

CHURCH OF IRELAND – GENERAL SYNOD 2017
MOTIONS

Motions received by the Honorary Secretaries of the General Synod not less than one month before the day appointed for the opening of the session of the General Synod at which the motion is to be moved (Standing Order 31).

1. TIMETABLE (SEE SEPARATE SHEET)

Proposer: The Honorary Secretaries

A motion or motions to allocate the time available between the items listed on the agenda paper (Standing Order 56). (See Timetable Motion on separate sheet).

2. STANDING ORDERS

Proposer: Mr Kenneth Gibson (on behalf of the Standing Orders Committee)

Second: Rev Canon Gillian Wharton

That Standing Order 56 be amended by the deletion of the words “and not less than one hour for the consideration of the report of the Role of the Church Committee”.

3. LITURGICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Proposer: Very Rev Nigel Dunne

Second: The Bishop of Down and Dromore

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 26(1) of Chapter I of the Constitution, leave be given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod 2018 to amend the *Book of Common Prayer* (2004; rev. ed. 2005), by including therein *An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for use on Sunday* as set out in the schedule to this Resolution. (NOTE: Schedule contained as Appendix to this booklet)

4. LITURGICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Proposer: Very Rev Nigel Dunne

Second: The Bishop of Down and Dromore

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 26(1) of Chapter I of the Constitution, leave be given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod 2018 to authorise the use of Collects of the Word as set out in the schedule to this resolution, as part of *An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for use on Sunday*. (NOTE: Schedule contained as Appendix to this booklet)

5. LITURGICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Proposer: Rev Adrian Dorrian

Second: Very Rev Gerald Field

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 26(1) of Chapter I of the Constitution, leave be given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod 2018 to amend the *Book of Common Prayer* (2004; rev ed. 2005), by making changes to The Litany in Contemporary Language as set out in the schedule to this Resolution:

SCHEDULE

SECTION ENTITLED 'FOR THE STATE'

That the petition beginning 'Bless the European Union' be placed within square, red brackets:

[Bless the European Union,
and draw us closer to one another in justice and freedom,
hear us, good Lord.]

6. LITURGICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Proposer: Very Rev Nigel Dunne

Seconder: Bishop of Down and Dromore

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 26(1) of Chapter 1 of the Constitution, leave be given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod 2018 to amend The Table of Readings and The Collects in *The Book of Common Prayer* (2004; rev. ed. 2005), in the following terms:

The Table of Readings

In The Table of Readings under the Sunday between 6 and 12 November the following be inserted:

“Remembrance Sunday

Isaiah 2:1-5 or Isaiah 10:33-11:9 or Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 4 or Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 or Psalm 126 or Psalm 130

Romans 8:31-39 or Revelation 1:1-7

Matthew 5:1-12 or John 15:9-17

Any combination of the above may be used.”

THE COLLECTS

In The Collects after The Third Sunday before Advent insert the following rubric:

“Collect Two and the Post Communion Prayer above are suitable for use on Remembrance Sunday”.

7. FACILITATION COMMITTEE

Proposer: The Honorary Secretaries

That the General Synod ratify the terms of reference and the membership of the Facilitation Committee, established by the Standing Committee in January 2017, as directed by Statute Ch. I of 2016:

Terms of reference

The Committee will:

- Engage in discussion with all twelve dioceses about the issues raised by the work of the Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structures as these affect them locally
- Facilitate exploration of any proposals that may arise from such conversations
- Provide an annual report to the General Synod.

Membership

The following are appointed to membership of the Facilitation Committee until the General Synod of 2020:

Mr Ken Gibson
Mr Robert Neill
Rev Robin Bantry White

8. Inter-Diocesan Conversations

Proposer: The Bishop of Tuam, Killala and Achonry

Seconder: The Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe

That this General Synod....

- (i) encourages the United Dioceses of Limerick and Killaloe and the United Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry (the two dioceses) to continue their talks and to bring further proposals to next year's General Synod.
- (ii) would be prepared to consider Option B (as indicated in the Report from the two dioceses) should this be their chosen option. This option would not reduce the number of dioceses.
- (iii) would be prepared to consider Option C (as indicated in the Report from the two dioceses) should this be their chosen option. This option allows for the creation of a 'suffragan bishop' post.

(NOTE: the Report is contained as an appendix to this booklet).

9. COUNCIL FOR MISSION

Proposer: Mr Derek Neilson

Seconder: The Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh

That the following be elected to the Council for Mission until the General Synod of 2020:

Rev Cliff Jeffers
Ms Johanne Martin
Ms Julie Currie
Rev Adam Pullen
Rev Andrew Quill
Rev Patrick Burke.

10. REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH BODY

Proposer: Canon Graham Richards

Seconder: The Bishop of Limerick

That the General Synod hereby authorises the Representative Body to make the following allocations from General Funds in 2017:

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A. Maintenance of the Stipendiary Ministry	1,289,309
B. Pension related costs	110,750
C. Training of ordinands	1,346,435
D. General Synod Activities	986,997
E. Miscellaneous	16,000
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11. REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH BODY

Proposer: Mr Stephen Trew

Seconder: Mr Kevin Bowers

Explanatory note

The RCB accepts the broad scientific consensus, as set out in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC's) Fifth Assessment Report (2014), that greenhouse gas emissions from human activities are the most significant contributor to changes in the world's climate. Urgent action is needed if we are to mitigate and adapt to the consequences of climate change on ecosystems, and on present and future generations.

The RCB acknowledges that climate change is a global issue and requires a response from companies, commercial enterprises, policymakers and society as a whole – individually, institutionally, nationally and internationally.

