

**THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER  
FOR USE IN  
THE CHURCH IN WALES**

**THE NEW CALENDAR  
AND  
THE COLLECTS**

**APRIL 2003**

# **CALENDAR COLLECTS AND POST COMMUNION PRAYERS**

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# Notes on the Calendar

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**The classification of the Calendar into five groups** does not indicate the importance but priority. When two holy days fall on the same day, the feast with the lower number takes precedence. **Holy days in groups I and II** should always be celebrated and those in group II which are moved may be celebrated on any convenient day before the next Sunday. **Festivals and commemorations in groups III - V** are optional.

**Groups I, II and III:** The Eucharist and Daily Offices are of the day, normally with lectionary provision. Daily Eucharistic provision is omitted and Daily Office material may be combined on the preceding and/or following weekday. The collect used is that of the day.

**Groups IV and V:** The Daily Offices are of the ordinary day or season, and, when the collect is used, it should normally be that of the week. At weekday celebrations of Holy Days in Groups IV and V the Daily Eucharist readings may be used.

**A Patronal Festival, Feast of Title, Dedication Festival or Provincial, Diocesan, Ecumenical celebration or Thanksgiving Day** (traditionally around the first Sunday of October) may take precedence of any Sunday or other observance in groups III - V.

**Octaves** are observed at the feasts of Christmas and Easter only. **Easter-tide** begins on Easter Eve and ends on the Day of Pentecost.

**The Liturgical Colours** are traditional except that white is commended throughout the Epiphany season, violet before Lent from 3 February, and red throughout the Kingdom season. On Maundy Thursday and at lesser weekday commemorations, the suggested colour applies only to the Eucharist.

**The Collect:** It should be normal to use one collect of the day, as appropriate to the lections in use. The Post Communion prayer is optional and matches the collect.

**In the series of collects headed Contemporary**, the following may be substituted for the Sunday collect given:

Sundays of Advent 2 – 4

Advent 1

*(in which case it should not be used as a Post Communion prayer)*

Sundays of Christmas

Christmas 2

Sundays of Epiphany 3(4) and 4

Epiphany 2(3)

Sundays before Lent

5 before Lent

Sundays of Lent 2 and 3

Lent 1

Sundays of Easter 2 - 6

Easter Day

Sundays after Pentecost

Pentecost 7, 10, 14, 15,18

Sundays of the Kingdom 2 and 3

Kingdom 1

# The Year

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## ADVENT

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<b>The First Sunday of Advent: 27 November – 3 December</b>	I
The Second Sunday of Advent: 4 - 10 December	I
The Third Sunday of Advent: 11 - 17 December	I
The Fourth Sunday of Advent: 18 - 24 December	I

## THE NATIVITY

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Christmas Eve: 24 December	II
<b>Christmas Day: 25 December</b>	I
The (First) Sunday of Christmas: 26 – 31 December	I
The Second Sunday of Christmas: 2 - 5 January	II
<i>The Epiphany may be celebrated on this Sunday</i>	

## THE EPIPHANY AND BEFORE LENT

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<b>The Epiphany of our Lord: 6 January</b>	I
The First (Second) Sunday of Epiphany, The Baptism of Christ: 7 – 13 January	II
The Second (Third) Sunday of Epiphany: 14 – 20 January	III
<i>The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18 - 25 January</i>	
The Third (Fourth) Sunday of Epiphany: 21 – 27 January	III
The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany: 28 January – 1 February	III
<b>The Presentation of Christ: 2 February</b>	I
<i>The Presentation may be celebrated on the nearest Sunday</i>	
The Fifth Sunday before Lent*	III
The Fourth Sunday before Lent*	III
The Third Sunday before Lent*	III
<i>*Propers 1-3 may be used, as necessary, on these Sundays</i>	
The Second Sunday before Lent, Creation Sunday	I
The Sunday before Lent, Transfiguration Sunday	I

## **LENT AND PASSIONTIDE**

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<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	I
The First Sunday of Lent	I
The Second Sunday of Lent	I
The Third Sunday of Lent	I
The Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday	I
The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday	I
The Sixth Sunday of Lent, Palm Sunday	I
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week	I
Maundy Thursday	I
<b>Good Friday</b>	I

## **THE RESURRECTION**

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Easter Eve	I
<b>Easter Day</b>	I
Monday to Saturday of Easter Week	I
The Second Sunday of Easter	I
The Third Sunday of Easter	I
The Fourth Sunday of Easter	I
The Fifth Sunday of Easter	I
The Sixth Sunday of Easter, Rogation Sunday	I
Rogation Days: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday	IV
<b>The Ascension of our Lord: Thursday</b>	I
<i>From the Ascension to the Day of Pentecost is a time of prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit</i>	
The Seventh Sunday of Easter	I
<b>The Day of Pentecost</b>	I
Eastertide: Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism	III

## **AFTER PENTECOST**

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<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	I
Thursday: Thanksgiving for the Holy Communion	IV
The Second to Twenty second Sundays after Pentecost	III
The Last Sunday after Pentecost, Bible Sunday: 23 - 29 October	I

## **THE KINGDOM**

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<b>All Saints' Day: 1 November</b>	I
The First Sunday of the Kingdom: 30 October - 5 November	I
The Second Sunday of the Kingdom: 6 - 12 November	I
The Third Sunday of the Kingdom: 13 - 19 November	I
The Fourth Sunday of the Kingdom, Christ the King: 20 - 26 Nov.	I

# Other Holy Days

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## JANUARY

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1	<b>The Naming of Jesus</b>	I
3	Morris Williams (1874), Priest and Poet	V
10	William Laud (1645), Bishop	V
11	Rhys Prichard (1644), Priest and Poet, William Williams (1791), Deacon and Poet, and Isaac Williams (1865), Priest and Poet	V
13	Hilary (368), Bishop	V
14	Kentigern (c 603), Bishop	V
17	Antony (356), Abbot	V
18	The Confession of Peter, Apostle	IV
21	Agnes (304), Virgin and Martyr	V
23	Francis de Sales (1622), Bishop	V
24	Cadoc (6th century), Abbot	V
<b>25</b>	<b>The Conversion of Paul, Apostle</b>	II
26	Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul	IV
27	John Chrysostom (407), Bishop and Doctor	V
28	Thomas Aquinas (1274), Doctor	V

## FEBRUARY

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1	Bride or Bridget (6th century), Abbess	V
<b>2</b>	<b>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b>	I
3	The Saints, Martyrs and Missionaries of Europe	V
	<i>or</i> Seiriol (6th century), Abbot	V
4	Manche Masemola (1928), Martyr	V
9	Teilo (6 <sup>th</sup> century), Bishop	V
14	Cyril (869), Monk and Missionary, and Methodius (885), Bishop and Missionary	V
18	John of Fiesole (Fra Angelico) (1455), Priest, and Andrei Rublev (c 1430), Religious, Painters	V
19	Thomas Burgess (1837), Bishop and Teacher of the Faith	V
20	The Saints, Martyrs and Missionaries of Africa	V
23	Polycarp (c 155), Bishop and Martyr	V
27	George Herbert (1633), Priest, and all Pastors	V
	<i>Ember Days: Wednesday, Friday and Saturday following Lent I</i>	IV



## MARCH

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1	<b>David (6th century), Bishop, Patron Saint of Wales</b>	II
5	Non (5th century), Mother of David of Wales	V
7	Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions (203), Martyrs	V
17	Patrick (5th century), Bishop, Patron Saint of Ireland	V
18	Cyril of Jerusalem (386), Bishop	V
19	Joseph of Nazareth	IV
21	Thomas Cranmer (1556), Hugh Latimer, Nicholas Ridley, and Robert Ferrar (1555), Bishops, Teachers of the Faith and Martyrs	V
24	Oscar Romero (1980), Bishop and Martyr	V
<b>25</b>	<b>The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	II
29	Woolos (6th century), King	V
	<i>Easter tide: Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism</i>	III

## APRIL

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7	Brynach (5th century), Abbot	V
8	Griffith Jones (1761), Priest and Teacher of the Faith	V
9	Saints, Martyrs and Missionaries of South America	V
	<i>or</i> Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1945), Pastor, Teacher of the Faith and Martyr	V
11	George Augustus Selwyn (1878), Bishop and Missionary	V
15	Padarn (6th century), Bishop	V
20	Beuno (c 640), Abbot	V
21	Anselm (1109), Bishop and Doctor	V
23	George (304?), Martyr, Patron Saint of England	V
<b>25</b>	<b>Mark, Evangelist</b>	II
29	Catherine of Siena (1380), Writer	V
	<i>Ember Days: Wednesday, Friday and Saturday following Pentecost</i>	IV
	<i>Thursday after Trinity Sunday: Thanksgiving for the Holy Communion</i>	III

## MAY

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1	<b>Philip and James, Apostles</b>	II
2	Athanasius (373), Bishop and Doctor	V
3	Henry Vaughan (1695), Poet	V
5	Asaph (6th century), Bishop	V
8	Julian of Norwich (c 1417)	V
9	Gregory of Nazianzus (390), Bishop	V
14	<b>Matthias, Apostle</b>	II
15	Edmund Prys (1624), Priest, Poet and Translator, and John Davies (1644), Priest and Translator	V
19	Dunstan (988), Bishop	V
20	Chad (672), Bishop	V
24	Charles Wesley (1788) and John Wesley (1791), Priests and Missionaries	V
25	Bede (735), Doctor	V
26	Augustine of Canterbury (605), Bishop	V
28	Melangell (6th century), Abbess	V
31	The Visit of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth	IV

## JUNE

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1	Justin (c 165), Apologist and Martyr	V
2	Blandina and her Companions (177), Martyrs	V
3	James Hannington (1885), Bishop, Missionary and Martyr, the Martyrs of Uganda (1886) and Janani Luwum, (1977), Bishop and Martyr	V
5	Boniface (754), Bishop, Missionary and Martyr	V
9	Columba (597), Abbot	V
10	Ephrem the Syrian (373), Deacon, Hymnwriter and Teacher of the Faith	V
11	<b>Barnabas, Apostle</b>	II
14	Basil the Great (397), Bishop and Doctor	V
16	Richard (1253), Bishop	V
20	Alban (250), Julius and Aaron (304-5), Martyrs	V
24	<b>The Nativity of John the Baptist</b>	II
28	Irenaeus (c 200), Bishop and Doctor	V
29	<b>Peter, Apostle</b>	II
30	The Martyrdom of Paul, Apostle	IV

## JULY

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1	Euddogwy (6 <sup>th</sup> century), Bishop	V
<b>3</b>	<b>Thomas, Apostle</b>	II
4	Peblig (4th century), Abbot	V
6	Thomas More (1535), Martyr	V
11	Benedict (c 540), Abbot	V
14	John Keble (1886), Priest and Teacher of the Faith	V
18	Elizabeth of Russia (1918), Religious and Martyr	V
19	Gregory of Nyssa (c 394), Bishop, and Macrina (c 379), Virgin, Teachers of the Faith	V
21	Howell Harris (1773), Preacher	V
<b>22</b>	<b>Mary Magdalene</b>	II
<b>25</b>	<b>James, Apostle</b>	II
26	Anne, Mother of the Virgin Mary	V
27	Martha and Mary of Bethany	IV
28	Samson (5th century), Bishop	V
29	William Wilberforce (1833), Josephine Butler (1906) and all Social Reformers	V
30	Silas, Missionary	IV
31	Joseph of Arimathea	IV

