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**A Commentary on Holy Communion Series 3**

which is the official commentary on the Holy Communion Series 3. It explains the new service fully and gives the reasons for changes when compared with Series 2.

**The Presentation of the Eucharist**

This contains practical advice on the conduct of the Holy Communion and places the emphasis on involving the congregation in every part of the service. It will be a great help to those considering the presentation of Series 3.

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An Order for  
Holy  
Communion

## Foreword

### Your Graces

It is clear from the use which has been made of *Holy Communion: Series 2* both at home and abroad during the past four years that the rite has served a useful purpose. It has been a valuable means of experiment at home, while its influence on the new rites of other Churches has been far from negligible. Nevertheless, it was never intended to be a finished product; and experience has revealed its limitations. We believed that it was simply a step in the right direction. That belief has been justified: for we have been able to build Series 3 on the foundations of Series 2; and although there are all kinds of changes in language and detail, we have found no solid reason to make any serious departure from the basic structure of our original rite. It is a matter of great pleasure to us to be able to present a unanimous Report. We have succeeded in overcoming the problems which divided us in 1966, and here we must express our deep gratitude to those many people who have helped us and in particular to our friends of the Doctrine Commission. We hope that the Church of England will find in this rite a further significant step towards the creation of a new and worthy Book of Common Prayer in the not too distant future.

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## Notes

- 1 Posture.** Wherever a certain posture is particularly appropriate, it is indicated in the left-hand margin. At all other points local custom may be established and followed.
- 2 Saying and singing.** Where rubrics indicate that a section is to be 'said', this must be understood to include 'or sung' and vice versa.
- 3 Seasonal material.** The proper thanksgivings (28) are obligatory; but the seasonal sentences (1, 37) and the seasonal blessings (44) are optional. The use of one portion of the optional material does not necessitate the use of the other portions.
- 4 Series 2 material.** During the initial period of experiment, it is permitted to use in certain sections the texts prescribed in Holy Communion Series 2 instead of the texts printed here. These sections are: the Salutation (3), the Collect for Purity (4), the Gloria in Excelsis (5), the responses to the Gospel (11), the Nicene Creed (13), the Prayers (15), the Comfortable Words (17), the Confession (18), the Prayer of Humble Access (20), the Lord's Prayer (31), the Anthems (34), and the final prayer after communion (39). Where parts of the service are also sung to well-known musical settings, it is also permitted to use the words for which these settings were composed.
- 5 The Kyries (5).** The Kyries may be said or sung in English or Greek. In penitential seasons it is desirable

- that this section should be used in preference to Gloria in Excelsis.
- 6 The Gloria in Excelsis (5).** This canticle is also appropriate at sections 2, 10, or 40.
- 7 The Collects (6).** The Collects are either those appointed in the Book of Common Prayer or those appended to Holy Communion Series 1.
- 8 The Lessons (7, 9, 11).** The Lessons should be announced in the order: book, chapter, verse. They should be either those set out in Tables 1–3 appended to Holy Communion Series 3, or those in the Book of Common Prayer, or any other lessons which are authorized for use in the Church of England. When the lessons of Table 1 appended to Series 3 are used and only two lessons are read, the Epistle should be omitted during Advent and the last five weeks of Trinity; the Old Testament lesson should be omitted during the rest of Trinity and Whitsun; and either the Old Testament lesson or the Epistle may be omitted from Christmas until the end of Easter.
- 9 The Sermon (12).** A sermon should be preached at (12) whenever possible; but it is not necessary at every service.
- 10 The Prayers (15).** The introduction to the specific subjects of prayer is not restricted to the printed forms 'we give thanks for', 'we pray for', 'we commemorate'. Other forms may be used at the discretion of the minister provided they are clearly addressed to God.

**11 The Peace (22).** The president may accompany the words of the Peace with a handclasp or similar action: and both the words and the action may be passed through the congregation.

**12 The Thanksgiving (26-29).** During the Thanksgiving the president may be joined by any other priests who are present.

**13 A Service without Communion.** When there is to be no communion, the minister reads the service as far as the absolution (19) and then adds the Lord's Prayer (31), the General Thanksgiving, and other prayers at his discretion, ending with the Grace. When such a service is led by a deacon or lay person, 'us' is said instead of 'you' in the Absolution (19).

**14 Hymns.** Various points are indicated for the singing of hymns; but if occasion requires they may be sung at other points also.

## 1 **Seasonal Sentences**

**Advent** The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all mankind shall see it.

**Christmas** I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

**Epiphany** The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all mankind.

**Lent** Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him.

**Passiontide** Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

**Easter** It is true: the Lord has risen: alleluia!

**Ascension** Christ has gone up on high: alleluia!

**Whitsun** God's love has been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit he has given us.

**Trinity Sunday** By day and by night around the throne they sing: Holy, holy, holy is God the sovereign Lord of all; he was, he is, and he is to come.

**Saints' Days** Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

**Harvest** The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

**Dedication** Truly the Lord is in this place; this is no other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.

**Unity** How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!

## The Word and The Prayers

- 1 All glory to God be the highest,  
and praise to him in the highest  
2 At the entry of the minister a hymn, a canticle, or a psalm may be sung (with reference to 7-8) may be used  
3 The minister may say for you what we  
4 All the world: the Son of the Father,  
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5 All the world: the Son of the Father,  
All  
6 The Kyrie may be said  
7 Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

## The Preparation

- 2 At the entry of the ministers a hymn, a canticle, or a psalm may be sung, and a sentence (pp. 7–8) may be used.
- 3 The minister may say

All           The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

- 4 All           **Almighty God,**  
                  **to whom all hearts are open,**  
                  **all desires known,**  
                  **and from whom no secrets are hid:**  
                  **cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**  
                  **by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**  
                  **that we may perfectly love you,**  
                  **and worthily magnify your holy Name;**  
                  **through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

- 5 The Kyries may be said.