The RCB is supportive of the transition to a low carbon economy and to lowering the climate change impact of its investment portfolio. Over the last 3 years the RCB has cut its exposure to oil and gas companies by 70%; thus by the end of 2016 renewables/energy-efficiency represented a greater proportion of our investments.

The RCB acknowledges that the Church of Ireland can further improve the carbon footprint of its investment portfolio with the following motion.

Motion

That the Representative Body:

- (a) Supports the Environmental Charter passed at General Synod 2015
- (b) Acknowledges the motions passed at a number of diocesan synods calling for more action from the Representative Church Body on climate change and fossil fuel investments.
- (c) Will exclude companies whose turnover (in excess of 10%) is derived from the production of coal or tar sands in recognition that these companies are unlikely to be able to assist with the transition to a low carbon economy.
- (d) Aims to increase (where possible and subject to adequate returns) its exposure to green alternatives, to reduce its exposure to oil and gas producers and to seek companies with good environmental policies that are committed to reducing their carbon footprint.
- (e) Will continue to support collaborative engagement with companies and with policy makers for the delivery of this commitment on assisting the transition to a low carbon economy.
- (f) Acknowledges that divestment from companies not taking seriously their responsibilities to assist with the transition to a low carbon economy may be the appropriate course of action.
- (g) Commits to continue to evolve its climate change policy and to conduct a further review of its fossil fuel exposure in 2020.
- (h) Ensures that its Climate Change policy remains consistent with that of the Church of England.
- (i) Agrees to monitor and report annually on their implementation of this policy.

12. PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION

Proposer: Dr Leo Kilroy

Seconders: Rev Brian O'Rourke

Notwithstanding the diversity of conviction regarding human sexuality, and in order to maintain the unity of the Church of Ireland, the General Synod

A. Acknowledges the injury felt by members of the Church who enter into loving, committed and legally-recognised, same-sex relationships, due to the absence of provision for them to mark that key moment in their lives publicly and prayerfully in Church.

and

B. Respectfully requests the House of Bishops to investigate a means to develop sensitive, local pastoral arrangements for public prayer and thanksgiving with same-sex couples at these key moments in their lives, and to present their ideas to General Synod 2018, with a view to making proposals at General Synod 2019.

The development of any such pastoral arrangements should not infringe Canon 31 and the facilitation of such arrangements would not impair the communion between an individual bishop or diocese with any other bishop or diocese of the Church of Ireland.

13. COVENANT COUNCIL

Proposer: Very Rev Nigel Dunne

Seconders: Rev Barry Forde

That the following be elected as Church of Ireland representatives on the Covenant Council for the coming year:

The Rt Rev Alan Abernethy, Bishop of Connor (Co-Chair)

Ms Elva Byrne

Very Rev Nigel Dunne

Rev Canon Dr Maurice Elliott

Rev Barry Forde

Mr Harold Giboney

Rev Dr Peter Thompson

14. COVENANT COUNCIL

Proposer: Very Rev Nigel Dunne

Seconders: Rev Barry Forde

That General Synod continues to encourage congregations to celebrate the Covenant relationship with neighbouring Methodist congregations on or around John Wesley Day, 24th May, each year.

15. COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Proposer: The Bishop of Cashel

Seconders: TBC

That the Synod commends the Feasibility Study in regard to the potential development of a place of community prayer, retreat, hospitality and study, for discussion and response in the wider Church, and particularly requests the RB to consider its findings in the context of their stewardship of the Church's assets as the 150th Anniversary of Disestablishment approaches.

(NOTE: the Feasibility Study may be found on p.338 of the *Book of Reports*)

AN ORDER FOR
MORNING PRAYER AND EVENING PRAYER
FOR USE ON SUNDAY

The Ordering of the Service

1. SEASONALLY APPROPRIATE MATERIAL

Seasonally appropriate material approved by the House of Bishops and published by the Liturgical Advisory Committee may be used for the Greeting, Penitence and The Prayers of the People.

2. THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Announcements should be made before the service begins. An opening hymn or song may be sung before The Greeting.

3. PENITENCE

The prayers of penitence may take place after the sermon during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

4. PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

At least two of the readings and the psalm for the principal service of the day from the Revised Common Lectionary are used.

The first reading should normally be from the Old Testament unless the Revised Common Lectionary provides otherwise.

Where two readings are used the second reading is the Gospel reading of the day.

Where three readings are used, the third reading is the Gospel reading of the day.

5. A Collect of the Word is used at the end of the readings or after the Sermon. These collects are available in the worship resources section of the Church of Ireland website.

6. THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

If the Collect of the Day and the Lord's Prayer are not used at the end of the Prayers of the People they are used before the Dismissal.

AN ORDER FOR
MORNING PRAYER AND EVENING PRAYER
FOR USE ON SUNDAY

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

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The minister greets the people:

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all
and also with you.

or

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

or, from Easter Day to the Day of Pentecost
Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The minister may introduce the service with these or other suitable words:

We have come together
in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
and to pray for the needs of the world,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

O Lord, open our lips,
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

Let us worship the Lord.
All praise to his name.

This or another seasonally appropriate prayer is used:

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, Creator of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You founded the earth in the beginning
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
In the fulness of time, you made us in your image,
and in these last days you have spoken to us
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us
let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,
your Spirit ever renew our lives
and your praises ever be on our lips.

The prayer ends with these words:

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

A hymn may be sung.