## AUGUST

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3	Germanus (5 <sup>th</sup> century), Bishop	V
5	Oswald (642), King and Martyr	V
<b>6</b>	<b>The Transfiguration of our Lord</b>	III
8	Dominic (1221), Preacher	V
9	Augustine Baker (1641), Priest and Religious	V
<i>or</i>	Mary Sumner (1921), Founder of the Mothers' Union	V
<i>or</i>	Edith Stein (1942), Teacher of the Faith, Religious and Martyr	V
10	Lawrence (258), Deacon and Martyr	V
11	Clare of Assisi (1253), Mendicant	V
12	Ann Griffiths (1805), Poet	V
13	Jeremy Taylor (1667), Bishop	V
14	Maximilian Kolbe (1941), Priest and Martyr	V
<b>15</b>	<b>Mary, Mother of our Lord</b>	II
20	Bernard (1153), Abbot	V

23	Tydfil (430), Martyr	V
<b>24</b>	<b>Bartholomew, Apostle</b>	II
27	Monica (378), Mother of Augustine of Hippo	V
28	Augustine of Hippo (430), Bishop and Doctor	V
29	The Beheading of John the Baptist	IV
31	Aidan (651), Bishop	V

## SEPTEMBER

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2	Lucian Tapiedi (1942), Missionary and Martyr, and the Martyrs of Papua New Guinea (1901 & 1942)	V
3	Gregory the Great (604), Bishop and Doctor	V
4	Cuthbert (687), Bishop	V
8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	V
10	William Salesbury (1584), Translator, and William Morgan (1604), Bishop and Translator	V
11	Deiniol (6th century), Bishop	V
13	Cyprian (258), Bishop, Doctor and Martyr	V
14	Holy Cross	V
	<i>Ember Days: Wednesday, Friday &amp; Saturday following 14 September</i>	IV
16	Ninian (c 430), Bishop	V
20	Saints, Martyrs and Missionaries of Australasia & the Pacific	V
<b>21</b>	<b>Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</b>	II
25	Sergei of Radonezh (1392), Abbot	V
26	Lancelot Andrewes (1626), Bishop	V
27	Vincent de Paul (1660), Priest	V
<b>29</b>	<b>Michael and All Angels</b>	II
30	Jerome (420), Doctor	V

## OCTOBER

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4	Francis of Assisi (1226), Friar	V
6	William Tyndale (1536), Translator and Martyr	V
9	Cynog (5th century), Abbot	V
13	Edward the Confessor (1066), King	V
14	Esther John (1960), Missionary and Martyr	V
15	Teresa of Avila (1582), Teacher of the Faith	V
16	Daniel Rowland (1790), Priest and Preacher	V

17	Ignatius (c 117), Bishop and Martyr	V
<b>18</b>	<b>Luke, Evangelist</b>	II
19	Henry Martyn (1812), Pastor, Translator and Missionary	V
23	James of Jerusalem, Bishop	IV
25	Lewis Bayley (1631), Bishop and Writer	V
26	Alfred (899), King	V
<b>28</b>	<b>Simon and Jude, Apostles</b>	II
30	Richard Hooker (1600), Priest and Teacher of the Faith	V
31	Vigil of All Saints	V
<i>or</i>	Catholic and Protestant Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era	V

## **NOVEMBER**

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<b>1</b>	<b>All Saints</b>	I
2	All Souls	V
3	The Martyrs and Confessors of our Time	V
<i>or</i>	Winifred (7 <sup>th</sup> century), Abbess	V
4	The Saints and Martyrs of the Anglican Communion	V
5	Cybi (6th century), Abbot	V
6	Illtud (5th century), Abbot	V
7	Richard Davies (1581), Bishop and Translator	V
8	The Saints of Wales	V
10	Leo (461), Bishop and Doctor	V
11	Martin (c 397), Bishop	V
12	Tysilio (6th century), Abbot	V
13	Charles Simeon (1836), Priest and Teacher of the Faith	V
14	Dyfrig (6th century), Bishop	V
15	The Saints, Martyrs and Missionaries of North America	V
16	Margaret of Scotland (c 1045), Queen	V
17	Hugh (1200), Bishop	V
18	Hilda (680), Abbess	V
19	Elizabeth of Hungary (1231), Princess	V
21	Paulinus (5th century), Abbot	V
23	Clement (c 100), Bishop	V
25	John Donne (1631), Priest and Poet	V
29	Vigil and Day of Intercession for the Mission of the Church	IV
<b>30</b>	<b>Andrew, Apostle, Patron Saint of Scotland</b>	II

## DECEMBER

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1	Nicholas Ferrar (1637), Deacon	V
2	The Saints, Martyrs and Missionaries of Asia	V
3	Francis Xavier (1552), Missionary	V
6	Nicholas (c 342), Bishop	V
7	Ambrose (397), Bishop and Doctor	V
8	Cynidr (6th century), Bishop	V
13	Lucy (304), Martyr	V
	<i>Ember Days: Wednesday, Friday &amp; Saturday following 13 December</i>	IV
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	John of the Cross (1591), Priest, Poet and Teacher of the Faith	V
17	O Wisdom!	V
18	O Adonai!	V
19	O Root of Jesse!	V
20	O Key of David!	V
21	O Dayspring!	V
22	O King of the nations!	V
23	O Emmanuel!	V
<b>26</b>	<b>Stephen, Deacon and First Martyr</b>	II
<b>27</b>	<b>John, Apostle and Evangelist</b>	II
<b>28</b>	<b>The Innocents</b>	II
29	Thomas of Canterbury (1170), Bishop and Martyr	V
30	Tathan (6 <sup>th</sup> century), Abbot	V
31	John Wycliffe (1384), Priest and Translator	V

# SUNDAYS AND PRINCIPAL FESTIVALS

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## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 1 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

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

Come, Lord, in might and deliver us from the sins which threaten to enslave us, that under thy protection we may stand fast in the freedom of thy gospel; who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

*Contemporary*

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

*This Collect may be used as the Post Communion from Advent 2 to Christmas Eve*

### 2 Post Communion

God our deliverer, awaken our hearts  
to prepare the way for the advent of your Son;  
that, with minds purified by the grace of his coming,  
we may serve you faithfully all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 3 Collect

#### *1984 Prayer Book*

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

Awaken our hearts, Lord, we beseech thee, to prepare the way for the advent of thine only-begotten Son; that with minds purified by the grace of his coming, we may serve thee faithfully all our days; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever.

#### *Contemporary*

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

### 4 Post Communion

Lord,  
here you have nourished us with the food of life;  
through our sharing in this holy sacrament  
teach us to judge wisely earthly things  
and to yearn for things heavenly.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 5 Collect

#### *1984 Prayer Book*

Lord Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

Give ear, Lord, to our prayers, and by thy gracious visitation lighten the darkness of our minds; through Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever.

#### *Contemporary*

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

### 6 Post Communion

God of mercy and power,  
whose Son rules over all,  
grant us so to live in obedience to your holy will,  
that at his appearing  
we may be raised to eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 7 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life: grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, Father, and thee, Holy Spirit, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end.

Lord, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, world without end.

*Contemporary*

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

### 8 Post Communion

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

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

**24 December**

### **9 Collect**

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

### **10 Post Communion**

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

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**25 December**

### **11 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: grant that we, rejoicing in the coming of thy living and eternal Word, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

*1984 Prayer Book: Additional Collect*

Heavenly Father, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son, Jesus Christ: grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

*Contemporary*

***At Night***

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

***In the Day***

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

**12 Post Communion**

***At Night***

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

***In the Day***

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

## THE (FIRST) SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

### 13 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, who didst wonderfully create man in thine own image, and didst yet more wonderfully restore him: grant that as thy Son Jesus Christ took upon him our nature and was made man, so we may be partakers of the divine nature; through him who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end.

*Contemporary*

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

### 14 Post Communion

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

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

### 15 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came into the world to do thy will: grant that we, being sanctified and made thy children by adoption and grace, may ever delight in thy service; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### 16 Post Communion

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

## **THE EPIPHANY**

**6 January**

### **17 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

God, who didst give thy only-begotten Son to be a light to all nations: mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life enjoy the vision of thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### **18 Post Communion**

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



## **THE FIRST (SECOND) SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

### **The Baptism of Christ**

*When the Epiphany falls on a Sunday, the Baptism of Christ (13 January) is the Second Sunday of the Epiphany.*

#### **19 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; that those who lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

#### **20 Post Communion**

Refreshed by these holy gifts, Lord God,  
we seek your mercy:  
that by listening faithfully to your only Son,  
and being obedient to the prompting of the Spirit,  
we may be your children in name and in truth  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **THE SECOND (THIRD) SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

*When the Epiphany falls on a Sunday, this is used on 20 January*

### **21 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who at the baptism of Christ our Lord in Jordan didst declare him to be thy beloved Son: grant that we who have been baptised into him may always confess him as Lord and Saviour, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

*Contemporary*

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

### **22 Post Communion**

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

## **THE THIRD (FOURTH) SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

*When the Epiphany falls on a Sunday, this is used on 27 January*

### **23 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

Remember, Lord, what thou hast wrought in us, and not what we deserve; and as thou hast called us to thy service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### **24 Post Communion**

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

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

### 25 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty and ever-loving God, whose power and glory are revealed in thy Son Jesus Christ: renew and strengthen us with thy grace, that we who worship thee in thy Church, may joyfully witness to thy glory in the world; through the same our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Contemporary*

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

### 26 Post Communion

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

## **THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE**

### **Candlemas**

#### **27 Collect**

##### *1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented to thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

##### *Contemporary*

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

#### **28 Post Communion**

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

## **FIFTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT / FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

### **29 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

Almighty God,

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

### **30 Post Communion**

Merciful God,

we thank you for inviting us to share in the one bread  
and the one cup:  
by your continuing grace  
enable us to live as one family in Christ  
and joyfully bring your salvation  
to all who do not know you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT / THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

### **31 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech thee to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Contemporary*

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

### **32 Post Communion**

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

## THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT / SEPTUAGESIMA

### 33 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, who hast created the heavens and earth, and hast made man in thine own image: grant us in all thy works to perceive thy hand, and ever to praise thee for thy wisdom and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### 34 Post Communion

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



**THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT : Creation Sunday /  
SEXAGESIMA**

**35 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

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

*Contemporary*

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

**36 Post Communion**

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

## **THE SUNDAY BEFORE LENT : Transfiguration Sunday / QUINQUAGESIMA**

### **37 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

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

*Contemporary*

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

### **38 Post Communion**

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

## ASH WEDNESDAY

### 39 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

*This Collect is to be used on the day only.*

*Contemporary*

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

*This Collect (omitting the doxology) may be used as the Post Communion on any day from the First Sunday of Lent until the Saturday after the Fourth Sunday of Lent.*

### 40 Post Communion

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

## **THE DAYS FOLLOWING ASH WEDNESDAY**

### **41 Collect and Post Communion**

*Use the Collect and Post Communion Prayer of the Sunday before Lent /  
Quinquagesima*

## **THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

### **42 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

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

*Contemporary*

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

### **43 Post Communion**

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

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### 44 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

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

*Contemporary*

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

### 45 Post Communion

Creator of heaven and earth,  
we thank you for these holy mysteries  
given us by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by which we receive your grace  
and are assured of your love,  
now and for ever.

