

DIOCESE OF ABA NGWA NORTH

(Anglican Communion)

ORDER OF SERVICE

**ACCORDING TO
THE LITURGY OF THE CHURCH OF NIGERIA**

FOR

MATINS AND EVENSONG,

HOLY EUCHARIST,

BAPTISM,

CHURCHING OF WOMEN

AND

CONFIRMATION AND ADMISSION

Including

Collects, Eucharistic Proper Prefaces & Canticles

PREFACE

One important enduring wire that has held Anglicans together over the years is our Godly heritage in the provision of the Book of Common Prayer. But, this too has undergone several revisions in different parts of the Communion to meet the strong spiritual desires and liturgical needs of the people in their different dioceses.

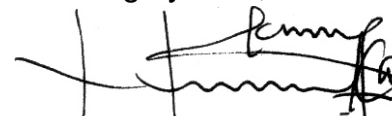
In spite of the many revisions, however, the structure and form of the Anglican liturgy remain essentially the same throughout the Anglican world. We need to note that in preparing these booklets conscious effort were made to make use of the 1662 BCP in order to garnish our worship.

It may be reiterated here that in addition to this booklet, we have other ones covering our different services and celebrations.

It is our belief that the desired result of worshiping God in good order will be achieved by following these diocesan liturgy booklets accordingly.

On behalf of this diocese, we extend our thanks to our brother, Ven. Precious Okereke, Chairman Liturgy Compilation Committee and all the members of his dedicated team for accomplishing this onerous task.

It is now my privilege and honor to introduce "**Diocese of Aba Ngwa North Order of Services booklets**" to all our members and indeed to all faithful Anglicans outsider our diocese for use in the worship of the Almighty God, our Creator and most gracious Redeemer.



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INTRODUCTION

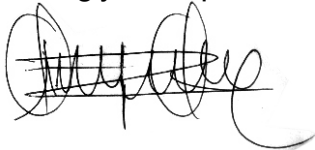
In the recent present especially with the creation of Dioceses which has enabled the impact of Liturgical worship at the grass-root, the need to localize the Liturgy of the Church of Nigeria has been on the increase. The aim of the Diocese in compiling this Worship Booklet is not to produce **“Another Liturgy”** but, firstly to make the liturgy available and affordable to every member of the Diocese. Secondly, to make a compilation that is within the Spiritual and mental circumference of the Anglican congregations in the Diocese of Aba Ngwa North.

This Worship Booklet contains a variety of Liturgical spices. The conductor at sometimes has the options of picking some vital ingredients from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer in order to garnish the worship. It is a link between the old and the new which enables a gentle shift from the known to the unknown. With this, any congregation can offer her worship freely and responsibly to God.

We thank our Lord Bishop, Rt. Rev. Nathan Kanu (Ph.D, Amb.P) for giving us the opportunity to serve God in this direction. We also thank the Team of responsible Clergymen who served with us in this committee for their dedication and aptitude. More so, we commend the Clergy of the Diocese of Aba-Ngwa North for helping in proof-reading the manuscript.

Finally, we give God the glory, who is our Help in ages past, and our Hope for years to come. He is our Shelter from the storming blast and our Eternal Home.

Wishing you a Spirit-filled worship experience.



Ven. Precious Okereke
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**ORDER FOR
MATINS AND EVENSONG
(1st Order)**

1. **HYMN**
2. **The sentence** (*an appropriate sentence will be said*)
3. **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: We have come together as one family of God in our Father's presence to offer Him praises and thanksgiving, to hear and receive His Holy Word, to ask His Forgiveness of our sins, and to seek His grace, and through His Son, Jesus Christ we may give ourselves to His service. Let us kneel as we confess our sins to God Almighty

OR

Dearly beloved brethren, the scripture moveth us in Sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God, our heavenly father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hands, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

Let us kneel

CONFESSION

Minister: Let us in silence examine ourselves before the Almighty God.

(After a period of personal reflection). All will say together.

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, and against our neighbours, in thought, words and deed through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name Amen.

OR

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have follow too much the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done. And, there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And, grant O merciful Father, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen

(The priest pronounces the ABSOLUTION standing, and raising up his hand).

Priest: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OR

Priest: Almighty God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his Holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

OR

(Instead of the Absolution; when the Priest is not there to pronounce it. This form is to be used by a lay person or Deacon who is conducting)

Minister: The Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,

All: Have Mercy on us

Minister: You that take away the sin of the world

All: Receive our prayer

Minister: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right Spirit within us.

All: Cast not us away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.

Minister: Restore to us the joy of your Salvation, and uphold us with your Spirit.

All: Amen.

(The congregation will stand for the Gloria)

Glory to the Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

4 **HYMN OR CANTICLE OR PSALMS**5 **THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

(The reader begins thus: Hear the word of God, as it is written in "Name of the book, the chapter and the verse '. At the end, he says: " this is the word of God' and the people shall say. "Thanks be to God"

6. **A HYMN OR CANTICLE**7. **THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**
*(to be announced and ended as above)*8. **A HYMN OR CANTICLE**9. **THE SERMON**10. **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

(All standing)

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary; He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended to the dead, on the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I

believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting Amen.

- 11. Minister:** The Lord be with you
- People:** And also with you
- Minister:** Let us pray
- Minister:** Lord have mercy upon us
- People:** Christ have mercy upon us.
- Minister:** Lord have mercy upon us

All: Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us'; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

(The Minister stands and says)

- Minister:** O Lord, show your mercy upon us
- People:** And grant us your salvation
- Minister:** O Lord, guide and defend our rulers
- People:** And give them wisdom from above
- Minister:** Endue your ministers with righteousness
- People:** And make your chosen people joyful
- Minister:** O Lord save your people
- People:** And bless your inheritance

- Minister:** Give peace in our time, O Lord
- People:** Because there is none other than fighteth for us, but only you, O Lord.
- Minister:** O God, make clean our heart within us
- People:** And take not your Holy Spirit from us

(The Minister kneeling, says the Collects)

- 12. a. Collect(s) for the day**
- b. Collects for Matins**
- i. O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: defend us, your humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.
- ii. O Lord our heavenly father, Almighty and everlasting God, who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with your mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but all our doings may be ordered by your governance to do what is righteous in your sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- b. Collect for Evening Song**
- O God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and that freed from fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

iii. Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray; and in your mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

13. PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

(The minister may select some prayer from the Prayer Book or use extemporary prayers)

14. CONCLUDING PRAYERS

i. **Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Minister: Almighty God, you have given us grace to bring before you with one accord our common supplications and you promise that when two or three are gathered together in your name, you will grant their request: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants as may be most expedient for them: granting us in this world, knowledge of your truth and in the world to come, the fullness of eternal life. Amen.

ii. **The Grace**

All: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all ever more. Amen.

15. OFFERINGS *(Hymns or Lyrics may be used)*

16. CLOSING HYMN

17. BENEDICTION

(The Priest chooses any of these three types. When the Priest is not in the service; a Deacon or Lay person will say the Grace).

Priest: (I lay the God of peace, who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in all goodness,

so that you may do His will, and may He make of you what He would have you be, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

(ii). Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, hold fast that which is good, render to no man evil for evil, strengthen the faint hearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, fear God, honour the king, love the Brotherhood,

rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you, and remain with you now and for ever. Amen.

(iii). Unto God's own gracious hands and keeping I commit you; may the Lord bless you and keep you, May the Lord guide and protect you, may He make the face of His countenance shine upon you, and give you peace, now and always.

18. NOTICES *(Announcements can be given here or immediately after the Intercessory prayers)*

19. HYMN FOR PROCESSING OUT

20. DISMISSAL

Minister: The Lord be with you

People: The Lord bless you

Minister: Go in Peace

People: Amen.

2ND ORDER**1. PROCESSION (Silent or Organ Music)**

(The congregation will be standing as the Minister says with a loud voice)

2. Minister: The Lord be with you

People: The Lord bless you

3. HYMN (or Lyrics may be used)

4. SENTENCES *(The Minister chooses the appropriate sentences)*

5. Minister: As we approach our Holy God, we realize that we have sinned and come short of His Glory. Let us therefore humbly confess our sins to Him, kneeling and saying together.

People: O God, our righteous judge and merciful father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We acknowledge that we are responsible for our own sinfulness. Have mercy upon us, we pray you, and forgive us by the love which you have shown towards us in Jesus Christ, who for our sake died and rose again. Give us true repentance by the power of the Holy Spirit, and enable us to forsake our evil ways and serve you in newness of life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Priest: May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort

of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(In the absence of a Priest, instead of the Absolution, a Deacon or a Lay Conductor says the following prayer, kneeling).

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 our Lord. Amen.

6. Minister: Recognizing that God has forgiven us our sins because Jesus, the Lamb of God, has died for us, let us adore Him saying:

All: Salvation belongs to our God Who sits on the throne and to the Lamb! Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.

Minister: You have dealt well with your servants, O Lord

People: According to your Word

Minister: Blessed are You, O Lord

People: O teach us your statutes

Minister: Your Word is a lamp to our feet

People: And, a light to our path

7. PSALMS**8. OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

9. CANTICLE OR HYMN**10. NEW TESTAMENT LESSON****11. HYMN OR CANTICLE****12. THE SERMON****13. HYMN OR ANTHEM (*may be sung*)****14. THE APOSTLES' CREED***(All standing)*

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary; He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended to the dead, on the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Minister: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Minister: Let us pray

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us

People: Christ, have mercy upon us

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us

All: Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and

forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

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Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord

People: Because there is none other fighteth for us, but only you, O God

Minister: O God, make clean our heart within us

People: And take not your Holy Spirit from us

(The Minister Kneeling, says the collects)

a. Collects(s) for the day**b. Collects for Matins**

i. O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, in

knowledge of whom stands our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: defend us, your humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

- ii. O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with your mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by your governance, to do what is righteous in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

b. Collects for Evensong

- i. O God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and that freed from the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- ii. Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray; and in your mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

15. HYMN (or anthem or lyrics may be sung)

16. PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

(The Minister shall select some prayers from the Prayer Book or use extemporal prayers)

17. PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Minister: Almighty God, you have given us grace to bring before you with one accord our common supplications and you

promise that when two or three- are gathered together in your name, you will grant their request: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth and in the world to come, the fullness of eternal life. Amen.

