father.

26
27 *The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

28
29 Risen Christ,
30 your wounds declare your love for the world
31 and the wonder of your risen life:
32 give us compassion and courage
33 to risk ourselves for those we serve,
34 to the glory of God the Father.

35

1 *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

2
3 Risen Christ,
4 by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
5 help your Church to obey your command
6 and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
7 to the glory of God the Father.

8
9 *Ascension Day*

10
11 Risen Christ,
12 you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven:
13 help us to see and serve you,
14 that we may join you at the Father's side,
15 where you reign with the Spirit in glory,
16 now and for ever.

17
18 *The Seventh Sunday of Easter*

19
20 Risen, ascended Lord,
21 as we rejoice at your triumph,
22 **fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
23 that all who are estranged by sin
24 may find forgiveness and know your peace,
25 to the glory of God the Father.

26
27 *Day of Pentecost*

28
29 Holy Spirit, gift of the Father:
30 pour out afresh the fullness of your gifts
31 renew the face of the earth,
32 and revive your Church with pentecostal fire;
33 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

34

1 ¶ **Ordinary Time**

2
3 *Trinity Sunday*

4
5 Holy God,
6 faithful and unchanging:
7 enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
8 and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
9 that we may truly worship you,
10 Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
11 one God, now and for ever.

12
13 *The First Sunday after Trinity*

14
15 God of truth,
16 help us to keep your law
17 and to walk in ways of wisdom,
18 that we may find true life
19 in Jesus Christ your Son.

20
21 *The Second Sunday after Trinity*

22
23 Faithful Creator,
24 whose mercy never fails:
25 deepen our faithfulness to you
26 and to your living Word,
27 Jesus Christ our Lord.

28
29 *The Third Sunday after Trinity*

30
31 God our Saviour,
32 look on this wounded world
33 in pity and in power
34 and help us to hold fast
35 to your promises of peace
36 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

37

1 *The Fourth Sunday after Trinity*

2
3 Almighty God,
4 you search us and know us:
5 may we rely on you in strength
6 and rest on you in weakness,
7 now and in all our days;
8 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

9
10 *The Fifth Sunday after Trinity*

11
12 Almighty God,
13 send down upon your Church
14 the riches of your Spirit,
15 and kindle in those who minister the gospel
16 your countless gifts of grace;
17 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

18
19 *The Sixth Sunday after Trinity*

20
21 Gracious God,
22 you call us to fullness of life:
23 deliver us from unbelief
24 and banish our anxieties
25 with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord

26
27 *The Seventh Sunday after Trinity*

28
29 Generous God,
30 you give us gifts and make them grow:
31 though our faith is small as mustard-seed,
32 make it grow to your glory
33 and the flourishing of your kingdom;
34 through Jesus Christ our Lord

35

1 *The Eighth Sunday after Trinity*

2
3 Lord God,
4 your Son left the riches of heaven
5 and became poor for our sake:
6 when we are prosperous save us from pride,
7 when we are poor save us from despair,
8 that we may trust in you alone;
9 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

10
11 *The Ninth Sunday after Trinity*

12
13 Gracious Father,
14 revive your Church in our day,
15 and make her holy, strong and faithful,
16 for your glory's sake
17 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

18
19 *The Tenth Sunday after Trinity*

20
21 Lord of heaven and earth,
22 as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
23 give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
24 but always to bring our prayers before you;
25 through Jesus Christ our Lord

26
27 *The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity*

28
29 God of glory,
30 the end of our searching,
31 help us to lay aside
32 all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
33 and to give all that we have
34 to gain the pearl that has no price,
35 our Saviour Jesus Christ.

36

1 *The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*

2

3 Almighty God,
4 in whose service lies perfect freedom:
5 teach us to obey you
6 with loving hearts and steadfast wills;
7 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

8

9 *The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*

10

11 Father,
12 by the obedience of Jesus
13 you brought salvation to our weary world:
14 draw us into harmony with your will,
15 that we may find our world restored in him,
16 our Saviour Jesus Christ.

17

18 *The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*

19

20 Father, giver of all gifts:
21 bring joy to our hearts through your Holy Spirit,
22 that the world may believe the good news
23 which comes to us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

24

25 *The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity*

26

27 God of constant mercy,
28 who sent your Son to save us in our weakness:
29 keep us mindful of your goodness,
30 that, as your grace increases in us,
31 our thankfulness may also grow,
32 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

33

1 *The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*

2
3 Lord of creation,
4 whose glory is around and within us:
5 open our eyes to your wonders,
6 that we may serve you with reverence
7 and come to our lives' end in peace,
8 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

9
10 *The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*

11
12 Creator God,
13 you made us all in your image:
14 may we discern you in all that we see,
15 and serve you in all that we do;
16 through Jesus Christ our Lord

17
18 *The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*

19
20 God, our judge and saviour,
21 teach us to be open to your truth
22 and to trust in your love,
23 that we may live each day
24 with confidence in the salvation which is given through
25 Jesus Christ our Lord.

26
27 *The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity*

28
29 Faithful Lord,
30 whose steadfast love never ceases
31 and whose mercies never come to an end:
32 grant us the grace to trust you
33 and to receive the tokens of your love
34 new every morning
35 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

36

1 *The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity*

2
3 God, our light and our salvation:
4 illuminate our lives,
5 that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
6 and looking on your beauty
7 may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

8
9 *The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity*

10
11 Lord God,
12 defend your Church from all false teaching
13 and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
14 that we may find eternal life
15 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

16
17 *The Last Sunday after Trinity*

18
19 Merciful God,
20 teach us to be faithful in change and in chance,
21 that trusting in your word
22 and obeying your will
23 we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

24
25 *All Saints' Day*

26
27 God of holiness,
28 your glory is proclaimed in every age:
29 as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
30 inspire us to follow their example
31 with boldness and joy;
32 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

33
34 *The Fourth Sunday before Advent*

35
36 God of glory,
37 touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,
38 that we with all creation
39 may rejoice to sing your praise;
40 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 *The Third Sunday before Advent*

2
3 God, our refuge and strength,
4 bring near the day when wars shall cease
5 and poverty and pain shall end,
6 that earth may know the peace of heaven
7 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

8
9 *The Second Sunday before Advent*

10
11 Heavenly Lord,
12 you long for the world's salvation:
13 revive us from inaction,
14 restrain us from excess
15 and stir in us new hope
16 that all creation will one day be healed
17 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

18
19 *Christ the King*

20 *The Sunday next before Advent*

21
22 God the Father,
23 help us to hear the call of Christ the King
24 and follow in his service,
25 whose kingdom has no end;
26 for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
27 one God, one glory.

28
29 ¶ **Special Occasion**

30
31 *Harvest Thanksgiving*

32
33 Creator God,
34 in the evolution of time
35 your hand has shaped the world:
36 as we give thanks for the fruits of the earth,
37 enrich our lives with the fruits of your love;
38 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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