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.

Or the canticle Gloria in Excelsis may be said.

All           **Glory to God in the highest,**  
                  **and 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 sin 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.**

- 6 The collect of the day.

## The Ministry of the Word

- 7 **Sit**  
The Old Testament lesson. At the end the reader says
- This is the word of the Lord.
- Silence may be kept.
- 8 A psalm may be said.
- 9 The Epistle. At the end the reader says
- This is the word of the Lord.
- Silence may be kept.
- 10 A canticle, a hymn, or a psalm may be sung.
- 11 **Stand**  
The Gospel. When it is announced
- All           **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**  
At the end the reader says
- This is the Gospel of Christ.
- All           **Praise to Christ our Lord.**  
Silence may be kept.
- 12 **Sit**  
The sermon.  
At the end silence may be kept.

## 13 Stand

The Nicene Creed is said, at least on Sundays and greater Holy Days.

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,  
one in 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 was born of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered, died, and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in fulfilment of 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  
worshipped 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.**

## **The Prayers**

14 Banns of marriage and other notices may be published; the offerings of the people may be collected; and a hymn may be sung.

15 Intercessions and thanksgivings are offered by the president or by some other person.

It is not necessary to include specific subjects in any section of the following prayer.

The set passages may also follow one another as a continuous whole, without the versicles and responses.

Minister Let us pray for the Church and for the world; and let us thank God for his goodness.  
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith:

We give thanks for / we pray for  
*the Church throughout the world . . .  
our own Church, our diocese and bishop . . .  
any particular work of the Church . . .*

Silence may be kept.

Strengthen your Church to carry forward the work of Christ; that we and all who confess your Name may unite in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

All

**Hear our prayer.**

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We give thanks for / we pray for  
*the nations of the world . . .  
our own nation . . .  
all men in their various callings . . .*

Silence may be kept.

Give wisdom to all in authority, especially Elizabeth our Queen; direct this nation and all nations in the ways of justice and of peace; that men may honour one another, and seek the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

All

**Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for / we pray for  
*the local community . . .*  
*our families and friends . . .*  
*particular persons . . .*

Silence may be kept.

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

Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer.**

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We pray for  
*the sick and the suffering . . .*  
*those who mourn . . .*  
*those without faith . . .*

We give thanks and pray for  
*all who serve and relieve them . . .*

Silence may be kept.

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.

Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer.**

We commemorate  
*the departed especially . . .*

Silence may be kept.

We commend all men to your unfailing  
love, that in them your will may be  
fulfilled; and we rejoice at the faithful  
witness of your saints in every age,  
praying that we may share with them in  
your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

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

16 At least on Ash Wednesday and the five Sundays following, the minister says these commandments; and silence may be kept after the responses.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, If you love me, keep my commandments: happy are those who hear the word of God and keep it. Hear then these commandments which God has given to his people, and take them to heart. I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Minister You shall not make for yourself any idol. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Minister You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God. You shall worship him with reverence and awe.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Minister Remember the Lord's day and keep it holy. Christ is risen from the dead; set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Minister Honour your father and mother. Live as servants of God; honour all men; love the brotherhood.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Minister You shall not commit murder. Do not nurse anger against your brother; overcome evil with good.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Minister You shall not commit adultery. Know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Minister You shall not steal. You shall do honest work, that you may be able to give to those in need.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Minister You shall not be a false witness. Let everyone speak the truth.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Minister You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: It is more blessed to give than to receive. Love your neighbour as yourself, for love is the fulfilling of the law.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

17 Minister

God so loved 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.

Let us therefore confess our sins, in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all men.

Or he says one or more of these sentences:

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Hear what St Paul says.

This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Hear what St John says.

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation of our sins.

After which he says:

Let us therefore confess our sins, in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all men.

18 Kneel

Silence may be kept.

All

**Father eternal, Giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our fellow men, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

19 Minister

Almighty God, who pardons 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.

All

**Amen.**

20 All may say

**We do not presume  
to come to this 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.**

or

**Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from under your  
table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our  
salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of  
your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company  
of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

## The Communion

21 Stand  
We see the Body of Christ in the one  
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## The Peace

21 Stand  
President

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 builds up our common life.

22 The president gives the Peace to the congregation, saying

The peace of the Lord be always with you;

All

**And also with you.**

## The Taking of the Bread and Wine

23 A hymn may be sung, and the offerings of the people may be collected and presented.

24 The bread and wine are brought to the holy table.

25 The president takes the bread and wine.

## The Thanksgiving

26 The president says,

The Lord is here.

All

**His Spirit is with us.**

President

Lift up your hearts.

All

**We lift them to the Lord.**

President

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

27 President

It is not only right, it is our duty and our 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, to die upon the cross, and to rise again for us;

Through him you have made us a people for your own possession, exalting him to your right hand on high, and sending upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit.

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## 28 Proper Thanksgivings

**Advent** And now we give you thanks, because 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.

**Christmas  
Presentation  
Annunciation** because by the power of the Holy Spirit he took our nature upon him and was born of the Virgin Mary his mother, that being himself without sin he might make us clean from all sin.