OR

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

18. THE GRACE

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all ever more. Amen

19. OFFERINGS (Hymns or lyrics may be used)

20. BENEDICTION (to be pronounced by the priest)

21. HYMN FOR PROCESSING OUT

22. DISMISSAL: A time of silent prayer follows (The minister dismisses he people, saying):

Minister: The Lord be with you

People: The Lord bless you

Minister: Go in peace

People: Amen.

ORDER FOR HOLY EUCHARIST

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

PREPARATION

(An appropriate sentence may be said)

Priest: I will bless the Lord at all times
All: His praise shall continually be in my mouth

Priest: O magnify the Lord with me.

All: And let us exalt his name together

Priest: This is the day which the Lord has made

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Or Advent/Lent

Priest: Bless the Lord Who forgives our sins
All: God's mercy endures for ever

Or Christmas

Priest: Christ our Lord is born for us,
All: Come, let us adore Him

Or Easter Day to Pentecost

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen

All: He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Or Pentecost

Priest: The Lord is here
All: His Spirit is with us

3. COLLECT FOR PURITY

All: Almighty God unto whom all hearts are opened and all desires known, from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thought of our hearts, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify your Holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

4. GLORIA IN EXELSYS

(This may be sung or said by the whole congregation as they stand)

All: Glory be to God in the highest, peace to His people on earth. Lord God heavenly King, Almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you thanks; We praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord; You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

5. SUMMARY OF THE LAW

(The priest says with a loud)

Priest: Our Lord Jesus Christ said: "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength'. This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, you shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than

these. On these commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these laws in our hearts

OR

(Suitable for other days that are not Sundays)

b. Kyrie Eleison

Priest: Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

Priest: Christ have mercy

All: Christ have mercy

Priest: Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

OR

TRISAGION

Priest: Holy God

All: Holy and mighty, Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us

Priest: Holy God

All: Holy and mighty, Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us

Priest: Holy God

All: Holy and mighty, Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us

6. CONFESSION

(The following and/or other appropriate sentences may be said)

Priest: God so love the world that He gave His only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life,

Hear what St. John says," if anyone sins we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins.

(Pause a while)

Priest: Let us confess our sins, in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all people; meekly kneeling upon our knees,

All: Almighty God our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbours, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault, we have not sufficiently walked according to the mind of Christ. We have named the name of Christ, but have not departed from iniquity. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name, Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy, upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

7. THE COLLECT

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Priest: Let us pray

(The priest says or chants the collect(s) for the day)

8. MINISTRY OF THE WORD

i. O.T. Reading

*(The reader announces the reading thus; "Hear the Word of God as it is written in **the name of the book, the chapter and the verse**. After reading, the reader shall say "this is the word of the Lord" and the people shall respond, "Thanks to be God")*

ii. Psalm

iii. Epistle

*("The reader announces it thus, 'the "Epistle is written in **the name of the Letter, chapter and verse**" After reading, says as in O. T Reading)*

IV. Canticle or Hymn

(To be used as Gradual)

v. The Gospel

*The reader announces it thus, 'the Holy Gospel is written in the **name of the book, chapter, beginning at verse** When it is announced the people shall say "**Glory to Christ our Saviour**"*

*After reading, the reader shall say " **this is the Gospel of Christ**".*

*The people shall respond "**Praise to Christ to our Lord**"*

vi. **Hymn** *(may be omitted)*

vii. **Sermon**

9. THE NICENE CREED

(All standing)

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation. He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, He became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day, He rose again, in accordance with the scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, with the Father, and the Son, He is worshiped and glorified; He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins, we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come, Amen.

10. INTERCESSION

(A)

Priest: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Priest: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. And let us thank God for His goodness.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father. You promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith, strengthen N ... our Primate, N ... our Archbishop N ... our Bishop and all Your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess Your name may be united in Your truth, live together in Your love, and reveal Your glory in the world. Bless and guide our rulers; give wisdom to all in authority, and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that people may honour one another, and seek the common good.

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

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

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

Rejoicing in the fellowship of (N and of) all Your saints we commend ourselves and all Christian people to your unfailing love.

Merciful father:

All: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

OR

(B)

Priest: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O God, the Creator and preserver of all mankind, we pray for people of every race, and in every kind of need: make Your ways known on earth. Your saving power among all nations. (Especially we pray for ...) Lord in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Priest: We commend to your Fatherly goodness, all who are anxious or distressed in mind or body; comfort and relieve them in their need; give them patience in their sufferings and bring good out of their troubles. (Especially we pray for ...) Merciful father.

All: Accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

(C)

(The Priest can use other forms of prayer as seen in the BCP or can lead the congregation in the other prayers he considers expedient)

11. THE PEACE

(All Standing)

Priest: Christ is our Peace, He has reconciled us to God in One Body by the cross. We meet in His name and share His

peace.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you

Priest: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OR

Priest: We are the body of Christ, in the One Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and build up our common life. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you

Priest: Let us offer one another a sign of peace

(Exchange of pleasantries & peace)

12. OFFERTORY *(Hymn or Choruses)*

13. PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

i. Ceremonial washing of hands

(The Celebrant shall say as he washes his hands)

Celebrant: I wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go about your Altar and lift up the voice of thanksgiving. Amen.

ii. **Offering of the elements** *(The celebrant takes the Bread, and says)*

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

All: Blessed be God for ever. Amen.
(The celebrant takes the wine and says)

Celebrant: Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever. Amen.

iii. *(The Celebrant lifts up the offertory and says with the people.)*

All: Yours, Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty, for everything in heaven and on earth is yours, all things come from You and of Your own do we give you.

(The celebrant has the option of choosing either Eucharistic prayer I or Eucharistic prayer II)

14a. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

(The congregation remains standing)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is indeed right, it is our duty and joy at all times and in all places to give You thanks and praise, Holy Father, Heavenly King, Almighty and Eternal God, through Jesus Christ Your only Son our Lord, for He is Your living Word; through Him You have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in Your own image. Through Him You have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving Him to be born as man and to die upon the cross; You raised Him from the dead and exalted Him to Your right hand on high, through Him You have sent upon us Your Holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for Your own possession.

(Proper preface)

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name for ever praising You and saying.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the Highest.

Celebrant: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest

(The Congregation may kneel as the Celebrant continues)

Celebrant: Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through Your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow His example and obey His command, grant that by the power of Your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us His Body and Blood, who in the same night that He was betrayed took bread and gave You thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me".

"In the same way, after supper, He took the cup and gave You thanks, He gave it to them; saying; "Drink this, all of you, this is My blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do these as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me".

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen
Christ will come again

Celebrant: Therefore, Heavenly Father, we remember His offering of Himself made once for all upon the cross; and proclaim His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension. As we look for His coming in glory, we celebrate with this Bread and this Cup His one perfect sacrifice.

Accept through Him, our Great High Priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of Your divine majesty, renew us by Your Spirit, inspire us with Your love and unite us in the body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, by the power of the Holy Spirit with all who stand before you in earth and heaven we worship you, Father Almighty, in songs of everlasting praise.

All: Blessing and honour and glory and power be Yours for ever and ever. Amen.

(Silence may be kept)

BREAKING OF THE CONSECRATED BREAD

(The Celebrant breaks the bread saying)

Celebrant: The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? *(Then he lays his hands on cup saying)*

Celebrant: The cup which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?

All: Though we are many, we are one body because we share in one Bread.

OR

14b. EUCHARIST PRAYER II

(Congregation remains standing until the Agnus Dei. The celebrant will face the congregation as he says)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord our God

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is meet and right so to do

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounded duty that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God.

(Then follows this preface, or another preface proper to the season)

Through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, through whom You did create the heavens and the earth and all that

is in them, and did make man in Your own image, and when he had fallen into sin, did redeem him to be the first fruit of a new creation.

All: Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name; evermore praising You and saying: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Your glory, glory be to You, O Lord Most High. Blessed be He that has come and is to come, in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Truly holy, truly blessed are You, O Heavenly Father, who of Your tender love towards mankind did give Your only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon Him and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by His one oblation of Himself once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world: and did institute and in His gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of His precious death, until His coming again. Who in the same night that he was betrayed" *(he takes the paten into his hand)* He took bread and when he had given thanks *(he now breaks the bread)* He broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat, *(he lays his hands upon the Bread)* this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me". Likewise after supper * *(he lifts the cup)* he took the cup, and when he had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink this all of you, for this is **(he touches the chalice or flagon)* My Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me".

All: Amen. Your death O Lord, we commemorate, Your resurrection we confess, and Your second coming we await. Glory be to You, O Christ.

Celebrant: Wherefore, O Father, having in remembrance the precious death and passion, and glorious resurrection and ascension of Your Son our Lord, we Your servants do this in remembrance of Him, as He had commanded, until His coming again, giving thanks to You for the perfect redemption which You have wrought for us in Him.

All: We give thanks to You, we praise You, we glorify You O Lord our God.

Celebrant: And we most humbly pray You, O merciful Father, to sanctify with Your Holy Spirit, us and Your own gifts of bread and wine that the Bread which we break may be the communion of the Body of Christ, and the cup which we bless, may be the communion of the blood of Christ. Grant that being joined together in Him, we may all attain to the unity of the faith unto Him who is the Head, even Christ our Lord, by Whom, and with Whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto You, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All: Amen

Silence may be kept

(All Kneeling)

Celebrant: The Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world.

All: Have mercy on us

Celebrant: Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world

All: Have mercy on us

Celebrate: Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world

All: Grant us peace

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

(All kneeling)

All: We do not presume to come to Your table, Merciful Lord; trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies, we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But, You are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, Gracious Lord so to eat the flesh of Your Dear Son, Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood; that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

17. *Before the distribution, the celebrant says with a loud voice.*

Celebrant: Draw near with faith, receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which He gave you and His blood which He shed for you. Eat and Drink in remembrance that He died for you, and feed on Him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

OR

Celebrant: Holy things to holy people. If anyone is holy, let him come; if any is not, let him repent. The Lord is here.