PENITENCE

*The prayers of penitence may take place after the sermon
during the seasons of Advent and Lent.*

*The Confession is introduced either with the following or other seasonally
appropriate words:*

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in
us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our
sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹ John 1: 8,9

Let us kneel and confess our sins to God our Father.
O God, our loving Father in heaven,
we confess that we have sinned against you;
we have broken your commandments;
we have often been selfish,
and we have not loved you as we should.
For these, and all our sins, forgive us, we pray:
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Or this form may be used:

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

The priest pronounces the absolution:

May the Father of all mercies
cleansc you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*If no priest is present the absolution is omitted
and the following prayer may be said:*

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The minister says

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon our path. cf Psalm 119.105

O Lord, your word is everlasting:
it stands firm for ever in the heavens. cf Psalm 119.89

Let us then receive the word of the Lord.
so may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING
from the Old Testament is read.

The Reader may say

A Reading from ... chapter ... beginning at verse ...

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM OR PSALMS

One or more of the appointed Psalms is sung.

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

THE SECOND READING
from the New Testament
If only two readings are used this is always a Gospel Reading.

The Reader may say

A Reading from ... chapter ... beginning at verse ...

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A CANTICLE

THE THIRD READING

(If Three readings are used this is always a Gospel Reading)

The Reader may say

A Reading from the Gospel according to ... chapter ... beginning at
verse ...

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A CANTICLE
if the third reading is used

A COLLECT OF THE WORD
Maybe said here or following THE SERMON

THE SERMON

*THE PENITENCE may take place at this point during the seasons of
Advent and Lent.*

A hymn may be sung.

The Response to God's Word

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.

This affirmation or a scriptural affirmation of faith may be used instead of the Apostles' Creed.

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

I believe and trust in him

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed mankind?

I believe and trust in him.

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

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**we believe and trust in One God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Prayers of the People

Either of the following, or other seasonally appropriate prayers and intercessions, may be used.

Almighty and everliving God,
we ask you to hear the prayers we offer in faith.

For the peace that comes from God alone,
for the unity of all peoples,
and for our salvation,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the Church of Christ,
for N our Bishop, [for ...]
and for the whole people of God,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the nations of the world,
[for ...]

for our government and all in authority,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city (or town or village or community),
[for ...]
for our neighbours and our friends,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us,
and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm,
for the widowed and orphans, for the sick and suffering,
[for ...] and for all in any need,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed,
for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives,
and for all who remember and care for them,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For ...
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the dying,
for those who mourn [the death of ...],
for the faithful whom we entrust to the Lord in hope,
as we look forward to the day
when we share the fullness of the resurrection,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the communion of all the saints,
let us commend ourselves,
and one another, and all our life, to God.
Silence is kept.

For yours is the majesty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

or

Let us bring before God
our prayers of intercession and commitment:
Blessed are you, eternal God,
to be praised and glorified for ever.

Hear us as we pray for your holy Church throughout the world:
make us all one, that the world may believe.

Grant that every member of the Church
may truly and humbly serve you:
that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name:
give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.

Inspire and lead those who hold authority
in the nations of the world:
guide them in the ways of justice and peace.

Make us alive to the needs of our community:
help us to share each other's joys and burdens.

Look with kindness on our homes and families:
grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

Deepen our compassion
for all who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble:
in your presence may they find their strength.

We remember those who have died:
Father, into your hands we entrust them.

We praise you for all your saints
who have entered your eternal glory:
bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Hear our prayer, Lord God
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY
Is said

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we pray:

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.**

or
Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we are bold to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven:

hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

If the Collect of the Day and the Lord's Prayer are used at this point in the service, it is not used during the Dismissal

A hymn may be sung during which the collection may be received.

Going Out as God's People

A THANKSGIVING

The minister says:

Let us give thanks to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

For the love of our Father,
the maker of all, the giver of all good things,
let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who lived and worked among us,
let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For his suffering and death on the cross
and his resurrection to new life,
let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

For his rule over all things
and his presence in the world,
let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

For the Holy Spirit, the giver of life,
who teaches us and guides us,
let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

For the grace of the Spirit in the work of the Church
and the life of the world,
let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

or

The minister says:

Blessed are you, Holy God,
creator, redeemer and life-giver;
you have spoken the world into being
and filled it with wonder and beauty.
For every blessing we have received
we give you thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Holy God,
for people of every language and culture
and for the rich variety you give to life.
For every blessing we have received
we give you thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Holy God,
for Jesus Christ our Saviour,
truly divine and truly human, living and dying for us,
and going before us into heaven.

For every blessing we have received
we give you thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Holy God,
for your Spirit, the fire of love burning in our hearts,
bringing us to faith,
and calling us to holiness in the Church and in the world.
For every blessing we have received
we give you thanks and praise.

Let us say together:

Be with us Lord,
as we go out into the world.
May the lips that have sung your praise
always speak the truth;
may the ears which have heard your Word
listen only to what is good
and may our lives as well as our worship
be always pleasing in your sight,
for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or

The Dismissal

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Is said

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we pray:

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.

or

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we are bold to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven:

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory

for ever and ever. Amen.

We go into the world

to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love

and to reflect God's glory.

THE BLESSING

A priest blesses the people with these or other suitable words:

The God of hope

fill you with all joy and peace in believing;

and the blessing of God Almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

*If no priest is present the Blessing is omitted
and the following prayer may be said:*

The almighty and merciful Lord,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless us and keep us.

Amen.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

From Easter Day to the Day of Pentecost

We go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Appendix (LAC motion 4)

Collects of the Word

For use with Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sundays

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

The First Sunday of Advent

Year A

Faithful God,
whose promises stand unshaken through all
generations:
renew us in hope,
that we may be awake and alert
watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ,
our Judge and Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year C

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert, watching for your
kingdom,
and make us strong in faith,

The Second Sunday of Advent

Year A

God of all peoples,
whose servant John came baptising
and calling for repentance:
help us to hear his voice of judgement,
that we may also rejoice in the word of promise,
and be found pure and blameless in that glorious
Day
when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of
Peace;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year C

God of our salvation,
you straighten the winding ways of our hearts
and smooth the paths made rough by sin:
keep our hearts watchful in holiness,
and bring to perfection the good you have begun in
us.