**Epiphany  
Transfiguration** because in coming to dwell among us as man, he revealed the radiance of his glory, and brought us out of darkness into his own marvellous light.

**Lent** because through him you have given us the spirit of discipline, that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace.

**Passiontide** because for our salvation he was obedient even to death on the cross. The tree of defeat became the tree of glory; and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

**Easter** for his glorious resurrection from the dead. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising again he has restored to us eternal life.

**Ascension** because in his risen body he appeared to his disciples and in their sight was taken into heaven, to reign with you in glory.

**Whitsun** because by that same Spirit we are led into all truth and are given power to proclaim your gospel to the nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

**Trinity  
Sunday** because you have revealed your glory as the glory of your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be worshipped and adored.

**Saints' Days** for the glorious pledge of the hope of our calling which you have given us in your saints; that, following their example and strengthened by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, and with them receive the unfading crown of glory.

**Dedication** for your blessings on this house of prayer, where we are stirred to faithful witness and are built by your Spirit into a temple made without hands, even the body of your Son, Jesus Christ.

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29 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.**

President Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son, our Saviour Jesus  
Christ; and as we follow his example  
and obey his command, grant that  
these gifts of bread and wine may be to  
us his body and his blood;

For in the same night that he was  
betrayed, he took bread; and after giving  
you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his  
disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my  
body which I give for you. Do this in  
remembrance of me.' Again, after  
supper he took the cup; he gave you  
thanks, and gave it to them, saying,  
'Drink this, all of you; for this is my  
blood of the new Covenant, which  
I shed for you and for many, for the  
forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as  
you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

All **Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
In Christ shall all be made alive.**

President Therefore, heavenly Father, we do this  
in remembrance of him: with this bread  
and this cup we celebrate his perfect  
sacrifice made once for all upon the  
cross; we proclaim his resurrection  
from the dead and his ascension into  
heaven; and we look for the fullness of  
his coming in glory. Accept 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.

With him, and in him, and through 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.

## The Breaking of the Bread

30 The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

31 President As our Saviour has taught us,  
so we pray:

All **Our Father in heaven,  
holy 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.  
Do not bring us to the test  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory  
are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

32 President Draw near with faith. Receive the body  
of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave  
for you, and his blood which he shed  
for you. Remember that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith  
with thanksgiving.

33 The president and the other communicants receive the  
holy communion.

At the administration the ministers say to each  
communicant

The Body of Christ keep you  
in eternal life.

The Blood of Christ keep you  
in eternal life.

The communicant replies each time,

**Amen.**

and then receives.

34 During THE COMMUNION these and other hymns  
and anthems may be sung:

**Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy  
on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us  
your peace.**

35 If either or both of the consecrated elements are likely to prove insufficient, the president returns to the holy table and adds more, either in silence or with these words:

Having given thanks to you, Father, over the bread and the cup as your Son our Lord Jesus Christ commanded, we receive this bread/wine also as his body/blood.

36 Any consecrated bread and wine which is not required for purposes of communion is consumed at the end of the administration, or after the service.

### After Communion

37 A seasonal sentence may be said.

**Advent** Our Lord says, 'Surely I come quickly.'  
Even so: come, Lord Jesus!

**Christmas** The bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

**Lent** Jesus said, 'You are those who have continued with me in my trials; you shall eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.'

**Passiontide** As we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

**Easter** Jesus said, 'He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.'

**Ascension** God has highly exalted his Son, and given him a name which is above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.

**Whitsun** God who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

**Trinity Sunday** We were chosen of old in the purpose of the Father, hallowed to his service in the Spirit, and consecrated with the blood of Jesus Christ.

**Saints' Days** You have come to Mount Zion, to God the judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant.

**Dedication** The heaven of heavens cannot contain our God; how much less this house that we have built!

**Unity** Through Christ Jesus we all have access to the Father in the one Spirit.

Silence may be kept.

38 One of the ministers may say :

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. Anchor us in this hope that we have grasped; so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your Name; through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

39 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.**

40 A hymn or canticle may be sung.

41 The president may say this or the appropriate seasonal blessing.

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 blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

42 President Go in peace and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

43 The Ministers and people depart.

44 Seasonal Blessings

*Advent* The Sun of righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing...

*Christmas* Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing...

*Lent* Christ bestow upon you the spirit of holy discipline to deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing...

*Passiontide* Christ the Saviour draw you to himself, so that you find in him crucified a sure

ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing...

**Easter**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing...

**Ascension**

Christ our king make you faithful and patient to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing...

**Whitsun**

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing...

**Trinity Sunday**

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing...

**Saints' Days**

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing...

**Unity**

Christ the good shepherd bring you and all who hear his voice to be one flock, gathered into one fold; and the blessing...

## Appendix

### Tables of Psalms and Lessons

The psalms and lessons in these tables following are to be used at Holy Communion in accordance with the Rules to Order the Service.\* The numbering of the verses of the psalms is according to the Revised Psalter. A different numbering in the Prayer Book version is indicated in square brackets. Other references to passages of scripture are to the Revised Standard Version; but any version of holy scripture may be used which is permitted by lawful authority.

\* Now awaiting consideration by the General Synod.

## Table 1

The psalms and lessons in this table are appointed for use on Sundays and certain other days, and may also be used on the weekdays which follow.