All: There is One Holy, One Lord Jesus Christ to the glory of God the Father, blessed forever. Amen.

18. **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION** *(Hymns)*

19. **ABLUTION** *(An appropriate hymn shall be sung)*

20. **AFTER COMMUNION PRAYER**

(Appropriate sentence may be said here)

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us so we pray

All: Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven, give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and for ever. Amen.

(Either or both of the following prayers or other suitable prayer is said)

Celebrant: Father of all we give You thanks and praise, that when we were still far off You met us in Your Son and brought us home. Dying and living He declared Your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's Body live His risen life. We, who drink His cup, bring life to others. We, whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us. So we and Your children shall be free and the whole earth live to praise Your name; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

AND/OR

All: Almighty God, we thank You for feeding us with the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ. Through Him we offer You our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory. Amen.

(The celebrant may say this or an alternative Blessing)

Celebrant: The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you

always.

All: Amen

21. PROCESSION *(A Hymn may be sung as the ministers process out).*

22. DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen

THE HOLY BAPTISM

If the baptism is organized in the context of the Mattin, Even Song or Eucharistic Service, it begins *(after the Ministry of the Word, a hymn or lyric may be sung and the people move to the front)*

INTRODUCTION: Dear people of God, Baptism is the initiatory rite of the church into her membership. It is administered to both young and old, male and female. This is in obedience to the injunction of our Lord Jesus Christ that except one is born of water and the spirit one cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. Since all who are born into sin are being regenerated through faith in Jesus Christ, the sacrament of Baptism is for us a sign and seal of this new birth, and adoption into God's family. Therefore all infants who are brought forth for Baptism in faith by their Christian parents and sponsors, and adults who come into it through repentance and faith are thus made new creatures in Christ. By this Sacrament of Baptism they are co-sharers of His death and resurrection and members of His everlasting kingdom..

2. PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE(S)

(The candidates are presented by the sponsors)

Sponsors: We present these candidates to receive the sacrament of Baptism and to be made members of Christ and His church. *(If the candidate is able to answer for himself or herself, the minister shall ask him/her, but in case of infants, the parents and the sponsors will answer on their behalf).*

Priest: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate/Sponsor: I do

(The following questions are meant to be ask to the parents and sponsors if the candidates are infants)

Priest: Will you take it as your responsibility to see that this child is brought-up in the Christian faith and life.

Response: I will, God being my Helper.

Priest: Will you visit the child frequently and see that he/she is brought to church regularly?

Response: I will, God being my Helper

Priest: Will you continually uphold the child in your prayers?

Response: I will, God being my Helper.

3. RENUNCIATION OF EVIL

(In case of infants, their sponsors and parents will do the renunciation on their behalf)

Priest: To be baptized and become a member of Christ, you must declare your absolute allegiance to Christ, and your total rejection of the devil and of all that is evil. Will you now declare this in the presence of God and members of this church?

Response: I renounce the devil and all his works

Priest: Do you repent of your sins?

Response: I do repent

Priest: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God

Response: I do renounce them

Priest: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Response: I do renounce them

Priest: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the Love of God

Response: I do renounce them

4. PROFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

(All standing, the priest then says to the candidates and sponsors)

Priest: I now ask you all who are to be baptized to profess the Christian faith into which we are baptized, and in committing yourselves to serve the Lord. Do you turn to Christ Jesus?

Response: I do turn to Christ

Priest: Do you accept Him as your Saviour and Lord?

Response: I do accept Him.

Priest: Do you put your whole trust in His grace and love?

Response: I do put my trust in him

Priest: Do you promise to follow and obey Him as your Lord throughout your life?

Response: I do so promise.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

Response: I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God?

Response: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our

Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Suffered under Pontus Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Response: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the Communion of the Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting.

Priest: This is the faith of the Church

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

Priest: Will you, then, love God with all your heart, with all your mind, and with all your strength, and your neighbours as yourself?

Candidates/Sponsors/Parents: I will, God being my Helper

Priest: Will you continue in the Apostles teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayer?

Candidates/Sponsors/Parents: I will, God being my Helper

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

Candidates/Sponsors/Parents: I will, God being my Helper

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

Candidates/Sponsors/Parents: I will, God being my helper

5. *(If the rite of baptism is not administered in the context of the Eucharist or Morning/Evening worship, the Bible reading and Sermon shall follow here. They may be preceded and/or followed by a hymn).* Here are some of the recommended passages John 3:1-8, Mark 10:15-16, Rom 6:3-11.

6. PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

(Here one of the sponsors already appointed may lead the litany)

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Let us pray for the person(s) who are to receive the sacrament of baptism *(congregation may kneel or stand)*

Leader: Lord have mercy upon us

People: Christ have mercy on us

Leader: Lord have mercy upon us

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and forever, Amen.

Leader: Redeem them, O Lord from all evil and rescue

them from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth

People: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of Your Holy Church

People: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Holy Spirit

People: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: Fill them with Your Holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: Strengthen them as you are now sending them to witness your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer

All: Grant O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ Your Son, may live in the power of His resurrection and look for His coming in glory, who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

(A hymn may be sung and any further preparation may be done here)

7. BLESSING OF THE WATER

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ, was baptized in the River of Jordan: we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse and revive us. We thank you through the waters of the Red Sea you led Your people out of slavery and bondage to freedom in the promised land; We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought Your Son, and raised Him to life in triumph.

We thank You, Father, for the water of Baptism, in it we are buried with Christ in His death, by it we share His resurrection. Through it we receive the sign of our forgiveness of sins and our adoption as God's Children by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Your Son, we bring into His fellowship those who come to Him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Here, the Priest touches the water)

Now Lord, sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that those who here are baptized in it may be cleansed from their sins and being born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. To the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.

8. BAPTISM PROPER

(Sponsors/Parents will present the candidates by names, to the priest, who then immerses or generously pours water upon each candidate saying).

(a) Priest: *N* I baptized you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: We receive this child into the congregation of Christ's flock, and do sign him with the sign of the cross, in token that hereafter he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue as Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto his life's end. Amen

All: Amen

(then one of the Sponsors may give to the candidate a lighted candle saying)

Sponsor: Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light

All: Shine as light in the world, to the glory of God the father. Amen.

OR

(b) Priest: *N*.... I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Priest: I sign you with the cross and mark you as Christ's own for ever. Amen

Sponsor: Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

All: Shine as light in the world, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ. Fight valiantly under His banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and continue as His faithful soldier and servant to the end of your life. Amen

A hymn is sung as the people return to their seat (if there is Holy Communion; it continues from the Peace.)

THE CHURCHING OF WOMEN (Thanksgiving for Child Birth)

(A Hymn is sung as the woman with her baby comes forward before the Priest at the entrance of the Chancel)

1. EXHORTATION

Minister: Dearly beloved, the birth of a child is a joyous occasion in the life of a family. It is an occasion for rejoicing in the Christian community. I bid you, therefore, to give thanks to God for the immeasurable gift of a baby, as we say together:

All: God our Father, maker of all that is living, we praise You for Your wonderful joy of creation. We render our hearty thanks and praise for the life of this child. We give you thanks for the blessing, You have bestowed upon this family in giving them a child. We thank you for a safe delivery, and for the privilege of parenthood, accept our thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

2. PSALM 127 OR 116

(Preferably said by the woman but the minister says the Gloria while the congregation responds)

3. PRAYERS

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Priest: Let us pray

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into

temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever, Amen.

Priest: Glory and honour and power are Yours by right, O Lord our God.

People: For you created all things and by Your will they have their being.

Priest: O Lord, look with favour on this child

People: And nourish him/her with all goodness

Priest: Let him/her grow in discipline and Your grace

People: Until he/she comes to the fullness of faith

Priest: O Lord, hear our prayer

People: And let our cry come unto You

Priest: Let us pray

Almighty God, we give You humble thanks, for that You have vouchsafed to deliver this woman, Your servant, from the great pain and peril of child birth; Grant, we pray You, Most Merciful Father, that she, through Your help, may both faithfully live, and walk according to Your will in this life present; and also may be partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

(The parents of the child may say together)

God our Father, we give You humble and hearty thanks that You have preserved us through the pain and anxiety of child-birth. Grant, we pray You that by Your help we may live faithfully according to Your will in this life, help us to be

trustworthy parents, grant us wisdom and devotion to nurture the child in your ways, that our child may grow up to be happy and responsible, through Christ Jesus we pray, Amen.

(If the child has been adopted by a couple, the Minister can use the following prayer)

Almighty God, the giver of all things, we thank you for the gift of children who are the added joys of parents and worthy example of those who will inherit Your kingdom. Give these your servants the grace to nurture this child so received into their family as their own in fear and love of God. May this child be a real joy and fulfillment to Your servants. Grant that he/she may be protected from all ills, and grow up in Christ and fulfill God's purpose. At the end of all things, may both parents and children be inheritors of Your Eternal Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

4. CONCLUSION

(The service continues with Peace if there is Holy Communion, if there is no Holy Communion, the Priest dismisses the congregation with this Blessing).

Priest: The Love of the Lord Jesus draw you to Himself, the Power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in His service, the Joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

THE ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION SERVICE

OR

SERVICE OF LAYING-ON OF HANDS BY THE BISHOP

THE ORDER

After the ministry of the Word, a hymn may be sung and service begins with presentation of candidates.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Priest: Reverend Father in God, I present to you these persons to receive the laying-on of hands.

(The Bishop or some other minister appointed by him shall read this preface following)

Dearly beloved in the Lord, in ministering confirmation the Church follows the example of the Apostles of Christ. For in the eighth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, we read thus:

They, therefore, that were scattered abroad went about preaching the Word. And Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and proclaims unto them the Christ. When they believed Philip's preaching of Good Tidings concerning the Kingdom of God and the name Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Now when the Apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria has received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John, who when they were come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy

Spirit: for as yet He was fallen upon none of them, only they has been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then laid they their hands on them, they receive the Holy Spirit.