The Third Sunday of Advent

Year A

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love
on our journey to meet the One who is coming:

Year B

Eternal God,
through long generations you prepared a way
for the coming of your Son,
and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine
our paths:
renew us in faith and hope
that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts
and claim our love;
to whom be glory for ever.

so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the
earth,
we may go out joyfully to greet him;
and with all your saints, may worship you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year B

Merciful God,
you sent your messengers the prophets
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our
salvation:
give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake
our sins,
that we may greet with joy
the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose Day draws near,
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

strengthen our weak hands,
make firm our feeble knees,
and open blind eyes to the dawning of your

kingdom,
so that our hearts may rejoice
as we behold the majesty of our God.
We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus
Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

Eternal God,

Year C

Almighty God,
you sent your Son into a world
where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff
and evil clings even to what is good:
let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption,

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Year A

Gracious God,
you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and saviour:
so fill us with your grace,
that with her we may rejoice in your salvation,
and in all things embrace your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year C

Gracious God,
you have visited your people and redeemed us in
your Son:
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your
word,
and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve

The provisions for The Nativity of our Lord may be used on the evening of Christmas Eve.

Christmas Day

Set I: Years A, B, C

Give us, O God, such love and wonder
that, with shepherds and pilgrims unknown,
we may come to adore the holy Child, the promised
King,
and with our gifts worship him,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,

you sent John the Baptist
to prepare the way for the coming of your Son:
grant us wisdom to see your purpose
and openness to hear your will,
that we too may prepare the way for Christ
who is coming in power and glory
to establish his rule of peace and justice;
through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for him
whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near,
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

Gracious God,
whose eternal Word took flesh among us
when Mary placed her life at the service of your
will:
prepare our hearts for his coming again
and keep us steadfast in hope,
that we may be ready for the coming of his
kingdom;
for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

works.

We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose Day draws near,
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

one God, now and for ever.

Set II: Years A, B, C

All glory to you, gracious God,
for the gift of your Son,
whom you have sent to save us.
With the angels, let us praise your name,
and tell the earth his story,

that all may believe, rejoice, and proclaim your love:
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Set III: Years A, B, C

God most High,
whose eternal Word chose a dwelling among us,
that we might live in your presence:
grant us a spirit of wisdom
to know how rich is the glory you have given us,

The First Sunday of Christmas

Year A

Almighty God,
you have shed upon us
the light of your incarnate Word:
may this light, kindled in our hearts,
shine forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year C

God of community,
whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood;
may we so respect and love those whose lives are

The Second Sunday of Christmas

Years A, B, C

Eternal God,
in whose sight a thousand years are like a watch in the night:
guide us now and always, as you have led us in

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

The Epiphany 6 January

Years A, B, C

Radiant Morning Star,
you are both guidance and mystery.
Visit our rest with disturbing dreams

The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord

Year A

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 your children;

Year C

Spirit of energy and change,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

and how great is the hope to which we are called in the Word made flesh;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

Saving God, whose Son Jesus was presented in the temple
and was acclaimed the glory of Israel
and the light to the nations:
grant that in him we may be presented to you
and in the world may reflect his glory;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

linked with ours
that we fail not in loyalty to you, but make choices according to your will;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

times past,
that our hearts may learn to choose your will:
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

and our journeys with strange companions.
Grace us with the hospitality
to open our hearts and homes
to visitors filled with unfamiliar wisdom
bearing profound and unusual gifts.

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Year B

Loving God, your Son came to seek the lost,
and was baptised with sinners:
grant that we, who have been baptised in his name,
may reach out in love to those in need
with the mercy of Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever.

in whose power Jesus was anointed
to be the hope of the nations:

be poured out also upon us
without reserve or distinction,
that we may have confidence and strength

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Year A

Almighty God,
whose Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, is the light of
the world:
may your people, illumined by your word and
sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

Year C

Bountiful God,
whose Son revealed his glory at Cana of Galilee:
help us to believe and obey,
so that, as our Saviour promised,

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Year A

Loving God,
the light of the minds that know you,
the life of the souls that love you,
and the strength of the hearts that serve you:
help us so to know you, that we may truly love you,
and so to love you, that we may faithfully serve
you,
whose service is perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Year B

Bountiful God,

Year C

Life-giving God,
who sent your Son Jesus to proclaim your kingdom
and to teach with authority:
anoint us with your Spirit,
that we too may bring good news to the poor,

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Year A

Holy God,
you confound the world's wisdom in giving your
kingdom
to the lowly and pure in heart.
Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice,

to implant your justice on the earth;
through Jesus Christ.

Eternal God,

whose Son, Jesus Christ, is now exalted as lord of
all,
and pours out his gifts upon the Church:
grant it that unity which only your Spirit can give,
keep us in the bond of peace,
and bring all creation to worship before your
throne;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

we may be filled with the wine of new life
and show forth his joy and love;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

through your Son you have called us to repent of
our sin,
to believe the good news,
and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom:
teach us, like Christ's first apostles,
to hear the call to discipleship,
and, forsaking old ways,
to proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken
world;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

bind up the broken-hearted,
and proclaim liberty to the captive;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

and perseverance in striving for peace,
that in our words and deeds the world may see
the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and
Lord.

Year B

God of compassion,
you have shown us in Christ,
that your love is never ending:
enable us both to love you with all our heart
and to love one another as Christ loved us.

Year C

Almighty and ever-living God,
increase in us the gifts of faith, hope and love;
and that we may obtain what you promise,

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

make us love what you command,
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and
Lord.