## **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

### **46 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy  
but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **47 Post Communion**

We beseech you, almighty God,  
look upon the heartfelt desires of your humble servants,  
and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty,  
to be our defence against all our enemies;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### 48 Collect

#### *1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty Father, look upon thy family the Church, that refreshed and strengthened by thy grace, we may persevere in the way of salvation, and find in thee our joy and our peace; through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

#### *Contemporary*

Lord God,  
whose blessed Son our Saviour  
gave his back to the smiters  
and did not hide his face from shame:  
give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time  
with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*This collect may be used on the weekdays following Lent 4*

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

## **49 Post Communion**

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

**Or “Mothering Sunday”**

## **50 Collect**

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



## **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

### **Passiontide begins**

#### **51 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

God, who before the Passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his majesty on the holy mount: grant that we thy servants may see his glory and be strengthened to bear the cross; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

#### **52 Post Communion**

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

## **THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

### **Palm Sunday**

#### **53 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

#### **54 Post Communion**

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

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

### 55 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great, humility: mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessed Lord, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left us a memorial of thy Passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

*Contemporary*

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

*At Morning and Evening Prayer the Palm Sunday Collect is used.*

### 56 Post Communion

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

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

### **57 Collect**

#### *1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Merciful God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor desirest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live: have mercy, we beseech thee, upon all who do not confess the faith of Christ crucified. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word; and so bring them home to thy fold, that they with us may be one flock under One Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

#### *Contemporary*

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

### **58 Post Communion**

From the throne of grace, O God of mercy,  
at the hour your Son gave himself to death,  
hear the devout prayer of your people.  
As he is lifted high upon the cross,  
draw into his exalted life  
all who are reborn  
in the blood and water flowing from his opened side.

## **EASTER EVE**

### **59 Collect**

#### *1984 Prayer Book*

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

#### *Contemporary*

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

## **EASTER DAY**

### **60 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: strengthen and increase our faith, that we may know him and the power of his resurrection, and live to thy glory for ever; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

*Contemporary*

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

### **61 Post Communion**

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

## **EASTER WEEK**

### **62 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book Monday & Tuesday*

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

*1984 Prayer Book Wednesday to Saturday*

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: strengthen and increase our faith, that we may know him and the power of his Resurrection, and live to thy glory for ever; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

*Contemporary*

*Use Collect and Post Communion Prayer of Easter Day*

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 63 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: grant us so perfectly, and without any doubt to believe in his resurrection, that in thy sight our faith may never be reprov'd; through the same Jesus Christ, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

*Contemporary*

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

### 64 Post Communion

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



## **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **65 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

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

*Contemporary*

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

### **66 Post Communion**

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

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 67 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Living Father, who hast given thine only Son to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life: grant that in him we may faithfully seek thee, joyfully find thee and for ever possess thee, God blessed for ever.

*Contemporary*

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

### 68 Post Communion

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

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 69 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: grant that thy people may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise, that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### 70 Post Communion

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

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Rogation Sunday**

**71 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

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

*Contemporary*

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

**72 Post Communion**

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

*See also Rogation Day Collects and Post Communion Prayer*

## ASCENSION DAY

### 73 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that as we believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

*Contemporary*

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

### 74 Post Communion

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

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**The Sunday after Ascension Day**  
**Week of prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit**

**75 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

God the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to thy kingdom in heaven: we beseech thee, leave us not desolate; but send thy Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to the same place where our Saviour Christ has gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Spirit, one God world without end.

*Contemporary*

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

**76 Post Communion**

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

## **THE DAY OF PENTECOST**

### **Whit Sunday**

#### **77 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end.

*Contemporary*

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

#### **78 Post Communion**

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

*The contemporary Collect and Post Communion are used on the Eve and Day of Pentecost only.*

## THE WEEKDAYS AFTER THE DAY OF PENTECOST

### 79 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book: use Pentecost collect*

*Contemporary*

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

### 80 Post Communion

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



**TRINITY SUNDAY**  
**The First Sunday after Pentecost**

**81 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given us thy servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us in all adversities; who lives' and reignest, one God, world without end.

*Contemporary*

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

**82 Post Communion**

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

## THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / TRINITY 1

### 83 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

God, the strength of all who put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### 84 Post Communion

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

## THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / TRINITY 2

### 85 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### 86 Post Communion

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

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / TRINITY 3

### 87 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### 88 Post Communion

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

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / TRINITY 4

### 89 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

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

*Contemporary*

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

### 90 Post Communion

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

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / TRINITY 5

### 91 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Grant us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### 92 Post Communion

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

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / TRINITY 6

### 93 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Lord, who never failest to help and govern those whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love: keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### 94 Post Communion

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

## THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / TRINITY 7

### 95 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

God, for as much as without thee we are not able to please thee: mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### 96 Post Communion

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



## THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / TRINITY 8

### 97 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### 98 Post Communion

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

## THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / TRINITY 9

### 99 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, the protector of all who trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; grant this, Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### 100 Post Communion

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

## THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / TRINITY 10

### 101 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### 102 Post Communion

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

## THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / TRINITY 11

### 103 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ sent forth his apostles to make disciples of all nations; help us to proclaim the Gospel of thy love that all who hear it may be reconciled to thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### 104 Post Communion

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

## THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / TRINITY 12

### 105 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

God, our refuge and strength, who are the author of all godliness; hear, we beseech thee, the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### 106 Post Communion

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

## THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / TRINITY 13

### 107 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### 108 Post Communion

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

## THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / TRINITY 14

### 109 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### 110 Post Communion

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

## THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / TRINITY 15

### 111 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that are according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### 112 Post Communion

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



## THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / TRINITY 16

### 113 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth: we humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### 114 Post Communion

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

## THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / TRINITY 17

### 115 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless  
till they find their rest in you:  
teach us to offer ourselves to your service,  
that here we may have your peace,  
and in the world to come  
may see you face to face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### 116 Post Communion

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

## THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / TRINITY 18

### 117 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

God, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### 118 Post Communion

All praise and thanks, O Christ,  
for this sacred banquet,  
in which by faith we receive you,  
the memory of your passion is renewed,  
our lives are filled with grace,  
and a pledge of future glory given,  
to feast at that table where you reign  
with all your saints for ever.

## THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / TRINITY 19

### 119 Collect

#### *1984 Prayer Book*

Lord, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bonds of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: grant this, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour.

#### *Contemporary*

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

### 120 Post Communion

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

## THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / TRINITY 20

### 121 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, who showest to those who are in error the light of thy truth, that they may return into the way of righteousness: grant that all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion may forsake those things which are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Contemporary*

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

### 122 Post Communion

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

**THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST /  
TRINITY 21**

**123 Collect**

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Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

**124 Post Communion**

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

## **TRINITY 22**

### **125 Collect**

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O merciful God, who didst give thine only-begotten Son to die for us while we were yet sinners: deliver us from an unforgiving spirit, that we may be free to love and serve one another, to thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

### **Bible Sunday**

### **126 Collect**

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

### **127 Post Communion**

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

## **ALL SAINTS' DAY**

### **128 Collect**

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Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### **129 Post Communion**

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



## **TRINITY 23**

### **130 Collect**

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

## **THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE KINGDOM**

### **131 Collect**

*Contemporary*

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

### **132 Post Communion**

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

## **TRINITY 24**

### **133 Collect**

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O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do: mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE KINGDOM**

### **134 Collect**

*Contemporary*

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.

### **135 Post Communion**

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

## **TRINITY 25**

### **136 Collect**

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Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE KINGDOM**

### **137 Collect**

*Contemporary*

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

### **138 Post Communion**

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

## **THE SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

### **139 Collect**

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

## **CHRIST THE KING**

### **The Fourth Sunday of the Kingdom**

### **140 Collect**

*Contemporary*

Eternal Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:

keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit

and in the bond of peace,

and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;

grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,

be the kingdom, the power and the glory,

for ever and ever.

### **141 Post Communion**

Stir up, O Lord,

the wills of your faithful people;

that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,

may by you be plenteously rewarded;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*This Post Communion, with the doxology “to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.” may be used as the Collect at Morning and Evening Prayer during this week.*

## OTHER HOLY DAYS

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### 1 January: The Naming of Jesus

#### 142 Collect

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Almighty God, who hast given thy Son Jesus Christ the Name which is above every name, and has taught us that there is none other whereby we may be saved: grant that rejoicing in his Name we may ever strive to proclaim it to all people; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of the (First) Sunday of Christmas is appropriate*

### 3 January: Morris Williams (bardic name ‘Nicander’) (1874), Priest and Poet

#### 143 Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,  
whose affection and love for us  
inspired your servant Nicander to praise the wonder of your unfailing grace:  
grant that we may be faithful to the covenant  
you made with us in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Poet is appropriate*

**10 January: William Laud (1645), Bishop**

**144 Collect**

God,  
by whose grace your servant William professed the Christian faith  
and in that profession came to die:  
grant that we who have been baptized into your Church  
may prove steadfast in faith  
and share with him the crown of glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory now and for ever.

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

**11 January: Rhys Prichard (1644), Priest & Poet, William Williams (1791),  
Deacon & Poet, and Isaac Williams (1865), Priest & Poet**

**145 Collect**

O God our Light and our Redeemer,  
our Guardian and our Guide,  
shed your light upon us and hear us when we call:  
and as you led Rhys, William and Isaac  
like pilgrims through a barren land,  
so lead us to that place where, with them,  
we may give you songs and praises for ever;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Poet is appropriate*

**13 January: Hilary (368), Bishop**

**146 Collect**

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

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

**14 January: Kentigern (c 603), Bishop**

**147 Collect**

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

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

**17 January: Antony (356), Abbot**

**148 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbot is appropriate*

**18 January: The Confession of Peter, Apostle**

**149 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Pentecost 15 is appropriate*



**21 January: Agnes (304), Virgin and Martyr**

**150 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

**23 January: Francis de Sales (1622), Bishop**

**151 Collect**

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

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

**24 January: Cadoc (6<sup>th</sup> century), Abbot**

**152 Collect**

Almighty God,  
who called Cadoc to proclaim the gospel to this nation:  
give us, your servants, such faith and power of love  
that, as we rejoice in his triumph,  
we may profit by his example;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbot is appropriate*

**25 January: The Conversion of Paul, Apostle**

**153 Collect**

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Almighty God, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: grant, we beseech thee, that having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, we may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

*The Post Communion Prayers of Mission or a Missionary are appropriate*

## **26 January: Timothy & Titus, Companions of Paul**

### **154 Collect**

Heavenly Father,  
you gave your servants Timothy and Titus  
to be the companions of your apostle Paul,  
and to share with him in preaching the gospel  
and building up the Church:  
grant that by our fellowship in the Holy Spirit  
we may bear witness to the name of Jesus,  
who is alive and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayers of Mission or a Missionary are appropriate*

## **27 January: John Chrysostom (407), Bishop and Doctor**

### **155 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Education or a Teacher is appropriate*

**28 January: Thomas Aquinas (1274), Doctor**

**156 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Education or a Teacher is appropriate*

**1 February: Bride or Bridget (6<sup>th</sup> century), Abbess**

**157 Collect**

Almighty God,  
who enkindled in the heart of Bridget  
the living flame of your love:  
stir the cold embers of our hearts  
and lead us to the well-springs of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbess is appropriate*

**2 February: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

*See Sundays and Festivals*

### **3 February: The Saints, Martyrs and Missionaries of Europe**

#### **158 Collect**

Almighty God,  
you call your witnesses from every nation  
and reveal your glory in their lives:  
make us thankful for the example  
of the martyrs, missionaries and saints of this continent,  
and strengthen us by their fellowship  
that we, like them, may be faithful  
in the service of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Missionary is appropriate*

#### **Or Seiriol (6<sup>th</sup> century), Abbot**

#### **159 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbot is appropriate*

**4 February: Manche Masemola (1928), Martyr**

**160 Collect**

Heavenly Father,  
whose child Manche [Masemola]  
was baptized in her own blood  
as a disciple of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ:  
grant us such trust in him  
that our lives may reflect his unfailing love;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

**9 February: Teilo (6<sup>th</sup> century), Bishop**

**161 Collect**

Father of all,  
you raise up in every generation men and women  
to act as beacons of your love  
in the storms and perils of life:  
grant that we who revere the memory of your servant Teilo  
may, like him, bear witness to your fatherly care;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory  
now and for ever.