The Scripture here teaches us that a special gift of

the Holy Spirit is bestowed through the laying-on of hands with prayer. And for as much as this gift comes from God alone, let us who are here present, pray to Almighty, that He will strengthen with His Holy Spirit in Confirmation those who in Baptism were made His children. You then who are to be confirmed must now declare before this congregation; that you are steadfastly purposed, with the help of this gift, to lead your life in the faith of Christ and in obedience to God's will and commandments; and must openly acknowledge yourselves bound to fulfill the Christian duties to which your baptism has pledged for you.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Candidates stand before the Bishop and he addresses them:

Bishop: You, who are to be confirmed, must renew the vows of your baptism and first, with your own lips and from your heart you must declare your rejection of all that is evil. Do you here, in the presence of God, and this congregation, renew the solemn promises and vows that you made or that were made in your name at your baptism?

Candidates: I do

Bishop: Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidates: I renounce them

Bishop: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy what God has created?

Candidates: I renounce them.

Bishop: Do you renounce sinful desires that draw you away from the love of God?

Candidates: I renounce them.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Bishop: Now, in allegiance to Christ you must declare before God and this congregation that you accept the Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you will continue to live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made the world?

Candidates: I believe and trust in Him.

Bishop: Do you believe and trust in His Son, Jesus Christ who redeemed mankind?

Candidates: I believe and trust in Him.

Bishop: Do you believe and trust in His Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?

Candidates: I believe and trust in Him.

Bishop: Will you live in obedience to God's law, as a loyal member of His Church?

Candidates: I believe and trust in Him.

INVOCATION

CONFIRMATION PROPER

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS: Let the Spirit come

(see A&M 157) or any other suitable song.

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord

Response: Who has made heaven and earth.

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord

Response: Now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop stretches out his hands towards those to be confirmed and prays:

Bishop: Almighty and ever living God, You have given Your children new birth in baptism by water and the Spirit, and have forgiven them all their sins. Let Your Holy Spirit rest upon them, the Spirit of counsel and inward strength, the Spirit of Knowledge and true godliness: and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The candidates will come up very quietly in a continuous stream and kneel before the Bishop.

Bishop: We lay our hands upon you. Be confirmed and strengthened with Holy Spirit for His service. Amen.

Then, the Bishop and the people shall conclude with this prayer:

All: Defend, O Lord, Your servants with Your heavenly grace, that they may continue to be Yours forever,

and daily increase in Your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to Your everlasting kingdom. Amen

When all have been confirmed, the Bishop will pray:

Bishop: Heavenly Father, we pray for your children upon whom we have now laid our hands, May Your Fatherly hand ever be over them and may Your Holy

Spirit ever be with them. Sustain them continually with the Body and Blood of Your Son, and so lead them in the Knowledge and obedience of Your Word that in the end they may enjoy the fullness of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The Bishop resumes the Communion Service at the PEACE).

A hymn is sung and the service continues from the preparation of the Gifts. Or if there will be no Communion the following concluding prayer be said.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord, make us instruments of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, let there be pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith, where there is darkness; light, where there is despair, hope; where there is sadness, joy; for your mercy and for Your truth's sake. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage; Hold fast that which is good, Render to no man evil for evil, strengthen the faint hearted, Support the weak, Help the afflicted, Honour all men, Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR ADMISSIONS

(A) ADMISSION INTO MOTHERS' UNION

The people about to be admitted will stand up, as the Enrolling member presents them before the Bishop saying:

Reverend Father in God, we present unto you these women of whom we have rightly inquired and found fit to be admitted into the Mothers' Union of the Diocese of Aba - Ngwa North.

Those about to be admitted will then come near to the Chancel before the Bishop, and prepare for the following questions.

Bishop: Do you desire to be admitted as a member of the Mothers' Union?

Answer: I do

Bishop: Do you promise to carry out its five objectives faithfully by your example, your influence and your prayers?

Answer: I promise to do so, God helping me.

Bishop: Will you try to plan your life so that you can be regular in Sunday worship, in Bible reading and prayers?

Answer: I will

THE FIVE OBJECTIVES OF THE MOTHERS UNION

1. To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understandings.
2. To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.

3. To maintain a world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.
4. To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children
5. To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

THE MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who gave marriage to be a source of blessing. We thank you for family life, with all its joys and sorrows. May we know your presence and peace in our homes, fill them with your love and use them to your glory.

Bless all who are married and every parent and child. Pour out upon us your Holy Spirit that we may truly love and serve you. Bless the members of the Mothers Union throughout the world, unite us in prayer and worship, in love and service, that strengthened by your grace, we may seek to do your will through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop give to each one a card of Membership, saying;

N or M, I admit you a Member (or Members) of the Mothers' Union in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Receive this card in remembrance of your promise, and may the Lord be with you and yours, in your going out and in your coming in, from this time forth for ever.

When all have been admitted the Bishop shall add:

May God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless you and your homes and sanctify your life and work for him, and grant you the grace of perseverance unto the end.

(B) ADMISSION INTO WOMEN'S GUILD

The people about to be admitted will then stand up, the Group Leader will then come before the Bishop and say:

Reverend Father in God, we present unto you these women of whom we have rightly inquired and found fit to be admitted into the

Women's Guild of the Diocese of Aba Ngwa North.

Those about to be admitted will then come near to the chancel before the Bishop, AND PREPARE FOR the following questions:

Bishop: Do you wish to be a member of the Women's Guild of the Diocese of Aba Ngwa North?

Answer: That is my desire

Bishop: Do you promise to keep all the rules of this Association and to do all that you are required to do?

Answer: I will so do, by the help of God.

Bishop: Do you promise to obey the Leaders of this Association?

Answer: I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

THE OBJECTIVES OF WOMEN'S GUILD

Here all will recite

1. To read some verses of the scriptures and pray every day. To learn a verse from the Bible every week.
2. To uphold the sanctity of marriage, and the upbringing of our children and servants in the right way, and to teach them to pray every morning and every night.
3. To avoid being debtors or live corrupt lives, and to avoid

drinking intoxicating wines or speaking filthy words.

4. To attend Church Services, Class Meetings and Guild Meetings regularly.
5. To endeavour to win people for Christ.
6. To visit the sick people and those who are bereaved

All then will say the Women's Guild prayer:

O God our Heavenly Father, we pray you to bless every member of our Guild. Cleanse us with the blood of Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that we may be cleansed from all our sins. Bind us in love and prayer. Help us to keep all rules of the Women's Guild. Make us trustworthy women and loving mothers. Help us to use all our efforts to make others know you, that at last we may reach the heavenly joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The Bishop will then give to each of them a Card of membership and say:)

We admit these women into the Women's Guild of the Diocese of Aba Ngwa North and pray that God may bless them, and their household, and all that they do in His name.

(C) ADMISSION INTO ANGLICAN GIRLS' GUILD

The people about to be admitted will then stand up: Enrolling member will then come before the Bishop and say:

Reverend Father in God, we present unto you these girls of whom we have rightly inquired and found fit to be admitted into Girls' Guide of the Diocese of Aba Ngwa North.

Those about to be admitted will then come near to the Chancel before the Bishop; and prepared for the following questions.

Bishop: Do you wish to be a member of the Girls' Guild of the

Diocese of Aba Ngwa North?

Answer: That is my desire

Bishop: Do you promise to keep all the rules of the Girls' Guild and to do all that you are required of God?

Answer: I will so do, by the help of God.

Bishop: Do you promise to obey the leaders of this Girls' Guild?

Answer: I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

AIM OF THE ANGLICAN GIRLS' GUILD:

To help the members to develop Christian attitude and character that would make them useful to themselves, their homes, the church and to the society.

OBJECTIVES:

- To bring the girls to the full knowledge of Jesus Christ. This would help them develop physically, mentally, spiritually and socially.
- To meet and study the bible and pray together
- To learn skills that would make them self-reliant
- To assist girls to discover and develop their talents.
- To teach girls to render selfless services to their families, church and society.

PROMISE: "I promise to uphold the Aims and objectives of the Girls' Guild of the Church of Nigeria and show an Exemplary life to all around me".

GIRLS' GUILD PRAYER:

God, our heavenly Father, we thank you for making us to belong to the Girls Guild of the Church of Nigeria. We thank you for giving us Jesus Christ who died and saved us from sin. Help us to love you, your church, and our neighbour. Grant us, through the Holy Spirit the peaceful, respectful, loyal and loving attitude that we may win more souls to you Oh Lord.

Bless every member of the Girls' Guild throughout the Church of Nigeria. Give us that firm stand and speed to spread the gospel to all nation/ worldwide so that at the end we all may be saved through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop will then admit the Girls and give to each of them a card of membership and say:

We admit these Girls to the Girls' Guide of the Diocese of Aba Ngwa North; and pray that God will bless them and all that they do in His name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(D) ADMISSION INTO DAUGHTERS OF HOPE

The people about to be admitted will then stand up: Enrolling member will then come before the Bishop and say;

Rev. Father in God, we present unto you these girls of whom we have rightly inquired and found fit to be admitted into Daughters of Hope of the Diocese of Aba Ngwa North.

Those about to be admitted will then come near to the Chancel before the Bishop; and prepared for the following questions.

Bishop: Do you wish to be a member of the Daughters of Hope of the Diocese of Aba Ngwa North?

Answer: That is my desire

Bishop: Do you promise to keep all the rules of the Daughters of Hope and to do all that you are required of God?

Answer: I will so do, by the help of God.

Bishop: Do you promise to obey the leaders of this Daughters of Hope?

Answer: I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

PURPOSE:

To be prepared to face the challenge of womanhood and groomed for successful married life.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Pray and meditate on the verses of the scriptures daily and obey the instructions therein. 1 Thess. 5: 17; Josh 1:8
2. Attend meeting and Church activities regularly. Heb. 10:25
3. To Exhibit those virtues that will distinguish us from other girls outside the church Rom. 12: 1-12; 1 Peter 1: 15-16.
4. Be obedient to authorities, honour our parents, guardians and elders. Eph.6:1-2
5. Be a witness for Christ by the way we live so that we can lead others to Him. Matt. 5: 16
6. Avoid any action that lead to defilement. 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 2 Cor. 6:14- 16.
7. To contribute positively and effectively to our family, Church and society. Eph. 2: 10; 2Tim. 2:20-21

PRAYERS

Almighty God our heavenly father, the author and finisher of our faith, on whom we put our trust, we thank you for our parents, guardians and elders through whom you have brought us to this age of development. We pray You to bless the Daughters of Hope whose entire dependence is on you. Cause that our expectations on earth be met by the Holy Spirit and also eternal hope, which is to be with Jesus Christ. Keep us in love and strengthen us to do

exploits for you. Help us to live a holy and righteous life, that at the end, we may be found most worthy to share your eternal glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ACTIVITIES

The Daughters of Hope member is encouraged to be an active participant in Church activities such as Sunday school, Choir, Band, A.Y.F etc. The group shall endeavour to assist in beautifying the Church physically and spiritually.