They may also be used at Morning and Evening Prayer on their appointed days. At Holy Communion on weekdays the lessons of the Alternative Lectionary (1970) may also be used, in such a way that when the lessons for one year are read at Morning and Evening Prayer, the lessons for the alternate year are read at Holy Communion.

Note that the lessons for the five Sundays before Advent Sunday shall always be those provided for Trinity 23 and the four weeks following. Lessons for Trinity 18 to Trinity 22 will be used according as they are needed.

	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>
<i>Advent 1</i>	Psalm 50.1–6/Psalm 82 Isa. 52.1–10 1 Thess. 5.1–11 Luke 21.25–33	Isa. 51.4–11 Rom. 13.8–14 Matt. 25.31–46
<i>Advent 2</i>	Psalm 19.7–11/Psalm 119.129–136 Isa. 55.1–11 (–13) Rom. 15.4–13 John 5.36–47	Isa. 64.1–5 (–12) 2 Tim. 3.14–4.5 Luke 4.14–21

<i>Advent 3</i>	Psalm 126/Benedictus Isa. 40.1–11 1 Cor. 4.1–5 John 1.19–27	Mal. 3.1–5 <i>or</i> 3.1–5, 4.1 Phil. 4.4–9 Matt. 11.2–15
<i>Advent 4</i>	Psalm 45.10–17/Magnificat Isa. 11.1–9 1 Cor. 1.26–31 Luke 1.26–38a	Zech. 2.10–13 Rev. 21.1–7 Matt. 1.18–23
<i>Christmas Day</i>	Psalm 85.8–13/Psalm 98 Micah 5.2–4 Titus 2.11–14 Luke 2.1–20	<i>or</i> Isa. 9.2–7 1 John 4.7–14 John 1.1–14
<i>Christmas 1</i>	Psalm 66.1–7/Psalm 72.7–14 Isa. 60.1–6 (–22) Heb. 1.1–4 Matt. 2.1–12	Isa. 49.7–13 (1–13) Eph. 3.1–6 Matt. 2.1–12
<i>Christmas 2</i>	Psalm 116.11–16/Nunc Dimittis 1 Sam. 1.20–28 Rom. 12.1–8 Luke 2.21–40	Deut. 16.1–6 Rom. 8.12–17 Luke 2.41–52
<i>Epiphany 1</i>	Psalm 36.5–10/Psalm 89.19–29 [20–30] 1 Sam. 16.1–13a Acts 10.34–48a Matt. 3.13–17	Isa. 42.1–7 (–12) Eph. 2.1–10 John 1.29–34



**Lent 3** Psalm 119.105–112/Psalm 115.1–8  
 Isa. 59.12–20 Isa. 45.18–25  
 (1–21) (14–25)  
 1 Pet. 2.19–25 Col. 1.24–29  
 Matt. 16.13–28 Luke 9.18–27

**Lent 4** Psalm 119.153–160/Psalm 18.26–37  
 [25–36]  
 Exod. 34.29–35 1 Kings 19.1–12  
 (–18)  
 2 Cor. 3.12–18 2 Pet. 1.16–19  
 Matt. 17.1–13 Luke 9.28–36

**Lent 5** Psalm 76.1–9/Psalm 22.22–28  
 Isa. 63.1–9 (–16) Jer. 31.31–34  
 Col. 2.8–15 Heb. 9.11–15  
 John 12.20–32 Mark 10.32–45

**Palm Sunday** Psalm 24/Psalm 45.1–7  
 Zech. 9.9–12 Isa. 52.13–53.12  
 1 Cor. 1.18–25 Heb. 10.1–10  
 Matt. 21.1–11 Matt. 21.1–11  
 or 26.1–27.61 or 26.1–27.61  
 or 27.1–61 or 27.1–61

**Monday  
 before Easter** Psalm 130/Psalm 79.8–10  
 Isa. 42.1–4 Lam. 3.19–33  
 Acts 10.34–43 Phil. 2.1–13  
 Mark 14.1–26 Luke 22.1–38

**Tuesday  
 before Easter** Psalm 69.17–23 [17–22]/Psalm  
 35.11–16  
 Isa. 49.1–6 Gen. 22.1–12  
 Heb. 4.14–5.10 Col. 2.6–15  
 Mark 14.27–72 Luke 22.39–71

**Wednesday  
 before Easter** Psalm 102.1–11/Psalm 55.12–15  
 Isa. 50.4–9 Num. 21.4–9  
 1 Pet. 2.18–25 1 Cor. 1.18–25  
 Mark 15.1–41 Luke 23.1–47

**Maundy  
 Thursday** Psalm 116.11–16/Psalm 41  
 Isa. 52.13–53.12 Jer. 31.31–34  
 1 Cor. 11.23–29 1 Cor. 10.16–17  
 John 13.1–15 Mark 14.12–26

**Good Friday** Psalm 88.1–13/Psalm 54  
 Exod. 12.1–8, 11  
 Heb. 10.11–25  
 John 18.1–19.37 or 19.1–37

**Easter Eve** Psalm 16.9–12/Psalm 139.6–11  
 Hag. 2.6–9  
 1 Pet. 3.17–22  
 Matt. 27.57–66 or John 2.18–22

**Easter Day** (i) Easter Anthems/Psalm 118.15–24  
 (ii) Psalm 114/Te Deum, part 2  
 Isa. 12.1–6 Isa. 12.1–6  
 Rev. 1.12–18 1 Cor. 5.7b–8  
 Mark 16.1–8 Matt. 28.1–10