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

**14 February: Cyril (869), Monk & Missionary, and Methodius (885), Bishop & Missionary**

**162 Collect**

God and Father of all,  
who gave to your servants Cyril and Methodius  
such skill with languages  
that they might proclaim the gospel to the Slavs:  
grant that all who profess the name of Christ  
may honour one another  
and east and west unite in proclaiming  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;  
through the same Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Missionary is appropriate*

**18 February: John of Fiesole (Fra Angelico) (1455), Priest and  
Andrei Rublev (c 1430), Religious, Painters**

**163 Collect**

Gracious Father,  
who in the mystery of your Word made flesh  
have given us a new and radiant vision of your splendour:  
grant that after the example of John and Andrei  
we may so contemplate your beauty in him  
that we may point others here on earth  
to those things which pass imagination;  
we ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of Any Saint is appropriate*

**19 February: Thomas Burgess (1837), Bishop and Teacher**

**164 Collect**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son commanded us to pray  
that labourers might be sent into the harvest:  
grant that, following the example of your servant Thomas,  
we may provide of our substance  
for training those who will minister  
in the name of him  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
lives and reigns for ever and ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of Education or a Teacher is appropriate*

**20 February: The Saints, Martyrs and Missionaries of Africa**

**165 Collect**

God of all nations,  
you have called from among the people of Africa  
saints, martyrs and missionaries  
who have been faithful in witness to the truth:  
grant that by service and sacrifice  
we may be ready to live and die  
constant in love for all your children:  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Missionary is appropriate*



**23 February: Polycarp (c 155), Bishop and Martyr**

**166 Collect**

Almighty God,  
who gave to your servant Polycarp  
courage to confess the Saviour's Name  
and in old age to die a martyr's death:  
grant that we also may be ready to give an answer for the hope that is in us  
and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

**27 February: George Herbert (1633), Priest and all Pastors**

**167 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Pastor is appropriate*

## **1 March: David (6<sup>th</sup> century), Bishop, Patron of Wales**

### **168 Collect**

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Almighty God, who in love towards thy people didst call thy servant David to be a faithful and wise steward of thy mysteries: mercifully grant that, following his purity of life and zeal for the whole Gospel of Christ, we may with him receive thy heavenly reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end.

#### *Contemporary*

God our Father,  
you gave Saint David to the people of Wales  
to uphold the faith:  
encouraged by his example,  
may we joyfully hold fast to the things  
which lead to eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

### **169 Post Communion**

Almighty God,  
awaken in us the zeal of your servant David  
that we may follow you in singleness of heart;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**5 March: Non (5<sup>th</sup> century), Mother of David of Wales**

**170 Collect**

God our Father,  
who entrusted your only begotten Son  
to the care of an earthly mother  
that she might guide his first steps in the paths of faith and love:  
grant that we who revere the mother of our patron David  
may work to bring up a new generation in the fear and love of your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Welsh Saint is appropriate*

**7 March: Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions (203), Martyrs**

**171 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

**17 March: Patrick (5<sup>th</sup> century), Bishop, Patron Saint of Ireland**

**172 Collect**

Almighty God,  
in your providence you chose  
your servant Patrick  
to be the apostle of the Irish people,  
to baptize those who were wandering  
in darkness and error  
and to bring them to the true light  
and knowledge of your word:  
keep us in that light  
and bring us to everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Missionary is appropriate*

**18 March: Cyril of Jerusalem (386), Bishop**

**173 Collect**

Almighty God,  
who inspired your bishop Cyril  
to lead many to the font of baptism,  
there to die in Christ and to be born anew in him:  
grant to all who are to be baptized [at Easter]  
grace to turn from evil  
and boldly to profess their faith in Jesus Christ,  
your Son, our Lord,  
whom by the power of the Spirit  
you raised to live with you,  
his God and Father,  
for ever and ever.

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

## **19 March: Joseph of Nazareth**

### **174 Collect**

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Almighty God, who didst choose Joseph to be the husband of the Virgin Mary and the Guardian of thy Son Jesus: grant that in the family of thy holy Church we may ever be united with the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

#### *Contemporary*

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

*The Collect of Any Saint (abbreviated as appropriate) as a Post Communion Prayer*

**21 March: Thomas Cranmer (1566), Hugh Latimer, Nicholas Ridley (1555), and Robert Ferrar (1555), Bishops, Teachers and Martyrs**

**175 Collect**

Father of all mercies,  
who through the work of your servants  
Thomas, Hugh, Nicholas and Robert  
renewed the worship and teaching of your Church,  
and through their deaths  
lit a candle which we trust will never be put out:  
strengthen us by your grace to worship you  
in spirit and in truth,  
and so come to the joys of your everlasting kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Collect of the Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era (abbreviated) may be used as a Post Communion Prayer (31 October)*

**24 March: Oscar Romero (1980), Bishop and Martyr**

**176 Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose servant Oscar [Romero]  
was a prophet of a future not our own:  
give us grace to pray and work  
for the Kingdom which lies beyond us,  
until the day when we shall see you face to face  
in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord  
who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

## **25 March: The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

### **177 Collect**

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We beseech thee, Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Advent 4 is appropriate*

## **29 March: Woolos (6<sup>th</sup> century), King**

### **178 Collect**

King of kings and Lord of lords,  
from whom all authority on earth takes its name:  
grant that we who revere the memory of your servant Woolos  
may claim the crown of unfading glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Welsh Saint is appropriate*

**7 April: Brynach (5<sup>th</sup> century), Abbot**

**179 Collect**

Almighty and everliving God,  
who called Brynach the Irishman  
to lead a life of pilgrimage,  
and to bring the Gospel to the people of Wales:  
grant to us, your pilgrim people,  
grace to know we have no abiding dwelling on earth  
but an everlasting homeland in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
whom by the power of the Spirit  
you raised to live with you,  
his God and Father,  
for ever and ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbot is appropriate*

**8 April: Griffith Jones (1761), Priest and Teacher**

**180 Collect**

Almighty God,  
who inspired your servant Griffith  
to promote the knowledge of the Christian faith  
and by his preaching to bring others to you:  
grant that we who have been schooled in the faith which he taught  
may labour to bring others to Christ,  
whom by the power of the Spirit  
you raised to live with you,  
his God and Father,  
for ever and ever.

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Priest is appropriate*



## **9 April: Saints, Martyrs and Missionaries of South America**

### **181 Collect**

Almighty God,  
we praise and bless your name  
for the saints, missionaries and martyrs  
of South America:  
may we, in life and death,  
be a community of love  
united in prayer and faith  
with him who died and rose again,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
whom by the power of the Spirit  
you raised to live with you,  
his God and Father,  
for ever and ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Missionary is appropriate*

### **Or Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1945), Pastor, Teacher and Martyr**

### **182 Collect**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
your servant Dietrich [Bonhoeffer]  
learned the cost of discipleship  
in his faithful witness to justice and peace:  
give us the assurance of your presence  
that we may persevere faithfully unto death;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

**11 April: George Augustus Selwyn (1878), Bishop and Missionary**

**183 Collect**

Jesus, incarnate God,  
good news for all who have ears to hear and eyes to see:  
we thank you for George  
and for all who bring the gospel to New Zealand and Melanesia:  
raise up in this and every land  
heralds and evangelists of your kingdom,  
and hasten the time  
when the earth is filled with your glory;  
for with the Father and the Holy Spirit  
you live and reign,  
God for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Missionary is appropriate*

**15 April: Padarn (6<sup>th</sup> century), Bishop**

**184 Collect**

Almighty God,  
by whose permission  
Padarn was invested with the staff of pastoral authority  
and called to govern the Church in our land:  
grant to those who follow in his office  
grace to be faithful shepherds of your flock,  
healing the wounds of those entrusted to their care;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
whom by the power of the Spirit  
you raised to live with you,  
his God and Father,  
for ever and ever.

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

**20 April: Beuno (c 640), Abbot**

**185 Collect**

Almighty God,  
you have left so many traces of your goodness in this land  
through the life and ministry of Beuno:  
grant that we who share his homeland on earth  
may dwell with him in that everlasting mansion  
which you in your goodness  
have prepared for those who love you;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
whom by the power of the Spirit  
you raised to live with you,  
his God and Father,  
for ever and ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbot is appropriate*

**21 April: Anselm (1109) Bishop and Doctor**

**186 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Education or a Teacher is appropriate*

**23 April: George (304), Martyr, Patron of England**

**187 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Any Saint is appropriate*

**25 April: Mark, Evangelist**

**188 Collect**

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Almighty God, who hast instructed thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelist Mark: give us grace, that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

Almighty God,  
who enlightened your holy Church  
through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark:  
grant that we, being firmly grounded in the truth of the gospel,  
may be faithful to its teaching  
both in word and deed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
whom by the power of the Spirit  
you raised to live with you,  
his God and Father,  
for ever and ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of the Last Sunday after Pentecost is appropriate*

**29 April: Catherine of Siena (1380), Writer**

**189 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Poet or Any Saint is appropriate*

**1 May: Philip and James, Apostles**

**190 Collect**

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Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that, following the steps of thy holy Apostles Philip and James, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Pentecost 15 is appropriate*

## **2 May: Athanasius (373), Bishop and Doctor**

### **191 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Education or a Teacher is appropriate*

## **3 May: Henry Vaughan (1695), Poet**

### **192 Collect**

Father of lights,  
in whom is a deep but dazzling darkness:  
lead us to yourself,  
and grant  
that after the example of your servant Henry  
we may keep watch  
at evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn  
until the great day breaks  
and we see eternity in the face of the Bridegroom,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Poet is appropriate*

**5 May: Asaph (6<sup>th</sup> century), Bishop**

**193 Collect**

Almighty and everliving God,  
who called Asaph to be a bishop in your Church  
and to proclaim the gospel to this nation:  
give us, your servants, such faith and power of love,  
that, as we rejoice in his triumph,  
we may profit by his example;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
whom by the power of the Spirit  
you raised to live with you,  
his God and Father,  
for ever and ever.

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

**8 May: Julian of Norwich (c 1417)**

**194 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Any Saint is appropriate*

**9 May: Gregory of Nazianzus (390), Bishop**

**195 Collect**

Almighty God, infinite ocean of being,  
whose Son, in order to heal us,  
shrank not from assuming our finite nature:  
grant that we, like Gregory,  
may never cease to wonder at the miracle of our salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
whom by the power of the Spirit  
you raised to live with you,  
his God and Father,  
for ever and ever.

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

**14 May: Matthias, Apostle**

**196 Collect**

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Almighty God, who didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the twelve apostles: grant that thy Church, being always preserved from false apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

Almighty God,  
who in the place of the traitor Judas  
chose your faithful servant Matthias  
to be of the number of the Twelve:  
preserve your Church from false apostles  
and, by the ministry of faithful pastors and teachers,  
keep us steadfast in your truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
whom by the power of the Spirit  
you raised to live with you,  
his God and Father,  
for ever and ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of Pentecost 15 is appropriate*



**15 May: Edmwnd Prys (1624), Priest, Poet and Translator  
and John Davies (1644), Priest and Translator**

**197 Collect**

God, by whose word the heavens and earth were made  
and who inspired your servants Edmwnd and John  
to make known that word to your people:  
preserve us from all evil  
and grant that we may find in the Scriptures  
an ever ready help in all our troubles;  
through the same Jesus Christ, your Word, our Lord,  
whom by the power of the Spirit  
you raised to live with you,  
his God and Father,  
for ever and ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Translator is appropriate*

**19 May: Dunstan (988), Bishop**

**198 Collect**

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

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

**20 May: Chad (672), Bishop**

**199 Collect**

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

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

**24 May: Charles Wesley (1788) and John Wesley (1781),  
Priests and Missionaries**

**200 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Missionary is appropriate*

**25 May: Bede (735), Doctor**

**201 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Education or a Teacher is appropriate*

**26 May: Augustine of Canterbury (605), Bishop**

**202 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Priest or a Bishop is appropriate*

**28 May: Melangell (6<sup>th</sup> century), Abbess**

**203 Collect**

God our strength,  
protector of the weak,  
the one in whom sinners find sanctuary:  
grant that we who revere the memory of Melangell  
may preach the gospel of forgiveness  
and become people in whom others may place their trust;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
whom by the power of the Spirit  
you raised to live with you,  
his God and Father,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbess is appropriate*

**31 May: The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth**

**204 Collect**

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God, who didst lead the Blessed Virgin Mary to visit Elizabeth to their exceeding joy and comfort: grant that as Mary rejoiced to be called the Mother of the Lord, we also may ever rejoice in the incarnation of thine only-begotten Son; to whom with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, for ever and ever.