The Bishop will then admit the Girls and give to each of them a card of membership and say:

We admit these Girls to the Daughters of Hope of the Diocese of Aba Ngwa North; and pray that God will bless them and all that they do in His name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(E) ADMISSION INTO THE CHRISTIAN MEN FELLOWSHIP

The people about to be admitted will then stand up and come near the Chancel, the Priest will come before the Bishop and say:

Reverend Father in God, we present unto you these men of whom we have rightly inquired and found fit to be admitted to the Christian Men Fellowship of the Diocese of Aba Ngwa North.

The Bishop examines the C.M.F Candidates as follows:

Bishop: Do you wish to be a member of the Christian Men Fellowship of the Diocese of Aba Ngwa North?

Answer: That is my desire

Bishop: Do you promise to keep all the rules of the Christian Men Fellowship and to do all that you are requested

to do?

Answer: I will so do by the help of God.

Bishop: Do you promise to obey your leaders in the Christian Men Fellowship?

Answer: I will so do, the Lord being my helper

CHRISTIAN MEN FELLOWSHIP RULES.

Here all will recite the Christian Men Fellowship Rules.

1. To read some verses of the Holy Scriptures and pray everyday, to learn a verse from the Bible everyday.
2. To uphold the sanctity of marriage, and the upbringing of our children and servants in the right way, and to teach them to pray every morning and every night.
3. To avoid being debtors or live corrupt lives and to avoid drinking intoxicating wines or speaking filthy words.
4. To attend church services, class meetings and Christian Men Fellowship meeting regularly.
5. To endeavour to win people for Christ.
6. To visit all sick people and those who are bereaved

CHRISTIAN MEN FELLOWSHIP PRAYER

O God our heavenly father, we pray to you to bless every member of our Fellowship. Cleanse us with the blood of Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that we may be cleansed from all our sins. Bind us in love and prayer. Help us to keep all rules of the Christian Men Fellowship. Make us trustworthy men and loving fathers. Help us in

all our efforts to make others know you, that at last we may reach the heavenly joy' through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop will then admit the Candidates and give to each of them a card of membership and say:

We admit these Men to the C.M.F of Diocese of Aba Ngwa North; and pray that God will bless them and their household, and all that they do in His name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECTS & EUCHARISTIC PROPER PREFACES**ADVENT SUNDAY (Violet)****Collect**

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 so that on the last day, when He shall come 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. Amen.

(This collect is to be read every day in Advent just before the collect appointed for the day)

ADVENT II (Violet)**Collect**

Blessed Lord, who cause all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: write in our hearts the lessons of Your Law prepare our minds to receive the Gospel, help us so to hear them, to read, to 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. Amen.

ADVENT III (Violet)**Collect**

Almighty God, who sent Your servant John the Baptist, to prepare Your people for the coming of Your Son; inspire the ministers and stewards of Your truth to turn our disobedient hearts to the law of

love; give us courage to speak the truth, even to the point of

suffering, that when He comes again in glory on the last day, we may stand with confidence before Him as our judge; who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

ADVENT IV (*Violet*)

Collect

Heavenly Father, you chose the virgin Mary to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, fill us with Your grace that in all things we may, like her, accept Your Holy Will and with her rejoice in Your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHRISTMAS EVE (*Violet/ White*)

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, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He shall come to be our Judge; who is alive and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, One God now and for ever. Amen.

CHRISTMAS DAY OR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD OR THE BIRTH DAY OF CHRIST (December 25th) (*white/Gold*)

Collect

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 Mary. Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace may continually dwell in Him and reign on earth as He reigns in heaven with You and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

CHRISTMAS 1 (*White*)

Collect

Almighty God, You have given us Your only begotten Son to take our nature upon Him and 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 our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

CHRISTMAS II (*White*)

Collect

Eternal God, who by the shining of a star led the wise men to the worship of Your Son: guide by His light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may behold Your Glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST (*White/Gold*)

Collect

Almighty God, Whose Son was circumcised in obedience to law for man's sake and gave Him 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 mankind, who is alive and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

EPIPHANY DAY OR THE MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST TO THE GENTILES. (January 6) (*White/ Gold*)

Collect

Eternal God, as we travel far and fast, lead our minds back to the wise men following Your star, and forward to the day when all will

see Your ways and do Your will, that we may bring justice and

peace to all people, in the name of Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever more. Amen.

EPIPHANY 1

(White/Gold for Sunday, Green/from Monday)

Collect

Almighty God, Who anointed Jesus at His baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed Him as Your beloved Son, inspire us, Your children, who are born of water and the Spirit, to surrender our lives to Your service, that we may rejoice to be called sons of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPIPHANY II (Green)

Collect

Almighty Father, look on the heartfelt desires of Your servants, and stretch forth Your powerful right hand to be our defence against all enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPIPHANY III (Green)

Collect

Almighty God, Whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of Your saving love: renew Your people with Your heavenly grace and in all our weakness sustain us by Your mighty power, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPIPHANY IV (Green)

Collect

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 our Lord. Amen.

EPIPHANY V (Green)

Collect

Give us, Lord, we pray, the Spirit to think and to do always those things that are right: that we who can do no good things without You may have power to live according to Your Holy Will: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPIPHANY VI (Green)

Collect

Heavenly, Father, Whose blessed Son was revealed that He might destroy the works of the devil and make us sons 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: where He is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SEPTUAGESIMA (Green)

Collect

Eternal God, Whose Son Jesus Christ is for all mankind the Way, the Truth, and the Life: grant us to walk in His way, to rejoice in His truth, and to share in His risen life; Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit One God now and for ever. Amen.

SEXAGESIMA (Green)

Collect

Almighty and everliving God, Whose Son Jesus Christ healed the

sick and restored them to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by Your healing power make whole both men and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

QUINQUAGESIMA (Green)

Collect

Almighty God, the Redeemer of all who trust in You; give heed to the cry of Your people, deliver us from the bondage of sin that we may serve You in perfect freedom and rejoice in Your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY OR THE FIRST DAY OF LENT (Violet)

Collect

Almighty and Merciful 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 lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, we may receive from You, the God of all mercy, perfect forgiveness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(This collect is to be repeated every day in Lent just after the collect appointed for the day).

LENT I (Violet)

Collect

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 our Lord. Amen.

LENT II (Violet)

Collect

Eternal God, Whose glory it is always to have mercy! Be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word, through Jesus Christ Your Son, who with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LENT III (Violet)

Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went 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 our Lord. Amen.

LENT IV (Violet)

Collect

Almighty Father, Whose Son was revealed in majesty before He suffered death upon the cross: give us faith 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 and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

LENT V (Violet)

Collect

Loving Father, you delivered and saved us all by the passion and cross of Your Son Jesus Christ: grant that by steadfast faith in the

merits of His sacrifice we may find help and salvation, and may triumph in the power of His victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PALM SUNDAY (Red)

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, Who in Your tender love towards mankind 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 and the Holy spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

MONDAY IN THE HOLY WEEK (Red or Violet)

Collect:

Gracious and merciful God, for our sake Your Son became incarnate and suffered death upon the cross; purify our hearts and grant us zeal in Your service; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK (Red or Violet)

Collect:

Gracious and Merciful God, for our sake Your Son became incarnate and suffered death upon the cross: have mercy on all who have not known You, or who deny the faith of Christ crucified, and take from us all hardness of heart and contempt of Your word; for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK (Red or Violet)

Collect:

Gracious and Merciful God, for our sake Your Son became incarnate and suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to choose Him as Master and King, who for us was crowned with thorns and died in shame, and now lives and/ reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God now and for ever, Amen.

MAUNDY THURSDAY (White)

Collects

Ever loving God, your Son Jesus Christ gave Himself as living bread for the life of the world: give us such a knowledge of His presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by His risen life to serve You continually, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and heavenly Father, we thank You that in this wonderful sacrament You have give us memorial of the passion of Your Son Jesus Christ. Grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of His body and blood, that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives and the fruits of His redemption, who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty Father, whose son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of our brethren we do also for Him; give us the will to be the servant of others as He was the servant of all, who gave up His life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE OILS

Collect

Heavenly Father, You anointed Your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit and with power to bring to man the blessings of Your kingdom.

Anoint Your Church with the same Holy Spirit, that we who share in His suffering and His Victory may bear witness to the Gospel of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY (*Red or None*)

Collects

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 wicked men', and to suffer death upon the cross, Who is alive and glorified with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

Merciful God, who made all men, and hate nothing that You have made; You desire not the death of a sinner but rather that he should be converted and live. Have mercy upon Your ancient people, the Jews, and upon all who have not known You, or who deny the faith of Christ crucified; take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart and contempt for Your word and so fetch them home to Your fold, that they may be made one flock under One Shepherd: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EASTER EVE (*Hangings removed*)

Collects

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; that through the grace, 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. Amen.

O God, Who for our redemption gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by His glorious resurrection has delivered us from the power of the of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to

sin; that we may evermore live with Him in joy of His resurrection; through the same Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy spirit One God, now and for ever. Amen.

EASTER DAY (*White*)

Collects

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 praised and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

Almighty God, who through Your only begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: we humbly beseech You that, as by Your special grace going before us, You put into our minds good desires, so by Your continued help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK (*White or Gold*)

Collects

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. Amen.

Almighty God, who through Your only begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: we

humbly beseech You that, as by Your special grace going before us, You put into our minds good desires, so by Your continued help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and

for ever. Amen.

TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK (*White or Gold*)

Collect

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light; Grant that we, who have been raised with Him, may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise for ever and ever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY IN EASTER WEEK (*White or Gold*)

Collects

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 praised and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

Almighty God, who through Your only begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: we humbly beseech You that, as by Your special grace going before us You put into our minds good desires, so by Your continued help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

THURSDAY IN EASTER WEEK (*White or Gold*)

Collects

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 praised and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

Almighty God, who through Your only begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: we humbly beseech You that, as by Your special grace going before us, You put into our minds good desires, so by Your continued help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

FRIDAY IN EASTER WEEK (*White or Gold*)

Collects

Lord of all life and power, Who through the mighty resurrection of Your Son overcome 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 praised and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

Almighty God, who through Your only begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: we humbly beseech You that, as by Your special grace going before us, You put into our minds good desires, so by Your continued help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

SATURDAY IN EASTER WEEK (*White or Gold*)**Collects**

Lord of all life and power, Who through the mighty resurrection of Your Son overcome 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 praised and honour glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

Almighty God, who through Your only begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: we humbly beseech You that, as by Your special grace going before us, You put into our minds good desires, so by Your continued help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

EASTER I (*White*)**Collect**

Almighty Father, who in Your great mercy made glad the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of His presence with us, that we may be strengthen and sustained by His risen life and serve You continually in righteousness and truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EASTER II (*White*)**Collect**

God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant: make us perfect in every good work to do Your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EASTER III (*White*)**Collect**

Almighty God, Whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life of all Who put their trust in Him; raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that we may seek the things which are above, where He reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

EASTER IV (*White*)**Collect**

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful men: give us grace to love what You command and to desire what You promise; that in all the changes and chances of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where lasting joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EASTER V ROGATION SUNDAY (*White*)**Collect**

Eternal Father, Your kingdom extends beyond space and time: grant that in this world of changing things we may hold fast to what endures for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASCENSION DAY (*White*)**Collect**

Almighty God, as we believe Your only begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so may we also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION (White)

Collect

Eternal God, the King of glory, You have exalted Your only Son with great triumph to Your kingdom in heaven. Leave us not comfortless, but send Your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to the place where Christ is gone before, and where with You and the Holy Spirit He is worshiped and glorified, now and for ever. Amen

PENTECOST (WHITSUNDAY) (Red)

Collect

Almighty 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 judgment 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 Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

MONDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Red)

Collect

Almighty God, Who on the day of Pentecost sent Your Holy Spirit to the Disciples with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the Gospel: send us out in the power of the same Spirit to witness to Your truth and to draw all men to the fire of Your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Red)

Collect

Almighty God, Who on the day of Pentecost sent Your Holy Spirit to

the Disciples with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the Gospel: send us out in the power of the same Spirit to witness to Your truth and to draw

all men to the fire of Your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TRINITY SUNDAY (White)

Collect

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 our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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, who are Three Persons in One God, now and for ever. Amen.

1ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Green)

Collect:

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 each in his vocation and ministry may serve You in holiness and truth, to the glory of Your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

2ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Green)**Collect**

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ You have assured mankind of eternal life and in baptism have made us one in 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.

3RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Green)**Collect**

Almighty God, You have broke the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of Your Son into our hearts whereby we call Your Father: Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to Your service, that all mankind may be brought to the glorious liberty of the sons of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

4TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Green)**Collect**

Almighty God, You show to those who are in error the light of Your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: May we and all who have been admitted into the fellowship of faith in Christ reject those things which are contrary to our profession and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

5TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Green)**Collect**

God of our forebears, as Your chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey Your call and go out into the unknown: so may Your Church be granted such faith that we may follow You courageously

now and for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, 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 our Lord. Amen.

6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Green)**Collect**

Lord, You have taught us that whatever we do without love is worth nothing: 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 the sake of Your only Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

7TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Green)**Collect**

Almighty God, who sent Your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of Your Church: open our hearts to the riches of His grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

8TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Green)**Collects**

Almighty God, Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light upon our path; grant that by patient study of the scriptures we may follow more closely the way that You set before us; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, You see 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. Amen.

9TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (*Green*)

Collect

Father of mankind, Who gave Your only begotten Son to take upon Himself the form of servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross: give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, that sharing His humility, we may come to be with Him in His glory; who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

10TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (*Green*)

Collect:

Almighty Father, Whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of our brethren we do also for Him: give us the will to be the servant of others as He was the servant of all, who gave up His life and died for us, but is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (*Green*)

Collect

Almighty God, Who called Your Church to witness that You were in Christ reconciling men to Yourself: help us so to proclaim the Good news of Your love that all who hear it may be reconciled to You; through Him who died for us and rose again, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, Now and for ever. Amen.

12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (*Green*)

Collect:

Mercifully receive, O Lord, the prayers of Your people who call

upon You: grant that they may know what they ought to do, and may have grace faithfully to accomplish it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

13TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (*Green*)

Collect

Lord 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 You being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, Heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (*Green*)

Collects

Lord God, You have taught us that anything we do without love is worth nothing, for whoever lives without love is counted dead before You; send Your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and all virtues: grant this for the sake of Your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (*Green*)

Collect

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. Amen.

16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Green)

Collects

Merciful God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as pass our understanding; pour into our hearts such love towards You that, loving You above all else, we may obtain Your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 in us all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Green)

Collect

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 our Lord. Amen.

18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Green)

Collect

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 our Lord. Amen.

19TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Green)

Collect

O God, for as much 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 our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

20TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Green)

Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that He might rule over all things as Lord: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of His peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at His feet; who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

21ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Green)

Collect

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people; that richly bearing the fruit of good works, they may by You be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

22ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Green)

Collect

Let Your merciful ears, Lord God, be open to the prayers of your people, and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as will please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

23RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Green)

Collect

Merciful Father, Your Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restore them to fullness of life; look with compassion on the anguish of the world and heal the afflictions of Your people; through our Lord and

24TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Green)

Collect

God our Saviour, Your Son has promised that when two or three come together in His name He is there with them: open our eyes that we may see Him, and our hearts that we may love him; and our wills that we may obey Him, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

25TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Green)

Collect

Gracious God, Your Son came to bring us good news and power to transform our lives: grant that when He comes again as judge we may be ready to meet Him with joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

26TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Green)

Collect

God our Father, Your Son came in love to deliver us and to equip us for eternal life: free us from all that hinders us from running the race You have set before us: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. PAUL DAY: (January 25) (white)

Collect

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. Amen.

TIMOTHY AND TITUS: (January 26) (white)

Collect

Heavenly Father, who sent Your apostle Paul to preach the Gospel, and gave him Timothy and Titus to be his companions in the faith: grant that our fellowship in the Holy Spirit may bear witness to the name of Jesus; who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit One God, now and for ever. Amen.

**THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
(February 2)**

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ was presented in the Temple and acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations: grant that in him we may be presented to You and in the world may reflect his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**ST. MATTHIAS' DAY: (February 24) (Red)
CHURCH OF NIGERIA'S DAY**

Collect

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. Amen.

**ST. JOSEPH OF NAZARETH: (March 19) (White)
(HUSBAND OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)**

Collect

O God, who from the family of Your servant David raised up Joseph

to be the guardian of Your incarnate Son and the spouse of his virgin mother: give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to Your commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

ANNUNCIATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: (March 25) (white)

Collect

Father of Love, through Your Most Holy Spirit, Mary the Jewish girl conceived Your son; may his beauty, his humanity, his all-transforming grace be born in us, and may we never despise his strange and stirring gentleness for we pray even in the same name, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ST. MARK'S DAY: (April 25) (Red)

Collect

Almighty God, You have enlightened Your Holy Church through the inspired witness of Your evangelist Saint Mark; Grant that we, being firmly grounded in the truth of Your gospel, may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES' THE APOSTLES: (May 1) (Red)

Collect

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. Amen.

**THE VISIT OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: (May 31) (White)
Collect**

Almighty God, by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary and hailed her as the mother of the Lord. Fill us with Your grace that we may acclaim her Son as our Saviour and rejoice to be called His brethren; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. BARNABAS THE APOSTLE (June 11) (Red)

Collect

Grant O God, that we may follow the example of Your faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of Your Church, gave generously of his life and substance for the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel, help us by the example of Your Apostle Barnabas to give ourselves and substance to Your service through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

JOHN THE BAPTIST (June 24) (white)

Collect

Almighty God, whose servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born to fulfill Your purpose by preparing the way for the advent of Your Son: lead us to repent according to his preaching and after his example constantly to speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. PETER THE APOSTLE (June 29) (Red)

Collect

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 Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. Amen.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE (July 3) (Red)

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, who for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed the apostle St. Thomas to doubt the resurrection of Your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so receive the fullness of Christ's blessing; who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE (July 22) (White)

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be a witness to His resurrection, forgive us and heal us by Your grace, that we may serve You in power of His risen life; who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE (July 25) (Red)

Collect

Merciful God, we pray that as Your holy apostle Saint James left his father and all that he had and obeyed the calling of Your Son Jesus Christ even to death: so may we forsake every selfish desire and be ready at all times to answer Your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD (August 6) (White)

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before He suffered death upon the cross: give us faith 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 and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW (August 24) (Red)

Collect

Almighty God, who gave to Your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and 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. Amen.

**NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:
(September 8) (White)**

Collect

Almighty God, who Chose the blessed Virgin Mary 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, who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

HOLY CROSS DAY (September 14) (Red)

Collect

Almighty Gods, who in the passion of Your blessed Son made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life; 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. Amen.