**or in either year:**

Exod. 14.15–22 (5–30a)  
 1 Cor. 15.12–20  
 John 20.1–18

**Easter 1** Psalm 145.1-7/Psalm 68.1-8  
Exod. 15.1-11 Exod. 16.4-15  
(-18) (1-15, 31-35)  
1 Pet. 1.3-9 1 Cor. 15.53-58  
John 20.19-29 John 6.35-40

**Easter 2** Psalm 111/Psalm 23  
Isa. 25.6-9 (1-9) Ezek. 34.7-15  
(1-15)  
Rev. 19.6-9 1 Pet. 5.1-11  
Luke 24.13-35 John 10.7-18

**Easter 3** Psalm 16.6-12/Psalm 30.1-6  
Isa. 61.1-3 (-11) 1 Kings 17.17-24  
(8-24)  
1 Cor. 15.1-11 Col. 3.1-11  
John 21.1-14 John 11.17-27

**Easter 4** Psalm 33.1-8/Psalm 37.23-32  
Isa. 62.1-5 (-12) Prov. 4.10-18  
(1-18)  
Rev. 3.14-22 2 Cor. 4.11-18  
John 21.15-22 John 14.1-11

**Easter 5** Psalm 84.1-6 [1-5]/Psalm 15  
Isa. 51.1-6 (-16) Deut. 34.1-12  
1 Cor. 15.21-28 Rom. 8.28-39  
John 16.25-33 John 16.12-24

**Ascension Day** Psalm 8/Psalm 21.1-6  
Dan. 7.13-14  
Acts 1.1-11  
Matt. 28.16-20

**Sunday after** Psalm 24/Psalm 47  
**Ascension Day** Dan. 7.9-14 2 Kings 2.1-15  
Eph. 1.15-23 Eph. 4.1-8, 11-13  
Luke 24.44-53 Luke 24.44-53

**Whitsunday** Psalm 122/Psalm 36.5-10  
Joel 2.23-29 Joel 2.28-32  
(21-32) (21-32)  
Acts 2.1-11 Acts 2.1-11  
John 14.15-27 John 14.15-27

**Trinity Sunday** Psalm 93/Psalm 97.1-9  
Isa. 6.1-8 Deut. 6.4-9  
Eph. 1.3-14 Acts 2.22-24,  
32-36  
John 14.8-17 Matt. 11.25-30

**Trinity 1** Psalm 95.1-7/Psalm 135.1-6  
Exod. 19.1-6 2 Sam. 7.4-16  
(-11) (1-17)  
1 Pet. 2.1-10 Acts 2.37-47  
John 15.1-5 Luke 14.15-24

**Trinity 2** Psalm 84.1-8 [1-7]/Psalm 139.1-11  
Deut. 6.17-25 Deut. 8.11-20  
Rom. 6.1-11 Acts 4.5-12  
John 15.6-11 Luke 8.41-55

**Trinity 3** Psalm 63.1-9/Psalm 67  
Deut. 7.6-9a Josh. 24.14-25  
(1-11) (1-5, 14-28)  
Gal. 3.26-4.7 Acts 8.26-38  
John 15.12-15 Luke 15.1-10

- Trinity 4** Psalm 119.57–64/Psalm 119.89–96  
 Exod. 20.1–17 Ruth 1.8–17, 22  
 (1–22)  
 Eph. 5.1–10 Acts 11.4–18  
 Matt. 19.16–26 Luke 17.11–19
- Trinity 5** Psalm 112/Psalm 1  
 Exod. 24.3–11 Mic. 6.1–8  
 (1–18)  
 Col. 3.12–17 Eph. 4.17–32  
 Luke 15.11–32 Mark 10.46–52
- Trinity 6** Psalm 62.1–8/Psalm 103.8–18  
 Hos. 11.1–9 Deut. 10.12–11.1  
 1 Cor. 13.1–13 Rom. 8.1–11  
 Matt. 18.21–35 Mark 12.28–34
- Trinity 7** Psalm 25.1–9/Psalm 26.1–8  
 Ezek. 36.24–28 Ezek. 37.1–14  
 (22–32)  
 Gal. 5.16–25 1 Cor. 12.4–13  
 John 15.16–27 Luke 6.27–38
- Trinity 8** Psalm 18.1–7 [1–6]/Psalm 18.32–37  
 [31–36]  
 Josh. 1.1–9 1 Sam. 17.37–50  
 (1–11, 32–50)  
 Eph. 6.10–18a 2 Cor. 6.3–10  
 John 17.11–19 Mark 9.14–29

- Trinity 9** Psalm 71.1–8 [1–7]/Psalm 73.23–28  
 [22–27]  
 Job. 42.1–6 1 Sam. 24.9–17  
 (38.1–11, (1–17)  
 42.1–6)  
 Phil. 2.1–13 Gal. 6.1–10  
 John 13.1–15 Luke 7.36–50
- Trinity 10** Psalm 123/Psalm 31.21–27  
 Isa. 42.1–7 (–12) 1 Chron. 29.1–9  
 (–16)  
 2 Cor. 4.1–10 Phil. 1.1–11  
 John 13.33–36 Luke 17.5–10
- Trinity 11** Psalm 96.1–6/Psalm 96.7–13  
 Isa. 49.1–6 (–13) Mic. 4.1–7  
 2 Cor. 5.14–6.2 Acts 17.22–31  
 John 17.20–26 Matt. 5.13–16
- Trinity 12** Psalm 31.1–6/Psalm 43  
 Isa. 50.4–9 (–11) Jer. 12.1–6  
 (11.18–20,  
 12.1–6)  
 1 Pet. 4.12–19 Acts 20.17–35  
 John 16.1–11 Matt. 10.16–22
- Trinity 13** Psalm 34.1–10/Psalm 34.11–18  
 Lev. 19.9–18 Deut. 15.7–11  
 (1–4, 9–18) (1–18)  
 Rom. 12.9–21 1 John 4.15–21  
 Luke 10.25–37 Luke 16.19–31