*Contemporary*

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Advent 4 is appropriate*

## **1 June: Justin (c 165), Apologist and Martyr**

### **205 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

## **2 June: Blandina and her Companions (177), Martyrs**

### **206 Collect**

Almighty God,  
who strengthened Blandina and her companions  
as they endured so many and so great sufferings:  
grant that, following their example,  
we may all be truly Christian,  
allowing nothing vile to be done among us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

**3 June: James Hannington (1885), Bishop, Missionary and Martyr, the Martyrs of Uganda (1886) and Janani Luwum (1977), Bishop and Martyr**

**207 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Missionary is appropriate*

**5 June: Boniface (754), Bishop, Missionary and Martyr**

**208 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

**9 June: Columba (597), Abbot**

**209 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbot is appropriate*

**10 June: Ephrem the Syrian (373), Deacon, Hymnwriter and Teacher**

**210 Collect**

Lord God,  
we thank you for servant Ephrem;  
open our minds to the light of your truth,  
that mystery may unfold before us,  
that knowledge may shine around us  
and that understanding may grow within us  
in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Poet is appropriate*

## **11 June: Barnabas the Apostle**

### **211 Collect**

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Lord God Almighty, who didst endue thy holy Apostle. Barnabas with singular gifts of the Holy Spirit: leave us not, we beseech thee, destitute of thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them always to thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Pentecost 15 is appropriate*

## **14 June: Basil the Great (397), Bishop and Doctor**

### **212 Collect**

God, who in making us  
wounded our hearts with the hidden spark of divine love,  
and who gave to your servant Basil such powers of instruction  
that he could reconcile waverers to your truth  
without compromising or shaming the gospel:  
grant that, following his example,  
we may be cleansed from all evil  
and cry with true devotion:  
Glory to the Father with the Son  
together with the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of Education or a Teacher is appropriate*



**16 June: Richard (1253), Bishop**

**213 Collect**

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

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

**20 June: Alban (250), Julius and Aaron (304-5), Martyrs**

**214 Collect**

Eternal Father,  
when the gospel of Christ first came to Britain  
you gloriously confirmed the faith of Alban, Julius and Aaron  
by making them the first to win the martyr's crown:  
grant that, following their example,  
in the fellowship of the saints we may worship you, the living God,  
and give true witness to Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
whom by the power of the Spirit  
you raised to live with you,  
his God and Father,  
for ever and ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

## 24 June: The Nativity of John the Baptist

### 215 Collect

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

#### *Contemporary*

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

*The Collect of Advent 3 (abbreviated) is appropriate as a Post Communion Prayer*

## **28 June: Irenaeus (c 200), Bishop and Doctor**

### **216 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Education or a Teacher is appropriate*

## **29 June: Peter the Apostle**

### **217 Collect**

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Almighty God, by whose inspiration thy holy Apostle Peter confessed Jesus as Christ,  
the Son of the living God: build thy Church upon this rock, that in unity and peace it  
may proclaim one faith and follow one Lord, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who  
liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Contemporary*

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Pentecost 15 is appropriate*

**Or Peter and Paul, Apostles**

**218 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Pentecost 15 is appropriate*

**30 June: The Martyrdom of Paul, Apostle**

**219 Collect**

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Almighty God, by whose grace and power thy holy Martyr Paul triumphed over suffering and was faithful unto death: strengthen us, we beseech thee, with thy grace, that we may finish our course in faith, and receive with *him* the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

Almighty God,  
whose blessed apostle Paul fought the good fight,  
finished the race, and thus received the crown:  
grant that we may keep the faith which he taught,  
and share with him the gift of everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of Pentecost 15 is appropriate*

## **1 July: Euddogwy (6<sup>th</sup> century), Bishop**

### **220 Collect**

Almighty and everliving God,  
who called Euddogwy to be a bishop in your Church  
and to proclaim the gospel:  
give us, your servants, such faith and power of love,  
that, as we rejoice in his triumph, we may profit by his example;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

## **3 July: Thomas, Apostle**

### **221 Collect**

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Almighty and everliving God, who for the establishing of the Faith didst allow thy holy Apostle Thomas to doubt thy Son's resurrection: grant us so perfectly, and without any doubt, to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in thy sight may never be reprov'd. Hear us, Lord, through the same Jesus Christ, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore.

*Contemporary*

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Pentecost 15 is appropriate*

**4 July: Peblig (4<sup>th</sup> century), Abbot**

**222 Collect**

Almighty and everliving God,  
who called Peblig to proclaim the gospel to this nation:  
give us, your servants, such faith and power of love,  
that, as we rejoice in his triumph, we may profit by his example;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbot is appropriate*

**6 July: Thomas More (1535), Martyr**

**223 Collect**

Merciful God,  
who, when the Church in this land  
was torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
inspired Thomas to put conscience above earthly honour,  
so that he died the king's good servant, but yours first:  
give to your Church that peace which is your will,  
and grant that those who have been divided upon earth  
may merrily meet in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

**11 July: Benedict (c 540), Abbot**

**224 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbot is appropriate*

**14 July: John Keble (1886), Priest and Teacher**

**225 Collect**

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

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Priest is appropriate*

**18 July: Elizabeth of Russia (1918), Religious and Martyr**

**226 Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose servant Elizabeth [of Russia]  
gave away her possessions and devoted herself to prayer  
and the service of love and mercy:  
help us, by your Spirit, to be faithful unto death;  
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

**19 July: Gregory of Nyssa (c 394), Bishop, and Macrina (c 379), Virgin, Teachers**

**227 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Teacher is appropriate*



**21 July: Howell Harris (1773), Preacher**

**228 Collect**

Almighty God,  
by whose grace your servant Howell  
beheld the great glory of the God-man Jesus:  
grant that we, when our earthly course is over,  
may pass from death to life,  
and dwell with him upon Mount Zion;  
through the same Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Pastor is appropriate*

**22 July: Mary Magdalene**

**229 Collect**

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Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body, and called her to be a witness to his Resurrection: mercifully grant that by thy grace we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve thee in the power of thy Son Jesus Christ; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

*Contemporary*

Almighty God,  
whose risen Son first entrusted to Mary Magdalene  
the good news of his resurrection:  
grant that we may serve you in the power of him  
who has ascended to you,  
his God and Father,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of Pentecost 5 is appropriate*

## **25 July: James, Apostle**

### **230 Collect**

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Grant, merciful God, that as thine holy Apostle James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient to the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ; so we, forsaking all selfish desires, may ever be ready to obey thy call; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Pentecost 15 is appropriate*

## **26 July: Anne, Mother of the Virgin Mary**

### **231 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Any Saint is appropriate*

## **27 July: Martha and Mary of Bethany**

### **232 Collect**

God our Father,  
whose Son enjoyed the friendship of Martha and Mary:  
may we so rejoice in your love  
that the world may come to know  
the depths of your wisdom,  
the wonder of your compassion,  
and your power to bring life out of death;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ,  
our friend and brother,  
whom by the power of the Spirit  
you raised to live with you,  
his God and father,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of Any Saint is appropriate*

## **28 July: Samson (5<sup>th</sup> century), Bishop**

### **233 Collect**

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

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

**29 July: William Wilberforce, (1833) Josephine Butler (1906) and all Social Reformers**

**234 Collect**

Almighty God,  
who made all men and women in your image  
and who led the children of Israel from slavery,  
establishing their freedom in a promised land:  
grant that,  
following in the footsteps of your servants William and Josephine,  
we may welcome all who suffer from injustice and oppression  
as especially dear brothers and sisters in the Lord.  
We ask this through our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honour and glory  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Social Reformer is appropriate*

**30 July: Silas, Missionary**

**235 Collect**

Almighty God,  
by whose grace Silas was made spokesman for the apostles  
in proclaiming the freedom of the children of God:  
release us from the prison of sinful desires  
that we, like him, may lead others to Christ;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Missionary is appropriate*

### **31 July: Joseph of Arimathea**

#### **236 Collect**

Almighty God,  
by whose grace your servant Joseph  
overcame fear and anxiety to bury the body of his Lord:  
grant that we may openly confess our discipleship  
and, like him, be accounted righteous in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
whom by the power of the Holy Spirit  
you raised to live with you,  
his God and Father,  
for ever and ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer for Any Saint is appropriate*

### **3 August: Germanus (5<sup>th</sup> century), Bishop**

#### **237 Collect**

Source of all goodness,  
by whose gift your servant Germanus  
proclaimed in Britain the sovereignty of your grace:  
grant that your people  
may ever thankfully receive the fruits of your generosity  
until at last we sing with him and all the saints  
the great alleluia of heaven;  
where with your Son and Spirit  
you live and reign  
one God, now and for ever.

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

## **5 August: Oswald (642), King and Martyr**

### **238 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

## **6 August: The Transfiguration of our Lord**

### **239 Collect**

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Almighty and everlasting God, who before the Passion of thine only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory when he was transfigured on the holy mount: mercifully grant unto us such a vision of his divine majesty that, purified and strengthened by thy grace, we may be transformed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

*The Post Communion Prayer the Sunday before Lent is appropriate*

## **8 August: Dominic (1221), Preacher**

### **240 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Pastor is appropriate*

## **9 August: Augustine Baker (1641), Priest and Monk**

### **241 Collect**

Almighty God,  
the source of all holiness and wisdom,  
by whose grace it was  
that your servant Augustine triumphed over his doubts  
and became a teacher of prayer:  
grant that amid the fever of our daily life  
we may be still and know that you are God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory  
now and for ever.