ST. MATTHEW (September 21) (Red)

Collect

Almighty God, who through Your Son Jesus Christ called Matthew from the selfish pursuit of gain to become an apostle and evangelist, free us from all possessiveness and love of riches that we may follow in the steps of Jesus Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS (September 29) (white)

Collect

Eternal Lord God, who ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven. so by your appointment they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**BISHOP SAMUEL AJAYI CROWTHER'S DAY (October 3)
(White)**

Collect

Almighty God, the light of the faithful and shepherd of souls, who set Your servant Ajayi Crowther to be the Bishop in the church to feed Your sheep by Your word and guide them by Your example: give us grace to keep the faith which he taught and to follow in his footsteps; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST (October 18) (Red)

Collect

Almighty God, who inspired Luke the physician to proclaim the love and healing power of your Son: give your church, by the grace of

the Spirit and through the medicine of the gospel, the same love and power to heal: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**ST. JAMES THE BROTHER OF THE LORD OR JAMES OF
JERUSALEM (October 23) (Red)**

Collect

Lord God of Peace: grant that after the example of your servant Saint James the brother of our Lord, your Church may give itself continually to prayer and to the reconciliation of all who are caught up in the hatred or enmity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. SIMEON AND ST. JUDE'S DAY (October 28) (Red)

Collect

Almighty God, you have built your church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone. So join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALL SAINTS' DAY (November 1) (White)

Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect into one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Your Son. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which you have prepared for those who truly love You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALL SOULS' DAY (November 2) (White)**Collect**

God, The maker and redeemer of all believers; grant to the souls of the faithful departed all the unsearchable benefits of your Son's death and resurrection that at His coming again they may be revealed as Your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY (November 30) (Red)**Collect**

Almighty God, Who gave such grace to Your apostle Saint Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of Your Son and brought his brother with him; give us, who are called by your holy word, grace to follow without delay and to tell the good news of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY (December 26) (Red)**Collect**

Heavenly Father you gave your martyr Saint Stephen grace to pray for those who stoned him; grant that when we suffer for the truth we may follow his example of forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. JOHN'S DAY (December 27) (White)**Collect**

Merciful Father, whose Son is the light of the world: so guide your Church by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist Saint John, that we may walk by the light that has come among us, finally know him as the light of everlasting life; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE HOLY INNOCENTS' DAY (December 28) (Red)**Collect**

Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong; give us grace neither to act cruelly nor to stand indifferently, but to defend the weak from the tyranny of the strong; in the name of Jesus Christ Who suffered for us, but is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

ROGATION DAYS (MONDAY) (White)**Collect**

O Gracious Father, bless our land and multiply the harvest of the world, show your loving kindness that our land may give her increase and save us from selfish use of what You give us that Your people every where may give thanks to You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY (White)**Collect**

Almighty God, You have provided the resources of the world to maintain the life of Your children, and have so ordered our life that we are dependent upon each other: Bless all men in their daily work, and, as You have given us the knowledge to produce plenty, so give us the will to bring it within reach of all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY (White)**Collect**

Almighty God, whose will it is that the earth should bear its fruits in their seasons: direct the labours of those who work on the land, that

they may employ the resources of nature to Your glory, for our own well-being, and for the relief of those in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FUNERAL (*Violet*)

Collect

God our Father, Your Son Jesus Christ died and rose again for our salvation: we entrust to You the soul of your servant praying that he/she and all the faithful departed may be revealed as your children when Christ shall come again; to whom with You and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

MARRIAGE (*White*)

Collect

God our Father, You have taught us through Your son that love is the fulfilling of the law. Grant to your servants that, loving one another, they may continue in Your love until their lives' end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BAPTISM (*White*)

Collect

Lord, we pray You, 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. Amen.

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 that 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, one God now and for ever. Amen.

Eternal God, you have given us one baptism for the remission of

sins: grant that we who are born of water and Spirit and made members of Christ, may be one in complete, inward faith and outward service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFIRMATION (*White*)

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 that same Spirit, that we who are born gain, 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. Amen.

ORDINATION OF BISHOP (*White*)

Collect

God our Father, Lord of all the world, we thank you that through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church. Hear our prayer for your faithful people that each in his vocation and ministry may be an instrument of your love, and give your servant now to be ordained bishop the needful gifts of grace; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ORDINATION (DEACONS AND PRIESTS) (*White*)

Collect

God our Father, Lord of all the world, we thank you that through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church. Hear our prayer for your faithful people that each in his vocation and ministry may be an instrument of your love, and give your servants now to be ordained the needful gifts of grace; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

MOTHERING SUNDAY**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 your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

FATHERS' (FAMILY) SUNDAY**Collect**

Almighty God and heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ shared in Nazareth the life of earthly home. Send down thy blessing, we beseech thee, upon all Christian families, that parents by the spirit of understanding and wisdom, and children by the spirit of obedience and reverence, may be bound each by mutual love; through Him who became a child and learned obedience to thy will, even Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PROPER PREFACES**ADVENT**

1. And now we give You thanks because in His coming as man the day of our deliverance has dawned and through Him You will make all things new, as He comes in power and triumph to judge the world. Therefore with angels etc.
2. And now we You thanks because You prepared the way of Your son Jesus Christ by the preaching of Your servant, John the Baptist; who proclaimed Him as the Lamb of God, our Saviour. Therefore with angels etc.

CHRISTMAS

3. And now we give thanks because You gave Your son to be born at this time for us, who through the power of the Holy Spirit was made man being born of the Virgin Mary: in Him there was neither spot nor sin and in him we are cleansed from all sin. Therefore 'with angels etc.
4. And now we give thanks, because in the Incarnation of the Eternal word, a new light has dawned upon the world, and those who sat in darkness and under the shadow of death have seen the great light. Therefore with angels etc.
5. And now we give thanks, because in the Incarnation of the word a new light had dawned upon the world; You have become one with us that we might become one with You in Your glorious kingdom. Therefore with angels etc.
6. And now we give You thanks because in coming to dwell among us as man, He revealed the radiance of Your glory and brought us out of darkness into Your own marvelous light. Therefore with angels etc.

7. And now we give thanks because in choosing the blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of Your son, You have exalted the humble and meek; Your angel hailed her as most highly favoured; with all generations we call her blessed and with her we rejoice and magnify Your Holy Name. Therefore with angels etc.

EPIPHANY

8. It is right and good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty. You have revealed Your eternal plan of salvation and have shown Your son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples. Therefore with angels etc.
9. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, You have caused a new light to shine in our hearts to give the knowledge of Your glory in the face of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels etc.

LENT

10. Through Jesus Christ our Lord who was in every way tempted as we are yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto Him. Therefore with angels etc.
11. And now we give You thanks because through Him You have given us the Spirit of discipline that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace. Therefore with angels etc.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

12. It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, through Jesus Christ our Lord who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross that He might draw the whole world to Himself. By His suffering

and death He became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in Him. Therefore with angels etc.

13. And now give You thanks because when His hour had come, in His great love He gave this supper to His disciples, that we might proclaim His Death and feast with Him in his kingdom. Therefore with angels etc.

GOOD FRIDAY

14. It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our salvation became obedient unto death. The tree of defeat became the tree of victory. Where life was lost, life has been restored. Therefore with angels etc.
15. And now we give You thanks because for our sins He was lifted high upon the cross, that He might draw the whole world to Himself and by His suffering and death, became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in Him. Therefore with angels etc.

EASTER DAY

16. And now we give You thanks because You raised Him gloriously from the dead. For He is the true Paschal Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world. By His death He destroyed death and by His rising again He has restored to us eternal life. Therefore with angels etc.
17. And now we give You thanks because in His victory over the grave a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world is being renewed and man is once again made whole. Therefore with angels etc.
18. And now we give thanks because through Him You have given us eternal life and delivered us from the bondage of sin

and fear of death into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Therefore with angels etc.

19. And now we give thanks because through Him You have given us the hope of a glorious resurrection; so that, although death comes to us all yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life; for to Your faithful people life is changed, not taken away and when our mortal flesh is laid aside an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven. Therefore with angels etc.

ASCENSION

20. Through Your Most Dearly Beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who after His most glorious Resurrection manifestly appeared to all His Apostles and in their sigh ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us, that where He is, there we might also ascend and reign with Him in glory. Therefore with angels etc.
21. And now we give You thanks because You have highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow. Therefore with angels etc.

PENTECOST

22. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, according to whose most true promise the Holy Spirit came down at this time from heaven with a sudden great sound, as it had been a mighty wind, in the likeness of fiery tongues lighting upon the Apostles and disciples to teach them and to lead them into all truth, giving them both the gift of divers language, and also boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the gospel to all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of You and Your Son Jesus Christ. Therefore with angels etc.

23. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose true promise the Holy Spirit came down (on this day) from heaven, lighting upon the disciples to teach them and to lead them into all truth, uniting peoples of many languages in the confession of one faith and giving to Your Church the power to serve You as a royal priesthood and to preach the gospel to all nations. Therefore with angels etc.
24. And now we give You thanks because by the Holy Spirit You lead us into all truth and give us power to proclaim Your Gospel to the nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood. Therefore with angels etc.

TRINITY

25. Who is One God, One Lord, not only One person, but Three Persons in One Substance. For that which we believe of the glory of the father, the same we believe of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference of inequality. Therefore with angels etc.
26. And now we give thanks because You have revealed Your glory and of Your Son and of the Holy Spirit. Three Persons equal in majesty and undivided in splendour, yet One Lord, One God to be worshiped and adored. Therefore with angels etc.

TRANSFIGURATION

27. And now we give you thanks because the divine glory of the incarnate Word shone forth upon the holy mountain, and Your voice from heaven proclaimed Your beloved Son. Therefore with angels etc.

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

28. Through Him, the Archangels sing Your praise; the Angels fulfill Your commands, the Cherubim and Seraphim continually proclaim Your Holiness, the whole company of heaven glorifies Your name and rejoices to do Your will. Therefore we pray that our voice may be heard with theirs for ever praising you and saying ...

ALL SAINTS

29. And now we give You thanks because of hope to which you call us in Your Son that following in the faith of all Your Saints we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and with them receive the unfading crown of glory.
Therefore with angels etc.

APOSTLE/ MARTYR / EVANGELIST

30. Through the great shepherd of Your flock Jesus Christ our Lord; who after His resurrection sent forth His Apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations and promised to be with them always even unto the end of the ages.
Therefore with angels etc.
31. And now we give You thanks because Your Son Jesus Christ after His resurrection sent forth His Apostles and Evangelists to preach the gospel to all nations and to teach us the way of truth. Therefore with angels etc.
32. And now we give You thanks that in the witness of Your Martyrs who followed Christ even to death, You revealed

Your power made perfect in our human weakness. Therefore with angels etc.