**Trinity 14** Psalm 127/Psalm 128  
Isa. 54.1-8 (-17) Gen. 45.1-15  
(-28)  
Eph. 5.21-6.4 1 Pet. 3.1-9  
Mark 10.2-16 Luke 14.25-33

**Trinity 15** Psalm 72.1-8/Psalm 20  
Isa. 45.1-7 (-13) 1 Kings 3.5-15  
Rom. 13.1-7 1 Tim. 2.1-7  
Matt. 22.15-22 Luke 11.1-13

**Trinity 16** Psalm 56/Psalm 57  
Jer. 7.1-7 (-14) Jer. 32.6-15  
(1-15)  
Jas. 1.22-27 Gal. 2.20-3.9  
Matt. 7.21-29 Luke 7.1-10

**Trinity 17** Psalm 145.9-16/Psalm 90.13-17  
Deut. 26.1-11 Ecclus. 38.24-34  
(1-11, 16-19) or Neh. 6.1-16  
2 Cor. 8.1-9 1 Pet. 4.7-11  
Matt. 5.21-26 Matt. 25.14-29

**Trinity 18** Psalm 139.1-9/Psalm 71.1-8 [1-7]  
Gen. 28.10-22 Dan. 6.10-23  
(1-23)  
Heb. 11.1-3, 7-16 Rom. 5.1-11  
Luke 5.1-11 Luke 19.1-10

**Trinity 19** Psalm 15/Psalm 146.5-10 [4-10]  
Jer. 29.1, 4-14 Isa. 33.17-22  
(13-22)  
Phil. 3.7-21 Rev. 7.9-17  
John 17.1-10 Matt. 25.1-13

**Trinity 20** Psalm 37.1-11/Psalm 121  
Dan. 3.13-25 Gen. 32.24-30  
(1-25) (1-30)  
Heb. 11.32-12.2 1 Cor. 9.19-27  
Luke 9.51-62 Matt. 7.13-20

**Trinity 21** Psalm 43/Psalm 51.10-17  
Exod. 19.16-24 Isa. 1.10-17  
Heb. 12.18-29 1 Cor. 3.18-23  
John 4.19-26 Mark 2.23-3.6

**Trinity 22** Psalm 138/Psalm 31.21-27  
Lam. 3.19-26 Joel 2.15-19,  
21-22  
1 Thess. 5.12-24 2 Cor. 3.4-11  
Matt. 20.1-15 Mark 2.18-22

**Trinity 23:** Psalm 104.1-9/Psalm 104.25-31  
**Fifth Sunday** [24-30]  
**before Advent** Gen. 1.1-3, Gen. 2.4b-9,  
24-31a (1.1-2.3) 15-25  
Col. 1.15-20 Rev. 4.1-11  
John 1.1-14 John 3.1-8

<b>Trinity 24:</b>	Psalm 130/Psalm 10.13–20	
<b>Fourth Sunday before Advent</b>	Gen. 3.1–15 (–24)	Gen. 4.1–10 (–16)
	Rom. 7.7–12	1 John 3.9–18
	John 3.13–21	Mark 7.14–23
<b>Trinity 25:</b>	Psalm 1/Psalm 105.1–11	
<b>Third Sunday before Advent</b>	Gen. 12.1–9	Gen. 22.1–18
	Rom. 4.13–25	Jas. 2.14–24
	John 8.51–58	Luke 20.9–16
<b>Trinity 26:</b>	Psalm 135.1–6/Psalm 77.11–20	
<b>Second Sunday before Advent</b>	Exod. 3.1–15 (–22)	Exod. 6.2–8 (–13)
	Heb. 3.1–6	Heb. 11.17–29
	John 6.27–35	Mark 13.5–13
<b>Trinity 27:</b>	Psalm 80.1–7/Psalm 80.8–19	
<b>Sunday next before Advent</b>	1 Kings 19.9–18	Isa. 10.20–23
	Rom. 11.13–24	Rom. 9.19–29
	Matt. 24.38–44	Mark 13.14–23

## Table 2

<b>The Circumcision of Christ, or The Naming of Jesus January 1</b>	Psalm 8/Psalm 62.1–8 Isa. 9.6–7 Acts 4.8–12 Luke 2.15–21
<b>The Epiphany, or The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles January 6</b>	Psalm 72.1–7/Psalm 72.8–11 Isa. 60.1–6 or 49.7–13 Rev. 21.22–22.5 or Eph. 3.1–12 Matt. 2.1–12 or John 1.14–18
<b>The Conversion of St Paul January 25</b>	Psalm 126/Psalm 67 Jer. 1.4–10 Acts 9.1–22 Matt. 19.27–30
<b>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, or The Purification of St Mary the Virgin February 2</b>	Psalm 48.1–8 [1–7]/ Psalm 48.9–14 [8–13] Mal. 3.1–4 1 Pet. 2.4–10 Luke 2.22–35
<b>St Matthias the Apostle February 24</b>	Psalm 16.1–7/Psalm 80.8–15 1 Sam. 2.27–35 Acts 1.15–17, 20–26 John 15.1–10