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Priest is appropriate*

**Or Mary Sumner (1921), founder of the Mothers' Union**

**242 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Social Reformer is appropriate*

**Or Edith Stein (1942), Teacher, Religious and Martyr**

**243 Collect**

Almighty Father,  
whose servant *Edith [Stein] / Teresa Benedicta*  
willingly took up the cross for her people:  
give us such trust in your Son Jesus Christ  
that we may be willing to live and die  
for him, who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*



**10 August: Lawrence (258), Deacon and Martyr**

**244 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

**11 August: Clare of Assisi (1253), Mendicant**

**245 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbess is appropriate*

**12 August: Ann Griffiths (1805), Poet**

**246 Collect**

Lord of all creation,  
in whose name is our strength  
and who, by the voice of your Son, calmed the foaming wave:  
grant that we,  
who remember with affection the life of your servant Ann,  
may, when the flood of our sins threatens to overwhelm us,  
find in you the ark of true salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Poet is appropriate*

**13 August: Jeremy Taylor (1667), Bishop**

**247 Collect**

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

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

**14 August: Maximilian Kolbe (1941), Priest and Martyr**

**248 Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose servant Maximilian [Kolbe]  
offered his life for another  
and triumphed over suffering and death:  
move us by his example  
in the love and mercy of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

**15 August: Mary, Mother of Our Lord**

**249 Collect**

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Heavenly Father, who didst choose the Virgin Mary to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: grant that we may in all things accept thy holy will, and with her rejoice in thy salvation; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Advent 4 is appropriate*

**20 August: Bernard (1153), Abbot**

**250 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbot is appropriate*

**23 August: Tydfil (430), Martyr**

**251 Collect**

Almighty God,  
by your grace your servant Tydfil was given strength  
to triumph over suffering and death:  
strengthen us to finish our course in faith,  
that we may receive with her  
the crown of everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

## **24 August: Bartholomew, Apostle**

### **252 Collect**

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Almighty and everlasting God, who didst give to thy holy Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word: grant, we beseech thee, that thy Church may love that Word which he believed, and may both preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Pentecost 15 is appropriate*

## **27 August: Monica (378), Mother of Augustine of Hippo**

### **253 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Any Saint is appropriate*

## **28 August: Augustine of Hippo (430), Bishop and Doctor**

### **254 Collect**

#### *1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, who hast enlightened thy Church by the teaching of thy servant Augustine: enrich it evermore with thy heavenly grace, and raise up faithful witnesses, who by their life and doctrine may set forth to all men the truth of thy salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### *Contemporary*

Merciful God,  
you revealed yourself  
to your servant Augustine  
as the light of the minds that know you,  
the joy of the hearts that love you,  
and the strength of the wills that serve you:  
grant us so to know you  
that we may truly love you,  
and so to love you  
that we may fully serve you,  
whose service is perfect freedom  
in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of Education or a Teacher is appropriate*

## **29 August: The Beheading of John the Baptist**

### **255 Collect**

#### *1984 Prayer Book*

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

#### *Contemporary*

God our Father,  
who called your servant John  
to be the herald in birth and death of Christ your Son:  
strengthen us by your grace  
that we may bear witness courageously  
to your word and receive with him the unfading crown of glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **256 Post Communion**

God our Father,  
your servant John  
died a martyr for justice and truth:  
may we courageously bear witness to your word;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**31 August: Aidan (651), Bishop**

**257 Collect**

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

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

**2 September: Lucian Tapiedi (1942), Missionary and Martyr, and the Martyrs of Papua New Guinea (1901 & 1942)**

**258 Collect**

Heavenly Father,  
whose servants Lucian [Tapiedi] and the martyrs of Papua New Guinea  
gave their lives in faithful witness to the love of Christ:  
help us to endure to the end,  
strengthened by the grace of him who gave his life for us,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*



### **3 September: Gregory the Great (604), Bishop and Doctor**

#### **259 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Education or a Teacher is appropriate*

### **4 September: Cuthbert (687), Bishop**

#### **260 Collect**

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

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

## **8 September: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

### **261 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

Grant us, Lord, we beseech thee, thy heavenly grace: that as we give praise for the birth of the Mother of thy dear Son, we may acknowledge him as our Saviour and find in him the blessing of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end.

*Contemporary*

Almighty God,  
who chose the blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your only Son:  
grant that we who are redeemed in him  
may, by your grace,  
be holy and obedient to your word;  
through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,  
who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of Advent 4 is appropriate*

## **10 September: William Salesbury (1584), Translator and William Morgan (1604), Bishop & Translator**

### **262 Collect**

Almighty God,  
who by your Holy Spirit  
gave your servants William Salesbury and William Morgan  
a longing to bring the treasure of your word to the common light of all:  
by the same Spirit,  
in flame in us a longing to proclaim the good news of your saving love  
in Jesus Christ your Son our Lord;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Translator is appropriate*

**11 September: Deiniol (6<sup>th</sup> century), Bishop**

**263 Collect**

Almighty God,  
who inspired your bishop Daniel  
to gather around him a community  
to live the common life:  
grant that we, who honour his memory,  
may work to build up the family of your Church  
in faith and hope and love;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

**13 September: Cyprian (258), Bishop, Doctor and Martyr**

**264 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

## **14 September: Holy Cross**

### **265 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, whose only-begotten Son Jesus Christ was lifted up on the Cross to draw all men unto him: grant that we may ever glory in that Cross, which is to us the sign of our redemption; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Lent 6 (Palm Sunday) is appropriate*

## **16 September: Ninian (c 430), Bishop**

### **266 Collect**

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

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

## **20 September: Saints, Martyrs and Missionaries of Australia and the Pacific**

### **267 Collect**

Spirit of God,  
we remember all who have witnessed  
to the name of Jesus  
in Australasia and the islands of the Pacific:  
refresh your Church with life and power,  
renew in us your gifts of love and service  
and make us faithful to our Lord and Saviour,  
who lives and reigns  
with you in the glory of the Father,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Missionary is appropriate*

## **21 September: Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

### **268 Collect**

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Almighty God, who by thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist: grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires and selfish love of riches and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

*Contemporary*

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of the Last Sunday after Pentecost is appropriate*

**25 September: Sergei of Radonezh (1392), Abbot**

**269 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbot is appropriate*

**26 September: Lancelot Andrewes (1626), Bishop**

**270 Collect**

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

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

**27 September: Vincent de Paul (1660), Priest**

**271 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Pastor is appropriate*

## **29 September: Michael and All Angels**

### **272 Collect**

#### *1984 Prayer Book*

Everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of angels and men in a wonderful order: mercifully grant, that as thy holy angels always do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### *Contemporary*

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

### **273 Post Communion**

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



## **30 September: Jerome, Doctor**

### **274 Collect**

Eternal Father,  
who gave your servant Jerome great delight  
in his study of the holy Scriptures:  
grant that with your word ever on our lips,  
we may reflect upon it night and day,  
hold fast to its commands,  
and direct our lives according to its teaching;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Translator is appropriate*

## **4 October: Francis of Assisi (1226), Friar**

### **275 Collect**

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Almighty God, who hast established thy Church through the love and devotion of thy saints: we give thanks for thy servant Francis whom we now commemorate. Inspire us to follow *his* example, that we in our generation may rejoice with *him* in the vision of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbot is appropriate*

**6 October: William Tyndale (1536), Translator and Martyr**

**276 Collect**

O God, by whose grace your servant William  
opened to the poor and unlearnèd  
the treasures of your word:  
grant that we may find in Scripture  
such a vision of your glory  
that we, like him, may be your faithful servants unto death;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
whom by the power of the Spirit  
you raised to live with you,  
his God and Father,  
for ever and ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Translator is appropriate*

**9 October: Cynog (5<sup>th</sup> century), Abbot**

**277 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbot is appropriate*

**13 October: Edward the Confessor (1066), King**

**278 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Any Saint is appropriate*

**14 October: Esther John (1960), Missionary and Martyr**

**279 Collect**

Almighty Father,  
whose servant Esther [John]  
lived and worked as a faithful servant  
of your Son Jesus Christ  
and died in his service:  
give us such dedication to his name  
that our lives may be a song of praise;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

**15 October: Teresa of Avila (1582), Teacher**

**280 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Education or a Teacher is appropriate*

**16 October: Daniel Rowland (1790), Priest and Preacher**

**281 Collect**

Almighty God,  
who awakened in your servant Daniel  
a fervent desire for the gift of the Spirit  
and the power to preach the good news in our land:  
open our ears to receive your word  
and stir up in our hearts a spirit of repentance  
that, when this mortal life is over,  
we may awaken to the vision of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Pastor is appropriate*

**17 October: Ignatius (c 117), Bishop and Martyr**

**282 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

## **18 October: Luke Evangelist**

### **283 Collect**

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Almighty and loving Father, by whose inspiration Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, proclaimed the love and healing power of thy Son: grant to thy Church, by the wholesome medicine of the doctrine delivered by him, the same love and power to heal; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### *Contemporary*

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

### **284 Post Communion**

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
open our minds to understand the Scriptures  
and our mouths to proclaim forgiveness  
in the name of him who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**19 October: Henry Martyn (1812), Pastor, Translator and Missionary**

**285 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Missionary or a Translator is appropriate*

**23 October: James of Jerusalem, Bishop**

**286 Collect**

Grant, O God of peace,  
that after the example of James,  
the brother of the Lord,  
your Church may give itself continually  
to prayer and to the reconciliation  
of all who are caught up in hatred or enmity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Priest of Bishop is appropriate*

**25 October: Lewis Bayley (1631), Bishop and Writer**

**287 Collect**

Blessed Lord,  
who inspired in your servant Lewis  
a love of the practice of piety:  
grant that we may be constant in our devotion  
and boldly bear witness to the gospel of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

**26 October: Alfred (899), King**

**288 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Any Saint is appropriate*



## **28 October: Simon and Jude, Apostles**

### **289 Collect**

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Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone: grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable to thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Pentecost 15 is appropriate*

## **30 October: Richard Hooker (1600), Priest and Teacher**

### **290 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Education or a Teacher is appropriate*

## **31 October: Catholic and Protestant Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era**

### **291 Collect**

Almighty God,  
who revealed the faith  
to the apostles and prophets,  
Jesus Christ being the foundation stone:  
following the example  
of the saints and martyrs of the Reformation era,  
may we live in your fear,  
die in your favour and rest in your peace;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

### **Or Vigil of All Saints**

### **292 Collect**

Almighty God,  
in your mercy we prepare to celebrate the solemn feast  
of all your saints:  
grant that their example may increase our devotion  
and lead us in the way of salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of Any Saint is appropriate*

## **1 November: All Saints**

*See Sundays and Festivals*

## 2 November: All Souls

### 293 Collect

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Lord, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: grant to the faithful departed all the unsearchable benefits of thy Son's Passion; that in the day of his appearing they may be manifested as thy children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### *Contemporary*

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

#### *Or*

O God,  
the Maker and Redeemer of all:  
grant to your whole Church,  
living and departed,  
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion,  
that we may pass through death  
to a joyful resurrection,  
through him who died and was raised for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of Any Saint is appropriate*

### **3 November: The Martyrs and Confessors of our Time**

#### **294 Collect**

Almighty God,  
by whose power  
the martyrs and confessors of our time  
triumph over suffering  
and are faithful to death:  
make us ready to endure reproach and persecution,  
and bear faithful witness to the name  
of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

#### **Or Winifred (7<sup>th</sup> century), Abbess**

#### **295 Collect**

Lord God, the fountain of all life,  
who call us through the waters of baptism to die and rise with Christ:  
grant that we who call to mind the life and death of your servant Winifred,  
may, like her, consider ourselves dead to sin  
but alive to you in Christ Jesus,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbess is appropriate*

## **4 November: The Saints and Martyrs of the Anglican Communion**

### **296 Collect**

O God,  
you have given to your saints  
grace to confess your only Son as Lord:  
keep us faithful in our witness  
that we may search for your truth,  
serve your purpose  
and joyfully praise your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr or Any Saint is appropriate*

## **5 November: Cybil (6<sup>th</sup> century), Abbot**

### **297 Collect**

God of all times and places,  
who inspired your servant Cybi  
to leave his people and his father's house  
and, like Abraham, to seek you in his wanderings:  
grant that when our earthly pilgrimage is over  
we may, like them, find an eternal dwelling place  
where, with your Son and Holy Spirit  
you live and reign,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbot is appropriate*

**6 November: Illtud (5<sup>th</sup> century), Abbot**

**298 Collect**

Blessed Lord, the source of all wisdom,  
by whose grace  
your servant Illtud excelled in knowledge and learning,  
both human and divine:  
grant that we may never seek to live by bread alone  
but by that Word who comes forth from you,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbot is appropriate*

**7 November: Richard Davies (1581), Bishop and Translator**

**299 Collect**

Everlasting God,  
who called your servant Richard to rule over the household of faith,  
taking care of the Church of God:  
grant that we who revere his memory  
may be ever vigilant, sober and of good behaviour,  
given to hospitality and apt to teach;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Translator is appropriate*