BAPTISM

33. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord, You have received us as Your sons and daughters, made us citizens of Your Kingdom and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.
Therefore with angels etc.
34. And now we give You thanks because through baptism we have been buried with Christ so that we may rise with Him to the new life. Therefore with angels etc.

DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

35. Through Jesus Christ our Great High Priest, in Whom we are built up as living stones of a Holy Temple that we might offer before You a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in Your sight. Therefore with angels etc.

UNITY

36. And now we give you thanks because of the unity that You have given us in Your son and that You are the God and father of us all, above all and through all and in all.
Therefore with angels etc.

SUNDAYS

37. And now we give You thanks because You are the source of light and life, You made us in Your image, and called us to new life in Him. Therefore with angels etc.

38. And now we give thanks because on the first day of the week, He overcame death and the grave and opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels etc.
39. And now we give You thanks because by water and Holy Spirit You have made us in Him a new people to show forth Your glory. Therefore with angels etc.
40. And now because today is the first day of the week when You bid us to give You thanks for the resurrection of Your Son whereby sin is overcome and hope restored. Therefore with angels etc.
41. And now because today You have gathered us together at this Eucharistic feast so that we may be renewed in love, joy and peace. Therefore with angels etc.

MARRIAGE

42. It is right, and a good and a joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because You bind husband and wife in a solemn covenant of love, as a witness of the bond and covenant established in creation. Therefore with angels etc.
43. And now we give You thanks because You have made the union between Christ and His Church a pattern for the marriage between husband and wife. Therefore with angels etc.

ORDINATION

44. And now we give You thanks because within the Royal Priesthood of Your Church, You ordained ministers to Proclaim the Word of God, to care for Your people and to

- celebrate the Sacraments of the New Covenant. Therefore with angels etc.
45. It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many. He calls His faithful servants to lead Your holy people in love, nourishing them by Your Word and Sacraments. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of Your name saying:

CANTICLES**VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO.**

Psalm 95.

O COME, let us sing / unto . the / Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the / strength of our sal- / vation.

Let us come before his presence with / thanks- / giving: and shew ourselves / glad in / him with / Psalms.

For the Lord is a / great / God: and a great King / a- / bove all / gods.

In his hand are all the corners / of the / earth: and the strength of the / hills is / his / also.

The sea is his, and / he / made it: and his hands pre- / par-ed the / dry / land.

O come, let us worship and / fall / down: and kneel be- / fore the / Lord our / Maker.

For he is the / Lord our / God : and we are the people of his pasture * and the / sheep / of his / hand.

To-day if ye will hear his voice * harden / not your / hearts : as in the provocation * and as in the day of tempt- / ation / in the / wilderness;

When your fathers / tempted / me : pro-ved / me and / saw my / works.

Forty years long was I griev-ed with this gener- / ation . and / said : It is a people that do err in their hearts * for they / have not / known my / ways;

Unto whom I swear / in my / wrath : that they should not / enter / into my / rest.

Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son : and / to the / Holy / Ghost;

As it was in the beginning * is now and / ever / shall be : world without / end. / A- / men.

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS.

WE praise / thee O / God : we acknowledge / thee to / be the / Lord.

All the earth doth / worship / thee : the Father ever- / lasting.

To thee all Angels / cry a- / loud : the Heavens and / all the / Powers . there- / in.

To thee Cherubim and / Seraph- / in : con- / tinu-al- / ly do / cry, Holy / Holy / Holy : Lord / God of Saba- / oth;

Heaven and earth are full of the / Majes- / ty : of / thy Glo- / ry.

The glorious Company / of the A- / postles praise / - / - / thee.

The goodly fellowship / of the / Prophets : praise / - / - / thee.

The noble / army of / Martyrs : praise / - / - / thee.

The Holy Church throughout / all the / world : doth ac- / know- / ledge / thee;

The / Fa- / ther : of an / infin-ite / Majes- / ty;

Thine honour- / able / true : and on- / - / ly / Son.

Also the / Holy / Ghost : the Com- / fort- / er.

Thou art the / King of Glory : O / - / - / Christ.

Thou art the ever- / lasting Son : of / - the / Fa- / ther.

When thou tookest upon thee to de- / liver / man: thou didst not ab- / hor the / Virgin's / womb.

When thou hadst overcome the / sharpness of / death : thou didst open the Kingdom of / Heaven to / all be- / lievers.

Thou sittest at the right / hand of / God : in the / Glory / of the / Father.

We believe that / thou shalt / come : to / be / our Judge.

We therefore pray thee / help thy / servants : whom thou hast redeem-ed / with thy / precious / blood.

Make them to be number-ed / with thy / Saints : in / glory / ever- / lasting.

O Lord / save thy / people : and / bless thine / herit- / age.

Gov- / -ern / them : and / lift them / up for / ever.

Day / by / day : we / magni- / fy / thee;

And we / worship thy / Name : ever / world with- / out / end.

Vouch- / safe O / Lord : to keep us this / day with- / out / sin.

O Lord have / mercy up / on us : have mer- / cy up- / on us.

O Lord let thy mercy / lighten up- / on us : as our / trust / is in / thee.

O Lord in thee / have I / trusted : let me / never / be con- / confounded.

BENEDICITE, OMNIA OPERA.

O ALL ye Works of the Lord / bless. ye the / Lord : praise him and / magni-fy / him for / ever. *

O ye Angels of the Lord / bless ye the / Lord : praise him and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O ye Heavens / bless ye the Lord : praise him and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O ye Waters that be above the firmament / bless ye the Lord : praise him and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O all ye Powers of the Lord / bless ye the / Lord : praise him and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O ye Sun and Moon / bless ye the / Lord : praise him and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O ye Stars of Heaven / bless ye the / Lord : praise him and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O ye Showers and Dew / bless ye the / Lord : praise him and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O ye Winds of God / bless ye the / Lord : praise him and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O ye Fire and Heat / bless ye the / Lord : praise him and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O ye Winter and Summer / bless ye the / Lord : praise him and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O ye Dews and Frosts / bless ye the / Lord : praise him and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O ye Frost and Cold / bless ye the / Lord : praise him and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O ye Ice and Snow / bless ye the / Lord : praise him and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O ye Nights and Days / bless ye the Lord : praise him and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O ye Light and Darkness / bless ye the / Lord : praise him and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O ye Lightnings and Clouds / bless ye the Lord : praise him and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O let the Earth / bless the / Lord : yea, let it praise him, and / magni-fy / him for ever.

O ye Mountains and Hills, / bless ye the / Lord : praise him, and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O all ye Green Things upon the earth, / bless ye the / Lord : praise him, and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O ye Wells, / bless ye the / Lord : praise him, and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O ye Seas and Floods, / bless ye the / Lord : praise him, and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O ye Whales, and all that move in the waters, / bless ye the / Lord : praise him, and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O all ye Fowls of the air, / bless ye the / Lord : praise him, and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O all ye Beasts and Cattle, / bless ye the / Lord : praise him, and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O ye Children of Men, / bless ye the / Lord : praise him, and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O let Israel / bless the / Lord : praise him, and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O ye Priests of the Lord, / bless ye the / Lord : praise him, and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O ye Servants of the Lord, / bless ye the / Lord : praise him, and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, / bless ye / the Lord : praise him, and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O ye holy and humble Men of heart, / bless ye the / Lord : praise him, and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, / bless ye the / Lord : praise him, and / magni-fy / him for / ever.

Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son : and / to the / Holy / Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, * is now, and / ever / shall be : world without / end. / A- /men.

BENEDICTUS. **St. Luke 1. 68.**

BLESS-ED be the Lord / God of / Israel : for he hath visited / and re-/deem-ed his / people;

And hath rais-ed up a mighty sal- / vation / for us : in the house / of his / servant / David;

As he spake by the mouth of his / holy / Prophets : which have been / since the / world be- / gan;

That we should be sa-ved / from our / enemies : and from the / hands of / all that / hate us.

To perform the mercy promis-ed / to our fore-fathers : and to re- / member his / holy / Covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our/ fore-father / Abraham : that / he would / give / us;

That we being deliver-ed out of the hand / of our / enemies : might serve / him with- / out / fear;

In holiness and righteous- / ness be- / fore him : all the / days / of our / life.

And thou, / Child, shalt be call-ed the Prophet / of the / Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord / to pre- / pare his / ways;

To give knowledge of salvation / unto his / people : for the re- / mission / of their / sins.

Through the tender mercy / of our / God : whereby the day-spring from on / high hath / visit-ed / us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness * and in the / shadow of / death: and to guide our feet / into the / way of / peace.

Glory be to the Father, and / to the Son: and / to the / Holy / Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and / ever / shall be : world without / end. / A- /men.

JUBILATE DEO.

Psalm 100.

O BE joyful in the Lord, / all ye / lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his / presence with a / song.

Be ye sure that the Lord / he is / God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves : we are his people, and the / sheep of his / pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his / courts with / praise : be thankful unto him, and / speak good / of his / Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is / ever- / lasting : and his truth endureth from gener- / ation to / gener- / ation.

Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son : and / to the / Holy / Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and / ever / shall be : world without / end. / A- /men.

Nunc dimittis.

St. Luke 2: 29.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant de- / part in / peace:
according / to thy / word.

For mine / eyes have / seen: thy / - sal-/va-/tion,

Which thou / hast pre- / par-ed: before the / face of / all / people;

To be a light to / lighten the / Gentiles: and to be the glory / of thy
/ people / Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son : and / to the / Holy /
Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and / ever / shall be : world
without / end. A- / men.

Psalm 127.

Nisi Dominus.

1. EXCEPT the LORD build / the house, their labour / is but /
lost that / build it.
2. Except the LORD / keep the / city, the watchman / waketh
/ but in / vain.
3. It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so
late take rest, and eat the / bread of / carefulness; for so
he giveth / his be- / lov-ed / sleep.
4. Lo, children, and the fruit / of the / womb, are an heritage
and gift that / cometh / of the / LORD.
5. Like as the arrows in the hand / of the / giant, even so /
are the / young / children.
6. Happy is the man that hath his quiver / full of / them; they
shall not be asham-ed when they speak with their / enem-
ies / in the / gate.