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

May be observed on the Sunday between 28 January and 2 February.

2 February

Years A, B, C

Strong and mighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus,
the presentation of your Son in the temple
was his first entrance into the place of sacrifice.
Grant that, trusting in his offering upon the cross

to forgive our sins and uphold us in the time of
trial,
we may sing your praises
and live in the light of your salvation, Jesus Christ.

BEFORE LENT

**The Sunday between 3 and 9 February
if before the Second Sunday before Lent**

Year A

Faithful God,
you have appointed us your witnesses,
to be a light that shines in the world:
let us not hide the bright hope you have given us,
but tell everyone your love,
revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Saving God,
whose Son, Jesus Christ, healed the sick
and brought them wholeness of body and mind:
inspire us, his disciples,
so that we may constantly proclaim his gospel by
our words
and by the dedication and integrity of our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

Year C

Most holy God,
in whose presence angels serve in awe,
and whose glory fills all heaven and earth:
cleanse our unclean lips
and transform us by your grace

so that your word spoken through us
may bring many to your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

**The Sunday between 10 and 16 February
if before the Second Sunday before Lent**

Year A

Almighty God,
you gave the law to guide our lives:
grant that we may never shrink from your
commandment,
but, as we are taught by your Spirit,
may fulfil your law in perfect love;
through Christ our Lord and Master,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the

Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

Everliving God,
your Son, Jesus Christ, healed the lepers
and brought good news to the despised and outcast:
grant us your gifts of compassion and self-control,
that in serving others in their need

we may strive for the imperishable wreath
that you bestow on all who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Year C

Righteous God,
you challenge the powers that rule this world
and you show favour to the oppressed:
instil in us a true sense of justice,
that we may discern the signs of your kingdom

**The Sunday between 17 and 21 February
if before the Second Sunday before Lent**

Year A

Hidden God,
whose wisdom compels our love
and unsettles all our values:
fill us with desire to search for her truth,
that we may transform the world,
becoming fools for her sake,
through Jesus Christ,
your Word and Wisdom made flesh,
to whom be glory for ever.

Year C

God of compassion,
keep before us the love you have revealed in your
Son,

**The Second Sunday before Lent
Option A: Creation**

Year A

God of the living,
with all your creatures great and small
we sing your bounty and your goodness,
for in the harvest of land and ocean,
in the cycles of the seasons,
and the wonders of each creature,
you reveal your generosity.
teach us the gratitude that dispels envy,
that we may honour each gift a you cherish your
creation,

Year C

Thrice-holy God,
who has created all things,
we praise you with all your creatures.
Enable us to protect life and beauty,

Option B: Proper 3

Year A

Eternal God,
you counsel us not to be anxious about earthly

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

and strive for right to prevail;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

Almighty God,
in signs and wonders
your Son revealed the greatness of your saving
love:
renew your people with your grace,
and sustain us by your power,
for we can do nothing good without you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

who prayed even for his enemies.
In our words and deeds
help us to be like him, through whom we pray,
Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

and praise you in all times and places.

Year B

Living God,
you have created all that is
of which your Son Jesus is the firstborn:
grant that we may receive him,
believe in his name
and be given power to become your children
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

teach us to discover the worth
of every being that you have made
and care for the world in which we live.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

things.

Keep alive in us a proper yearning for those
heavenly treasures

awaiting all who trust in your mercy,
that we may daily rejoice in your salvation
and serve you with constant devotion;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year B

Merciful Father,

Year C

Almighty God,
in your mercy
so guide the course of this world
that we may forgive as we have been forgiven

The Sunday before Lent

Option A: Transfiguration

Year A

O God,
in the transfiguration of your Son,
you confirmed the mysteries of the faith
by the witness of Moses and Elijah,
and in the voice from the cloud
you foreshadowed our adoption as your children:

Year B

Holy God,
you have revealed the glory of your love in Jesus
Christ,
and have given us a share in your Spirit.
May we who listen to Christ
follow faithfully,
and, in the dark places where you send us,
reveal the light of your gospel.

Option B: Proper 4

CONTINUOUS

Year A

God With Us,
whose unfailing mercy is our refuge
even when our broken choices
corrupt your glorious creation:

Year B

Holy God,
you search us out
and know us better
than we know ourselves.
As Samuel looked to Eli
for help to discern your voice,
and as the disciples looked to Jesus
for your wisdom on the sabbath,
so raise up in our day faithful servants

you have given your only Son
as the sacrifice for sinners.
Grant us grace to receive the fruits
of his redeeming work with thanksgiving
and daily to follow in His way;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

and joyfully serve you in godly peace and
quietness;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory,
and bring us to enjoy its fullness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year C

O God, glorious and faithful,
you reveal the beauty of your face
to those who seek you with a sincere heart:
strengthen us in faith
to embrace the mystery of the cross,
and open our hearts to its transforming power.

lead us to the safe haven of righteousness
and uphold us on the rock of your presence,
so that in times of trial
we may stand firm, anchored in faith,
through Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

who will speak your word to us
with clarity and grace,
with justice and true compassion.
We pray through Christ, the Word made flesh.

Year C

O God, living Lord,
you are the author of faith.
Engrave on our hearts
the gospel revealed in Jesus Christ

and brought near to us by your Holy Spirit,
that we may attest to this faith

PAIRED

Year A

Lord of all power and might,
author and giver of all good things,
instil in our hearts the love of your name,
impress on our minds the teachings of your word,
and increase in our lives all that is holy and just;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Year C

O God,
by your almighty Word
you set in order all things in heaven and on earth.
Put away from us all things hurtful,

THE SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday

Years A, B, C

Gracious God,
out of your love and mercy
you breathed into dust the breath of life,
creating us to serve you and one another;
call forth our penitence and acts of love,

The First Sunday in Lent

Year A

O Lord,
who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights:
give us grace to use such abstinence,
that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit,
we may ever obey your godly will
in righteousness and true holiness;
to your honour and glory,
who live and reigns with the Father and of the Holy
Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Year B

Year C

O saving God,
who led your people through the wilderness
and brought them to the promised land:
so guide us that, following our Saviour,
we may walk through the wilderness of this world

The Second Sunday in Lent

Year A

God of mercy,

in lives that are pleasing to you.