**The Annunciation of  
the Blessed Virgin  
Mary  
March 25**

Psalm 113/Psalm 131  
Gen. 3.8-15  
Gal. 4.1-7  
Luke 1.26-38a

**St Mark the  
Evangelist  
April 25**

Psalm 45.1-4 [1-5]/  
Psalm 119.9-16  
Prov. 15.28-33  
2 Tim. 4.5-11  
Mark 13.5-11

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

Psalm 33.1-6/Psalm 25.1-9  
Prov. 4.10-18  
Eph. 1.3-10  
John 14.1-14

**St Barnabas  
the Apostle  
June 11**

Psalm 145.8-15/Psalm 112  
Job. 29.11-16  
Acts 11.19-26  
John 15.12-17

**The Nativity of  
St John Baptist  
June 24**

Psalm 119.161-168/  
Psalm 80.1-7  
Isa. 40.1-5  
Gal. 3.23-29  
Luke 1.57-66, 80

**St Peter the Apostle  
June 29**

Psalm 125/Psalm 18.32-36  
[31-35]  
Ezek. 3.4-11  
1 Pet. 2.18-25  
Matt. 16.13-20

**The Visitation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
July 2**

Psalm 113/Psalm 131  
Zech. 2.10-13  
Gal. 4.1-5  
Luke 1.39-49

**St Mary Magdalen  
July 22**

Psalm 139.1-11/  
Psalm 30.1-5  
Zeph. 3.14-20  
2 Cor. 5.14-17  
John 20.11-18

**St James the Apostle  
July 25**

Psalm 15/Psalm 75.7-12  
Jer. 45  
Acts 11.27-12.2  
Mark 10.35-45

**The Transfiguration  
of our Lord  
August 6**

Psalm 84.1-8 [1-7]/  
Psalm 84.9-14 [8-13]  
Exod. 34.29-35  
2 Cor. 3.12-18  
Luke 9.28-36

**St Bartholomew  
the Apostle  
August 24**

Psalm 116.11-16/  
Psalm 97.10-12  
Isa. 61.4-9  
Acts 5.12-16  
Luke 22.24-30

**The Beheading of  
St John Baptist  
August 29**

Psalm 119.41-48/  
Psalm 119.161-168  
2 Chron. 24.17-21  
Heb. 11.32-40  
Matt. 14.1-12

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

Psalms 113/Psalm 131  
Gen. 3.8–15  
Gal. 4.1–5 *or* Rom. 5.12–15  
Luke 11.27–28 *or* 1.26–38a

**St Matthew  
the Apostle  
September 21**

Psalms 119.65–72/  
Psalm 119.89–96  
Prov. 3.13–17  
2 Cor. 4.1–6  
Matt. 9.9–13

**St Michael and  
All Angels  
September 29**

Psalms 103.17–22/  
Psalm 91.5–12  
2 Kings 6.11–17  
Rev. 12.7–12a  
Matt. 18.1–6, 10

**St Luke the Evangelist  
October 18**

Psalms 147.1–6/  
Psalm 22.22–28  
Isa. 35.3–6  
Acts 16.6–12a  
Luke 10.1–9

**St Simon and  
St Jude, Apostles  
October 28**

Psalms 15/Psalm 116.11–16  
Isa. 28.9–16  
Eph. 2.13–22  
John 15.18–27

**All Saints  
November 1**

Psalms 33.1–5/Psalm 145.8–13  
Jer. 31.31–34 *or* Gen. 3.1–15  
Rev. 7.9–14  
Matt. 5.1–12

**St Andrew  
the Apostle  
November 30**

Psalms 92.1–5/Psalm 87  
Zech. 8.20–23  
Rom. 10.12–15  
Matt. 4.12–20

**St Thomas  
the Apostle  
December 21**

Psalms 139.1–11/Psalm 31.1–6  
Gen. 12.1–5a  
Heb. 10.35–11.1  
John 20.24–29

**St Stephen  
December 26**

Psalms 119.17–24/  
Psalm 119.161–168  
2 Chron. 24.20–22  
Acts 7.54–60  
Luke 11.49–51

**St John the  
Evangelist  
December 27**

Psalms 117/Psalm 92.12–15  
[11–14]  
Exod. 33.17–23  
1 John 2.1–17  
John 21.20–25

**The Innocents  
December 28**

Psalms 123/Psalm 131  
Jer. 31.15–17  
1 Cor. 1.26–29  
Matt. 2.13–18

### Table 3

#### *Of a Martyr or Martyrs*

Psalm 119.161–168/  
Psalm 18.32–37 [31–36]  
Wisd. 3.1–9  
Rom. 8.35–39 *or* Rev. 7.13–17  
Matt. 10.16–22 *or* 16.24–26

#### *Of a Doctor or Confessor*

Psalm 119.97–104/  
Psalm 34.11–17  
Ecclus. 39.1–10  
1 Cor. 2.6–12 *or* 2 Tim. 4.1–8  
Matt. 13.51–52 *or* John  
16.12–15

#### *Of a Bishop*

Psalm 80.1–7/Psalm 99  
Ezek. 34.11–15  
1 Pet. 5.1–4 *or* Eph. 4.7–8,  
11–16  
John 10.10b–15 *or* 21.15–17

#### *Of an Abbot or Abbess*

Psalm 123/Psalm 119.57–64  
Jer. 17.7–10  
Phil. 3.7–14 *or* 1 John 2.15–17  
Matt. 19.23–30 *or* Luke  
12.32–37