## **8 November: The Saints of Wales**

### **300 Collect**

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Almighty God, who dost call thine elect from every nation, and dost show forth thy glory in their lives: grant that, following the example of the Saints of Wales and strengthened by their fellowship, we may be fruitful in good works to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

Gracious Lord,  
as we call to mind all the saints of our country,  
grant that we who rejoice  
to share their earthly homeland  
may be made worthy  
to be fellow citizens in heaven;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ,  
your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Welsh Saint is appropriate*

## **10 November: Leo (461), Bishop and Doctor**

### **301 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Teacher is appropriate*

**11 November: Martin (c 397), Bishop**

**302 Collect**

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

*A Post Communion Prayer of a Bishop is appropriate*

**12 November: Tysilio (6<sup>th</sup> century), Abbot**

**303 Collect**

Father of all,  
who called Tysilio to flee his father's house  
and to dwell in solitude in the isles of the western sea:  
grant that we, following his example,  
may be prepared to give up  
all that would hinder us from following in the footsteps of your Son,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbot is appropriate*



**13 November: Charles Simeon (1836), Priest and Teacher**

**304 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Pastor is appropriate*

**14 November: (6<sup>th</sup> century), Bishop**

**305 Collect**

Almighty God,  
the light of the faithful and shepherd of souls,  
who gave your servant Dyfrig  
to be a bishop in the Church  
and to preach the gospel to the people of Wales:  
give us, your servants,  
such faith and power of love,  
that as we rejoice in his triumph,  
we may profit by his example;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Priest or a Bishop is appropriate*

## **15 November: The Saints, Martyrs & Missionaries of North America**

### **306 Collect**

Father,  
you consecrated the beginnings  
of the Church in North America  
by the preaching and example  
of many saints and martyrs:  
grant in our own day  
that the faith which they taught  
may inspire others to follow in their steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Missionary is appropriate*

## **16 November: Margaret of Scotland (c 1045), Queen**

### **307 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Any Saint is appropriate*

**17 November: Hugh (1200), Bishop**

**308 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Priest or a Bishop is appropriate*

**18 November: Hilda (680), Abbess**

**309 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbess is appropriate*

**19 November: Elizabeth of Hungary (1231), Princess**

**310 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Any Saint is appropriate*

**21 November: Pauline's (5<sup>th</sup> century), Abbot**

**311 Collect**

Almighty and everliving God,  
who called Paulinus to proclaim the gospel to this nation:  
give us, your servants, such faith and power of love,  
that, as we rejoice in his triumph, we may profit by his example;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbot is appropriate*

**23 November: Clement (c 100), Bishop**

**312 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Priest or a Bishop is appropriate*

**25 November: John Donne (1631), Priest and Poet**

**313 Collect**

Batter our hearts, three-personed God,  
that we, who have been overthrown by our sins,  
may at the last rise with your servant John  
and sing with him the wonders of your love;  
where you live and reign,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
God for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Poet is appropriate*

## **29 November: Vigil and Day of Intercession for the Mission of the Church**

### **314 Collect**

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to witness  
that in Christ you were reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be united with you;  
through him who died for us and rose again,  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of Mission is appropriate*

## **30 November: Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland**

### **315 Collect**

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Almighty God, who didst give such grace to thy holy Apostle Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay: grant to us all, that we, being called by thy holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### *Contemporary*

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Pentecost 15 is appropriate*

## **1 December: Nicholas Ferrar (1637), Deacon**

### **316 Collect**

Gracious Lord,  
who gently drew the deacon Nicholas to your service  
and let him hear the calling of your love:  
grant that we, who venerate his memory,  
may be constant in prayer, steadfast in hope,  
and rejoice in simplicity of heart;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbot or Any Saint is appropriate*

## **2 December: The Saints, Martyrs and Missionaries of Asia**

### **317 Collect**

Most gracious God,  
accept our thanks  
for the saints, martyrs and missionaries of Asia:  
may the ears which hear your word be open to the truth;  
the eyes which see your love shine with the light of hope;  
and the tongues which sing your praises  
speak of the Word made flesh,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
whom by the power of the Spirit  
you raised to live with you,  
his God and Father,  
for ever and ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Missionary is appropriate*



**3 December: Francis Xavier (1552), Missionary**

**318 Collect**

God our Father,  
who by the preaching of your servant Francis  
brought many peoples of Asia to yourself:  
give his zeal for the Faith to all who believe in you,  
that your Church may rejoice in continued growth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Missionary is appropriate*

**6 December: Nicholas (c 342), Bishop**

**319 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Priest or a Bishop is appropriate*

**7 December: Ambrose (397), Bishop and Doctor**

**320 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Teacher is appropriate*

**8 December: Cynidr (6<sup>th</sup> century), Bishop**

**321 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Priest or a Bishop is appropriate*

**13 December: Lucy (304), Martyr**

**322 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

**14 December: John of the Cross (1591), Priest, Poet and Teacher**

**323 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of Education or a Teacher is appropriate*

**Collects which may be used on weekdays 17-23 December**

*The Sunday Post Communion is appropriate*

**324 O Wisdom! 17 December**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of the Wisdom from on high:  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
we ask this through him whose coming is certain,  
whose day draws near,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be honour and glory now and for ever.

**325 O Adonai! 18 December**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of our Lord:  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
we ask this through him whose coming is certain,  
whose day draws near,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be honour and glory now and for ever.

**326 O Root of Jesse! 19 December**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of a child born from the stock of Jesse:  
that when he shall appear  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
we ask this through him whose coming is certain,  
whose day draws near,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be honour and glory now and for ever.

**327 O Key of David! 20 December**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of him  
who holds the keys of the house and kingdom of David:  
that when he shall appear  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
we ask this through him whose coming is certain,  
whose day draws near,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be honour and glory now and for ever.

**328 O Dayspring! 21 December**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of the Sun of Righteousness:  
that when he shall appear  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
we ask this through him whose coming is certain,  
whose day draws near,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be honour and glory now and for ever.

**329 O King of the nations! 22 December**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of the King whom all the peoples desire:  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
we ask this through him whose coming is certain,  
whose day draws near,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be honour and glory now and for ever.

**330 O Emmanuel! 23 December**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of Emmanuel as our Judge and Saviour:  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
we ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be honour and glory now and for ever.

**24/25 December: Christmas Eve and Day**

*See Sundays and Festivals*

## 26 December: Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr

### 331 Collect

#### *1984 Prayer Book*

Grant, Lord, that in all our sufferings here upon earth for the testimony of thy truth, we may learn to love our enemies, by the example of thy first martyr, Stephen, who prayed for his persecutors to thee, blessed Jesus, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

#### *Contemporary*

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

*Either of the Post Communion Prayers of Christmas are appropriate*



## **27 December: John, Apostle and Evangelist**

### **332 Collect**

#### *1984 Prayer Book*

Merciful Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that, enlightened by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist John, it may so walk in the light of thy truth, that at length it may attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### *Contemporary*

Merciful Lord,  
cast your bright beams of light upon the Church;  
that, being enlightened by the teaching  
of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John,  
we may so walk in the light of your truth  
that we may at last attain to the light  
of everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ  
your incarnate Son our Lord,  
whom by the power of the Spirit  
you raised to live with you,  
his God and Father,  
for ever and ever

*The Post Communion Prayer of Christmas (In the Day) is appropriate*

## **28 December: The Innocents**

### **333 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, who out of the mouths of infants hast ordained strength, and made them to glorify thee by their deaths: mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith, even unto death, we may glorify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

Heavenly Father,  
whose children suffered at the hands of Herod:  
by your great might frustrate all evil designs,  
and establish your reign of justice, love and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr or Any Saint is appropriate*

## **29 December: Thomas of Canterbury (1170), Bishop and Martyr**

### **334 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Martyr is appropriate*

**30 December: Tathan (6<sup>th</sup> century) Abbot**

**335 Collect**

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

*The Post Communion Prayer of an Abbot is appropriate*

**31 December: John Wycliffe (1384), Priest and Translator**

**336 Collect**

God our Father,  
who desire that all may come to know you  
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent:  
grant that, like your servant John,  
we may be untiring in spreading the good news of your Word made flesh;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and ever.

*The Post Communion Prayer of a Translator is appropriate*

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**THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY BAPTISM:**  
**Any time in Eastertide**

**337 Collect**

Heavenly Father,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit  
you give to your faithful people  
new life in the water of baptism:  
guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,  
that we who are born again  
may serve you in faith and love,  
and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**338 Post Communion**

Almighty God, we thank you  
for our fellowship in the household of faith  
with all those baptized in 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.

*Or*

Eternal God,  
You have declared in Christ  
the fulness of your purpose of love:  
may we live by faith,  
walk in hope  
and be renewed in love,  
until the world reflects your glory,  
and you are all in all.  
Even so; come, Lord Jesus!

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE HOLY COMMUNION:  
Thursday after Trinity Sunday**

**339 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

Blessed Lord, who in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of thy Passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, on God, world without end.

*Contemporary*

Jesus, Saviour of the world,  
we thank you  
that in this wonderful sacrament  
you have left us a memorial of your passion:  
grant us so to reverence  
the sacred mysteries of your body and blood  
that we may know within ourselves  
the fruit of your redeeming love;  
who live and reign  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

*The Collect of Maundy Thursday is appropriate as a Post Communion prayer.*

## ROGATION DAYS

### 340 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

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

*Monday*

### 341 Collect

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

*Tuesday*

### 342 Collect

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



***Wednesday***  
**343 Collect**

Creator of the fruitful earth,  
you made us stewards of all things:  
give us hearts grateful for all your goodness,  
and wills steadfast to use your bounty well,  
that the whole human family,  
today and in generations to come,  
may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**344 Post Communion**

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

## THANKSGIVING / HARVEST

### 345 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty and everlasting God, who crownest the year with thy goodness, and hast given to us the fruits of the earth in their season: give us, we beseech thee, grateful hearts, that we may rightly use thy gifts to thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

Lord of all creation,  
you give us the fruits of the earth in their season  
and crown the year with your goodness:  
help us so to receive your gifts with thankful hearts  
that we may use them to your glory,  
for the relief of those in want  
and to meet our daily needs;  
through Jesus Christ the Bread of life,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### 346 Post Communion

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

## DEDICATION FESTIVAL

### 347 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, by whose providence we celebrate again the consecration [*or dedication*] of this church: send down upon us, we beseech thee, thy heavenly blessing, and make us a living temple, holy and acceptable to thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### 348 Post Communion

Father in heaven  
grant that we, fed with the living bread of heaven,  
and united in the body of your Son,  
may be the temple of your presence,  
the place of your glory on earth,  
and a sign of your redeeming grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## UNITY

### 349 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst say to thine apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: regard not our sins but the faith of thy Church, and grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to thy will; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

*Contemporary*

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

### 350 Post Communion

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

## EMBER DAYS

### 351 Collects

#### *1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, who by thy divine providence hast appointed various Orders of Ministers in thy Church: give thy grace, we beseech thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and ministration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### *Contemporary*

*For the ministry of all Christian people:*

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

*Or for those to be ordained:*

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

*Or for vocations to Holy Orders:*

Almighty God,  
you have entrusted to your Church  
a part in the ministry of your Son our great High Priest:  
inspire by your Holy Spirit the hearts of many  
to offer themselves for ordination in your Church,  
that strengthened by his power,  
they may work for the increase of your kingdom  
and set forward the eternal praise of your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

*Or for the inauguration of a new ministry:*

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

### 352 Post Communion

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

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

## AN INDUCTION / NEW MINISTRY

### 353 Collect

God our Father,  
we thank you that through your Son  
you have called us into the fellowship  
of your universal Church:  
hear our prayers for your faithful people  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may be instruments of your love;  
and give to your servant *N* now to be inducted  
the gifts of grace, holiness and love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### 354 Post Communion

All-powerful Father,  
you have inspired *N*  
with the resolve to follow Christ in proclaiming his word and sacrament:  
enrich *him/her* with your Holy Spirit  
as *he/she* guides and teaches all in *his/her* care,  
that they may enter more deeply  
into the mystery of Christ and his Church,  
we ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.