Year B

Eternal God,
your Son Jesus Christ is our true Sabbath rest.
Help us to keep each day holy
by receiving his word of comfort
that we may find our rest in him,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

and give us those things that are beneficial for us;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who
lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.

and strengthen us to face our mortality,
so that we may look with confidence for your
salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

God of the new and eternal covenant,
as the forty days of the great flood
swept away the world's corruption
and watered new beginnings of righteousness and
life:
grant to us, who are washed clean and born again
in the saving flood of baptism,
the wellspring of your grace,
that your gift of new life may flourish once again;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

and be brought to the glory of the world which is to
come;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy,

and always ready to forgive:
grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to
Christ,
that in every way we may prove to be your loving
children;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

God of all times and places,

Year C

God of our ancestors,
whose chosen servant Abraham
was given faith to obey your call
and go out into the unknown:

The Third Sunday in Lent

Year A

O God, the fountain of life,
to a humanity parched with thirst
you offer the living water that springs from the
Rock,
our Saviour Jesus Christ:
stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit,

Year B

Lord our God,
by your Holy Spirit
write your commandments upon our hearts
and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross,
so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness,
we may become a living temple of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Year C

Year A

Gracious God,
in order that children of earth
might discern good from evil
you send your Son to be the light of the world:
as the light of Christ shines upon us,
may we learn what pleases you,
and live in truth and goodness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year B

Year C

God of compassion,
Slow to anger, and full of mercy,
Welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent

in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross,
you opened for us the path to eternal life:
grant that we, being born again of water and the
Holy Spirit,
may joyfully serve you in newness of life
and faithfully walk in your holy ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

endow your Church with such faith
that we may follow you with courage:
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

that we may profess our faith with freshness
and announce with joy the wonder of your love.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Eternal God,
your kingdom has broken into our troubled world
through the life, death and resurrection of your Son.
Help us to hear your word and obey it,
and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives,
through Jesus Christ, our saviour and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Mothering Sunday

Everlasting God
in whom we live and move and have our being
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest
in you:
give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,
that no selfish passion may hinder us
from knowing your will,
no weakness prevent us from doing it;
that in your light we may see light,
and in your service find perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

hearts:
Receive in your loving embrace all who come
home to you,
And seat them at your bountiful table,

That, with all your children,
They may feast with delight
on all that satisfies the hungry heart.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our

Or, for Mothering Sunday

Heavenly Father,
you chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of our Lord, your only begotten
Son,
and to suffer with him.
Help us too to bear the cross
so that we may share with her in your life for ever.
This we ask through the same Jesus Christ our
Lord.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Year A

Life-giving God,
your Son came into the world
to free us all from sin and death:
breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,
and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our
days;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

Year C

Christ,
whose feet were caressed
with perfume and a woman's hair,
you humbly took a basin and towel

The Sixth Sunday in Lent: Palm Sunday

Year A

Merciful God,
your strength and courage pour forth
to sustain the witness of your faithful people.
awaken in us the humility to serve
wherever creation is broken and in need,
that we may follow in the way of our brother,
Jesus.
die as he did to all that separates us from you,
and with him be raised to new life.

Year C

Compassionate God,
Your love finds full expression
in the gift of Jesus Christ your Son,

Monday in Holy Week

Years A, B, C

O God,
your Son chose the path that led to pain before
glory

Saviour;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

or

God of mercies,
your only Son, while hanging on the cross,
appointed Mary, his mother,
to be his beloved disciple's mother too.
May we follow her good example
and always care for others
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour
through whose name we pray.
one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

O God, our Redeemer,
In our weakness we have failed
To be your messengers of forgiveness and hope:
Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
That we may follow your commands
and proclaim your reign of love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

and washed the feet of your friends:
wash us also in your tenderness,
that, embracing your service freely,
we may accept no other bondage
in your name.

Year B

God of all,
you gave your only-begotten Son
to take the form of a servant,
and to be obedient even to death on a cross;
give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus
that, sharing in his humility,
we may come to be with him in his glory,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

who willingly met betrayal and death
to set us free from sin.
Give us courage to live obediently in these days
until we greet the glory of our risen Saviour.

and to the cross before glory.
Plant his cross in our hearts,
so that in its power and love
we may come at last to joy and glory,

through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

Tuesday in Holy Week

Years A, B, C

Lord Jesus,
you have called us to follow you.
Grant that our love may not grow cold in your
service,
and that we may not fail or deny you in the time of
trial,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Maundy Thursday

Years A, B, C

Eternal God,
In the sharing of a meal
Your Son established a new covenant for all
people,
And in the washing of feet he showed us the
dignity of service.
Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
These signs of our life in faith
may speak again to our hearts,
feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies,
through Jesus Christ, our saviour and Lord,

Easter Eve

Years A, B, C

O God, creator of heaven and earth:
mercifully grant that as the crucified body of your
dear Son
was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy
Sabbath

Easter Vigil

Year A

O God of glory,
in the Easter dawn
you raised Jesus from death to life.