#### *Of Missionaries*

Psalm 96.1–6/Psalm 96.7–13  
Isa. 61.1–3  
2 Cor. 4.5–10 *or* Eph. 2.13–22  
Matt. 9.35–38 *or* 28.16–20

#### *Of Saints, Martyrs, Missionaries, and Doctors of the Church of England*

Psalm 87/Psalm 67  
Ecclus. 44.1–15 *or* 2.10–18  
Heb. 13.7–8, 15–16  
*or* 2 Cor. 4.5–12  
*or* Heb. 11.32–12.2  
John 12.20–26 *or* 17.18–23  
*or* 15.16–27

#### *Of any Saint*

Psalm 119.1–8/  
Psalm 18.26–31 [25–30]  
Ecclus. 2.1–9  
1 Tim. 6.11–16 *or* Heb. 11.32  
—12.2  
Matt. 5.13–16 *or* Mark  
10.42–45

**Commemoration of  
the Faithful Departed  
and at a Funeral**

Collect: Merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life of all the faithful: raise us from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that at the last we may share with our *brother N.* in your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 42.1-7/Psalm 31.21-27  
Wisd. 3.1-5, 9  
1 Pet. 1.3-9  
John 20.1-9

**Ember Days**

Psalm 122/Psalm 84.9-14  
[8-13]

**1 Lent and Trinity**

Num. 11.16-17, 24-29  
Acts 20.28-35  
Luke 4.16-21

**2 Michaelmas**

Num. 27.15-23  
1 Cor. 3.5-11  
John 4.31-38

**3 Advent**

Jer. 1.4-10  
1 Pet. 4.7-11  
Luke 12.35-43

**Rogation Days**

Psalm 34.1-10/Psalm 121  
Deut. 8.1-10 *or* Joel 2.21-27  
*or* Job 28.1-11  
Jas. 5.7-11 *or* Phil. 4.4-7  
*or* 2 Thess. 3.6-13  
Luke 11.5-13 *or* Matt. 6.1-15  
*or* Luke 5.1-11

**Feast of the  
Dedication *or*  
Consecration of  
a Church**

Psalm 84.1-8 [1-7]/  
Psalm 122 (other Psalms: 24,  
103, 132)  
1 Kings 8.22-30  
1 Pet. 2.1-5  
Matt. 21.12-16

**Patronal Feast of  
a Church**

Unless other provision is made, the appropriate group of lessons from the above list may be used. These may also be used for memorial services or on other occasions.

**Thanksgiving for  
Harvest**

Psalm 104.20–29 [19–28] /  
Psalm 65 (other Psalms: 67,  
145, 147, 148, 150)  
Deut. 8.3–10 *or* Gen. 1.24–31a  
1 Tim. 6.6–10 *or* Acts 14.13–17  
John 6.27–35 *or* Luke  
12.16–31

(Other Lessons:

Gen. 1.1–2.3; Deut. 26.1–11;  
Deut. 28.1–14  
Acts 10.10–16; 2 Cor. 9.6–15;  
Rev. 14.14–18  
Matt. 6.24–34; Matt. 13.18–30;  
John 4.31–38)

**Thanksgiving for  
the Institution of  
Holy Baptism**

Collect: Almighty God our  
heavenly Father, who hast  
given us the sacrament of holy  
baptism that souls being born  
again may be made heirs of  
everlasting salvation: we yield  
thee thanks for this gift, and  
beseech thee to grant that we  
who have been made partakers  
of the death of thy Son may  
also share in his resurrection;  
through the same Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

Psalm 42.1–7/Psalm 34.1–8  
Ezek. 36.25–28  
Rom. 6.3–4  
Matt. 28.18–20

**Thanksgiving for  
the Institution of  
Holy Communion**

Psalm 43/Psalm 116.11–16  
Exod. 16.2–15  
1 Cor. 11.23–28  
John 6.53–58

**For the Missionary  
Work of the Church  
Overseas**

Psalm 97/Psalm 100 (other  
Psalms: 2, 46, 47, 67, 72, 87,  
96, 117)  
Isa. 49.1–6  
Eph. 2.13–22  
Matt. 28.16–20

**For the Guidance of  
the Holy Spirit**

Psalm 25.1–9/  
Psalm 143.8–11 [8–10]  
Wisd. 9.13–17  
1 Cor. 12.4–13  
John 14.23–26

**For the Peace of  
the World**

Psalm 72.1–7/Psalm 85.8–13  
Mic. 4.3–5  
1 Tim. 2.1–5  
Matt. 5.43–48

**For the Unity of  
the Church**

Psalm 133/Psalm 122  
Jer. 33.6–9a  
Eph. 4.1–6  
John 17.11b–23

**In Time of Trouble**

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

Psalm 86.1–7/Psalm 142.1–7  
Job 1.13–22 *or* Gen. 9.8–17  
Rom. 3.21–26 *or* 8.18–25  
Luke 12.1–7 *or* Mark 11.22–26

**At a Marriage**

Collect: O God our Father, you  
have taught us by your holy  
apostle that love is the fulfilling  
of the law; grant to these your  
servants that, loving one  
another, they may continue in  
your love until their lives' end;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 67/Psalm 128 (other  
Psalms 23, 37.3–7, 121)  
Gen. 2.18, 21–24  
Col. 3.12–17  
John 15.9–12 *or* Matt. 7.24–29

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