## **EDUCATION**

### **355 Collect**

Lord God,  
open our minds to the light of your truth,  
that mystery may unfold before us,  
that knowledge may shine around us  
and that understanding may grow within us  
in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **356 Post Communion**

Eternal God,  
you inspire your children in every age  
in ways of peace and understanding:  
deepen our yearning for knowledge  
by sharing with one another the light of your truth,  
that in serving one another we may serve you,  
the one true God:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

## A MARRIAGE

### 357 Collect

#### *1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open and all desires known: purify our thoughts through your Holy Spirit, that we may love you with heart and mind and praise you as we ought: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or*

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, direct, sanctify and govern our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and in the works of your commandments; that, through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

#### *Contemporary*

God our Father,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant to your servants *N* and *N*  
that, loving one another,  
they may remain in your love until their lives' end;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and always.

## THOSE IN NEED

### 358 Collect

#### *1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: we beseech thee to have compassion on our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### *Contemporary*

Heavenly Father,  
you know both our needs and our ignorance:  
have mercy on our weakness,  
not as we ask in our blindness  
nor as we deserve in our sinfulness,  
but as you know and love us  
in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and always.

## SICKNESS

### 359 Collect

#### *1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty Father, giver of life and health, look mercifully upon thy servants in sickness; that by thy blessing upon them they may be restored to health of body, mind and spirit and give thanks to thee in the holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### *Contemporary*

Creator and Father,  
giver of life and health,  
we pray for all who are sick and those who serve their needs,  
that they may be strengthened in their weakness  
and trust in your unfailing love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and always.

## THE DYING

### 360 Collect

Heavenly Father,  
into whose hands your Son Jesus Christ  
commended his spirit at his last hour:  
into those same hands of love and mercy  
we now commend your servant *N*,  
that death may be for *him/her* the gate to life  
in eternal fellowship with you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and always.

## A FUNERAL

### 361 Collect

#### *1984 Prayer Book*

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers, grant to thy servant *N* and all the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of thy Son's passion, that in the day of his appearing they may be manifested as thy children; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

#### *Or*

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

#### *Contemporary*

##### *An Adult*

O God,  
maker and redeemer of all,  
grant to your whole Church, living and departed,  
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion,  
that we may pass through death to a joyful resurrection;  
through him who died and was raised for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and always.

##### *A Child*

O God,  
grant us grace  
to entrust *N* to your love and care,  
and bring us all to your heavenly kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## MISSION

### 362 Collect

#### *1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty Father, whose will it is that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of thy truth: send forth, we pray thee, labourers into thy harvest, and grant that they may so faithfully preach thy word, that all nations may know thee, the one true God, and him whom thou hast sent, even thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### *Contemporary*

Almighty God

who called your Church to witness  
that in Christ you were reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us so to proclaim the good news of your love  
that all who hear it may be united with you;  
through him who died for us and rose again,  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### *Or*

Heavenly Father,  
you revealed your love  
by sending your only Son into the world  
that all might live through him:  
grant that by the power of the Spirit  
your Church may obey his command  
to make disciples of all nations;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### 363 Post Communion

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

## **A MISSIONARY**

### **364 Collect**

Jesus, incarnate God,  
good news for all who have ears to hear and eyes to see:  
we thank you for *N*  
[and for all who bring the gospel to ....]:  
raise up in this and every land  
heralds and evangelists of your kingdom,  
and hasten the time  
when the earth is filled with your glory;  
for with the Father and the Holy Spirit  
you live and reign, God for ever.

### **365 Post Communion**

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



## PEACE

### 366 Collect

#### *1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray thee, in the hearts of all men the true love of peace, and guide with thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity thy kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### *Contemporary*

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

#### *Or*

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

### **367 Post Communion**

God our Father,  
your Son is our peace  
and his cross the sign of reconciliation:  
help us, who share the broken bread,  
to bring together what is scattered  
and to bind up what is wounded,  
that Christ, in whose name we pray,  
may bring in the everlasting kingdom of his peace;

### **A MEETING**

#### **368 Collect**

Lord God,  
you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church  
that he may lead us into all truth:  
bless with his grace and presence the members of this *council*;  
keep *us* steadfast in faith and united in love,  
that *we* may advance your glory  
and the peace, unity and mission of your Church;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and always.

## **GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

### **369 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

God, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

*Contemporary*

Eternal God,  
you sent the light of your Holy Spirit  
to teach the hearts of your faithful people:  
Grant that by the gift of the Spirit,  
we may have sound judgement  
and rejoice in the strength he gives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and always

### **370 Post Communion**

God of power,  
may the boldness of the Spirit transform us,  
the gentleness of the Spirit lead us,  
and the gifts of the Spirit equip us  
to serve and worship you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

### **371 Collect**

O God,  
may your holy and life-giving Spirit  
move every human heart,  
to break down the barriers which divide us,  
destroy suspicions and hatreds,  
and heal our divisions,  
that we may live in justice and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

## **A SOCIAL REFORMER**

### **372 Collect**

Almighty God,  
you proclaim your truth in every age  
through many and varied witnesses:  
we praise you for all social reformers [particularly *N*]  
who by their word and deed  
have sought to bring about change in their day,  
to your greater glory  
and for the establishment of justice and righteousness on earth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

### **373 Post Communion**

God our Father,  
whose own dear Son died on the cross to make us holy  
and rose from the grave to make us free,  
through this sacrament of our redemption  
strengthen us to spread the good news of salvation,  
bringing freedom to the prisoner,  
hope to the desperate,  
and solace to the outcast,  
in the name of him who is Lord now and for ever.

## A POET

### 374 Collect

Creator God,  
we thank you for your servant *N*,  
whose poetry reveals *his* love for your word:  
open our hearts and understanding  
that we may come to perceive your will for us  
in the written word and the tunefulness of song;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
whom by the power of the Spirit  
you raised to live with you,  
his God and Father, for ever and ever.

### 375 Post Communion

Father of all,  
deepen within us the sense of awesome praise  
in the rhythms of poetry and song,  
that we may glimpse and behold  
the wonder of your glory.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **A PRIEST**

### **376 Collect**

God our Father,  
you called your servant *N*  
to lead us to Jesus, the Bread of life:  
nourish us with the sacrament of your love  
that we may joyfully walk in the way of peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **377 Post Communion**

Eternal God,  
you call us to worship you in Spirit and in truth.  
Receive the offering of our praise and thanksgiving  
for those who have served you in faithfulness and joy  
by walking before you in holiness and love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **A BISHOP**

### **378 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, the light of the faithful and the shepherd of souls, who didst set blessed *N* to be a Bishop in thy Church, that he might feed thy sheep by his word and guide them by his example: grant us, we pray thee, to keep the faith which he taught, and to follow in his footsteps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### **379 Post Communion**

Eternal God,  
you call us to worship you in Spirit and in truth.  
Receive the offering of our praise and thanksgiving  
for those who have served you in faithfulness and joy  
by walking before you in holiness and love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or*

Father,  
who called *N* to preside at your table upon earth  
as a faithful steward of your mysteries:  
grant that we who have called to mind his life of service to the body of Christ  
may likewise work for the coming of your kingdom,  
where Jesus is Lord now and for ever.



## **A PASTOR**

### **380 Collect**

Father of all,  
with the embrace of your love  
you inspired *N* to be a pastor to your people:  
teach us so to care in humility and love  
that we may serve the Shepherd and Guardian of our bodies and souls,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

### **381 Post Communion**

Creator God,  
you seek out the scattered sheep  
to feed them on good pasture:  
encourage and enthuse us by the example of those  
who have tended the flock of Christ,  
that we may withstand temptation,  
give comfort and refreshment,  
and return to you rejoicing,  
the one eternal God,  
for ever and ever.

## AN ABBOT OR ABBESS

### 382 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, the source of all our good, who didst endue *N* with the grace of holiness: make us so to abound in every good work that we may obtain of thee all things necessary for our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### 383 Post Communion

Merciful God,  
who gave such grace to your servant *N*  
that *he/she/they* served you with singleness of heart:  
enable us,  
whose communion with you have been renewed in this sacrament,  
to forsake all that holds us back from following Christ  
and to grow daily in the likeness of him,  
who is our Lord,  
now and for ever.

## A MARTYR

### 384 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, by whose grace and power thy holy Martyr *N* triumphed over suffering and was faithful unto death: strengthen us, we beseech thee, with thy grace, that we may finish our course in faith, and receive with *him* the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

Almighty God,  
by your grace your servant *N* was given strength  
to triumph over suffering and death:  
strengthen us to finish our course in faith,  
that we may receive with *him/her/them* the crown of everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### 385 Post Communion

God our Redeemer,  
whose suffering Church was heartened by the courage of your martyr *N*:  
so bind us by this eucharist to the sacrifice of Christ  
that our lives, broken and offered with *his/hers/theirs*,  
may carry his death and proclaim his resurrection in the world.  
This we ask through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or:*

God of courage,  
as we thank and praise you for your martyr *N*,  
grant that, strengthened by this food,  
we may like *him/her/them*  
run with perseverance the race that is set before us  
and win the victor's wreath that never fades.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **A DOCTOR / TEACHER OF THE FAITH**

### **386 Collect**

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, who hast enlightened thy Church by the teaching of thy servant *N*: enrich it evermore with thy heavenly grace, and raise up faithful witnesses, who by their life and doctrine may set forth to all men the truth of thy salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

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

### **387 Post Communion**

Heavenly Father,  
who invite us to your table,  
here to sustain us on the bread which gives life to the world:  
fill us with the fullness of him who is your Wisdom,  
that we who receive him may never go hungry  
and we who believe in him may never thirst again.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## ANY SAINT

### 388 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, who hast established thy Church through the love and devotion of thy saints: we give thanks for thy servant *N* whom we now commemorate. Inspire us to follow *his* example, that we in our generation may rejoice with *him* in the vision of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

Almighty God,  
you have built up your Church  
through the love and devotion of your saints.  
We give you thanks for your servant *N*:  
inspire us to follow *his/her/their* example  
that we may in our day rejoice  
in the vision of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### 389 Post Communion

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

## A WELSH SAINT

### 390 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Almighty God, who through the ministry of thy servant *N* didst bring the light of the Gospel to this nation: grant, we beseech thee, that, following the example of *his* constancy and zeal, we may come to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

Almighty and everliving God,  
who called *N*  
to proclaim the gospel to this nation:  
give us, your servants, such faith and power of love,  
that, as we rejoice in *his/her/their* triumph,  
we may profit by *his/her/their* example;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### 391 Post Communion

Lord of hosts,  
whose glory we praise as we catch its reflection  
in the holiness of those who have gone before us:  
may we, who like them have been sustained at this table,  
with them be filled with joy in your eternal kingdom,  
where Jesus is Lord now and for ever.

## A TRANSLATOR

### 392 Post Communion

Lord, warm our hearts within us  
as we recognise your Word in the breaking of bread.  
Stir up in us a love of the scriptures  
that we may ever more deeply understand the gospel we proclaim  
and the Saviour whom we follow:  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

## VIGIL OF SAINTS

### 393 Collect

*1984 Prayer Book*

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the solemn Feast of thy blessed Saint *N*,  
which we anticipate, may both increase our devotion and be profitable for our  
salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Contemporary*

Almighty God,  
in your mercy we prepare  
to celebrate the solemn feast of your servant *N*:  
grant that *his/her/their* example may increase our devotion  
and lead us in the way of salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.