Year B

Sanctifier of time and space,
maker of dancing quarks and ancient quasars,
of energy and element,
blessed are you, God of gods,
Your saving love endures forever;
your holy light pierces the cold darkness
of death and chaos;

Year C

Ever-faithful God,
by divine wisdom you gather us out of the darkness
that has spoken its worst in the death of our
Saviour,

one God, now and for ever.

Wednesday in Holy Week

Years A, B, C

Almighty God,
your Son our Saviour suffered at human hands
and endured the shame of the cross.
Grant that we may walk in the way of his cross
and find it the way of life and peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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one God, now and for ever.

Good Friday

Years A, B, C

Merciful God,
who gave your Son to suffer the shame of the cross:
save us from hardness of heart,
that, seeing him who died for us,
we may repent, confess our sin,
and receive your overflowing love,
In Jesus Christ our Lord.

so we may await with him the dawning of the third
day,
and rose with him to newness of life;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

As we are united with him in death,
so unite us with him in resurrection,
that we may walk in newness of life.

you cut a covenant of life with your creatures,
which no evil can overcome.
May the glorious radiance of resurrection
dispel the shadows in our lives
and conform us more closely to your risen Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour, praise and glory

into the light of Christ.
Enable us to recall your many acts of mercy,
the miracles by which you delivered us,
and the signs of your unwavering love for
humankind,

which proclaim the gospel of resurrection and life.

EASTERTIDE

The First Sunday of Easter: Easter Day

Year A

Glorious Lord of life,
by the mighty resurrection of your Son
you overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, who celebrate with joy

Year B

Brightness of God's glory,
whom death could not conquer nor the tomb
imprison:
as you have shared our frailty in human flesh,
help us to share your immortality in the Spirit;
let no shadow of the grave terrify us,
and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you.
Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days,
as the First and the Last,
the Living One,

The Second Sunday of Easter

Year A

Almighty and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt:
may we, who have not seen, have faith
and receive the blessing of Christ's blessing;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

Risen Christ,
whose absence leaves us in despair
but whose presence is overwhelming:
breathe on us with your abundant life,
that where we cannot see
we may have courage to believe
that we may be raised with you.

The Third Sunday of Easter

Year A

O God,
your Son made himself known in the breaking of
bread:

Year B

Lord of life,
by submitting to death, you conquered the grave:
by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples
to you;
by being raised from the dead,
you restore to humanity all that was lost through
sin:

Christ's coming from the dead
may be raised from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness:
through him who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever.

our immortal Saviour and Lord.

Year C

God of glory,
Fill your Church with the power
That flows from Christ's resurrection
That, in the midst of this sinful world,
It may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity,
Raised to new life with Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year C

Living God,
For whom no door is locked:
Draw us beyond our doubts,
Till we see your Christ
And touch his wounds where they bleed in others.
This we ask through Christ our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in his redeeming work:
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

be with us in your risen power,
that in word and deed we may proclaim
the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection.
For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity.

Year C

Christ our friend,
you ask our love in spite of our betrayal;

give us courage to embrace forgiveness,
to know you again,

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Year A

God of all power,
you called from death our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep;
send us as shepherds to rescue the lost,

Year B

Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep,
by whom the lost are sought
and guided into the fold:
feed us and we shall be satisfied,
heal us and we shall be whole,
and lead us that we may be with you,
where you live an reign with the Father and the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year C

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year A

Everliving God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the
life:
give us grace to love one another,

Year B

O God,
form the minds of your faithful people,
that we may love what you command
and desire what you promise,
so that, amid the many changes of this world,

Year C

We behold your glory, O God,
in the love shown by your Son,
lifted up on the cross and exalted on high:
be glorified anew in the love we have for one

The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday

Year A

O God,
you have prepared for those who love you,
joys beyond our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love for you,
that, loving you above all else,

Year B

Loving God,
your Son has chosen us
and called us to be his friends;
give us grace to keep his commandments,
to love one another,

and to trust ourselves in you.

to heal the injured,
and to feed one another with understanding;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Gracious God,
you sent Jesus, the good shepherd,
to gather us together:
may we not wander from his flock,
but follow wherever he leads us
listening for his voice and staying near him,
until we are safely in your fold,
to live with you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

to follow in the way of his commandments
and to share his risen life;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to
be found:
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

another
as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

we may obtain your promises
that exceed all we can desire:
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

and to bear fruit which will abide;
through him who is the true vine,
the source of all our life,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Year C

Great and loving God,
your will for us in your Son Jesus
is the peace which the world cannot give,
your abiding gift, the Advocate he promised.
Calm all troubled hearts,
dispel every fear,
and keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your

The Ascension Day

Years A, B, C

God of majesty,
you led the Messiah through suffering into risen
life,
and took him up into the glory of heaven:
clothe us with the power promised from on high,
and send us forth to the ends of the earth

Sunday after the Ascension Day

Year A

O God,
whose Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples,
and sent them into the world
to proclaim the coming of your kingdom:
by your Holy Spirit,
hold the Church in unity,
and keep it faithful to your word,
so that, breaking bread together,
we may be one with Christ in faith and love and
service,
now and for ever.

Year C

Almighty God,
whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for
his disciples
that they might be one, as you and he are one:
grant that your Church,
being bound together in love and obedience to you,

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

Year A

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

Year C

O God,
who in smoke and fire upon Mount Sinai
gave the law to Moses,
and who revealed the new covenant in the fire of

word.

Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from
the dead,
who lives with you now and always
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus
Christ,
the firstborn from the dead,
who lives with you now and always in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

Year B

Almighty God,
your blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all
things:
mercifully give us faith to trust
that, as he promised,
he abides with us on earth until the end of time;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

may be united in one body by the one Spirit,
that the world may believe in him whom you have
sent,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year B

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

the Spirit:
grant, we pray,
that, kindled by that same Spirit
which you poured forth upon your apostles,
we may fulfil with joy your commandment of love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

AFTER PENTECOST TO BEFORE ADVENT

Weekdays after the Day of Pentecost

If the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings are utilised, the provisions for The Day of Pentecost may be used from Monday to Wednesday and those for Trinity Sunday may be used from Thursday to Sunday.

Trinity Sunday

Year A

God of heaven and earth,
before the foundation of the universe and the
beginning of time
you are the triune God:
Author of creation,
eternal Word of salvation,

life-giving Spirit of wisdom.

Guide us to all truth by your Spirit,
that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed
and rejoice in the glory he shares with us.
Glory and praise to you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Year B

O blessed Trinity,
in whom we know the Maker of all things, seen and
unseen,
the Saviour of all, both near and far:
by your Spirit enable us so to worship your divine
majesty,
that with all the company of heaven
we may magnify your glorious name, saying,
Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high.

Father, we praise you,
that through your Word and Holy Spirit you created
all things;
you reveal your salvation in all the world
through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh;
through your Holy Spirit you give us a share
in your life and love:
fill us with the vision of your glory,
that we may always serve and praise you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.

Year C

The Sunday between 24 and 28 May if after Trinity Sunday

Year A

Eternal God,
you counsel us not to be anxious about earthly
things.
Keep alive in us a proper yearning for those
heavenly treasures
awaiting all who trust in your mercy,
that we may daily rejoice in your salvation
and serve you with constant devotion;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year B

Merciful Father,
you have given your only Son
as the sacrifice for sinners.
Grant us grace to receive the fruits
of his redeeming work with thanksgiving
and daily to follow in His way;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Year C

Almighty God,
in your mercy so guide the course of this world
that we may forgive as we have been forgiven
and joyfully serve you in godly peace and

quietness;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

**The Sunday between 29 May and 4 June
if after Trinity Sunday
CONTINUOUS**

Year A

God With Us,
whose unfailing mercy is our refuge
even when our broken choices
corrupt your glorious creation:
lead us to the safe haven of righteousness
and uphold us on the rock of your presence,
so that in times of trial
we may stand firm, anchored in faith,
through Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

Year B

Year C

O God, living Lord,
you are the author of faith.
Engrave on our hearts

PAIRED

Year A

Lord of all power and might,
author and giver of all good things,
instil in our hearts the love of your name,
impress on our minds the teachings of your word,
and increase in our lives all that is holy and just;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Year B

Eternal God,
your Son Jesus Christ is our true Sabbath rest.
Help us to keep each day holy

**The Sunday between 5 and 11 June
if after Trinity Sunday
CONTINUOUS**

Year A

O God,
you have assured the human family of eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year C

O God, the consoler of the afflicted,
you illumine the mystery of suffering and death
by the light that shines from the face of Christ:
grant that, in all the trials of our earthly pilgrimage,

Holy God,

you search us out
and know us better than we know ourselves.
As Samuel looked to Eli for help to discern your
voice,
and as the disciples looked to Jesus for your
wisdom on the sabbath,
so raise up in our day faithful servants
who will speak your word to us with clarity and
grace,
with justice and true compassion.
We pray through Christ, the Word made flesh.

the gospel revealed in Jesus Christ
and brought near to us by your Holy Spirit,
that we may attest to this faith
in lives that are pleasing to you.

by receiving his word of comfort
that we may find our rest in him,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Year C

O God,
by your almighty Word you set in order all things
in heaven and on earth.
Put away from us all things hurtful,
and give us those things that are beneficial for us;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who
lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.

Year B

Almighty God,
give us such a vision of your purpose,
and such an assurance of your love and power,
that we may ever hold fast the hope
which is in Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

we may remain united to your Son in his passion,
so that there may be revealed in us
the power of his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

PAIRED**Year A**

Almighty and most merciful God,
 you sent your Son, Jesus Christ,
 to seek and to save the lost.
 Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear his
 call
 and to follow Him by faith
 that we may feast with Him forever in His
 kingdom,
 through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.

Year C

O Lord,
 Father of all mercy and God of all comfort,
 you always go before and follow after us.
 Grant that we may rejoice in your gracious

**The Sunday between 12 and 18 June
 if after Trinity Sunday
 CONTINUOUS**

Year A

All-powerful God,
 in Jesus Christ you turned death into life,
 and defeat into victory:
 increase our faith and trust in him,
 that we may triumph over evil,
 in the strength of the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

Year C

Christ Jesus,
 Whose glory was poured out like perfume,
 And who chose for our sake

PAIRED**Year A**

Almighty, eternal God,
 in the Word of Your apostles and prophets
 You have proclaimed to us your saving will.
 Grant us faith to believe your promises
 that we may receive eternal salvation;
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.

Year C

Almighty and everlasting God,
 increase in us your gifts of faith, hope, and love
 that we may receive the forgiveness you have
 promised

**The Sunday between 19 and 25 June
 if after Trinity Sunday**

Year B

Almighty and eternal God,
 your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of
 demons
 and freed us from bondage to sin.
 Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan,
 and enable us always to do Your will;
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
 reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

presence
 and continually be given to all good works;
 through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

one God, now and for ever.

Year B

Almighty God,
 without you we are unable to please you:
 mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
 may in all things direct and rule our hearts:
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

To take the form of a slave:
 May we also pour out our love
 With holy extravagance,
 That our lives may be fragrant with you.

Year B

O God,
 you are the tree of life,
 offering shelter to all the world.
 Graft us into yourself
 and mature our growth,
 that we may bear your truth and love to those in
 need,
 through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

and love what you have commanded;
 through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.

CONTINUOUS

Year A

Gracious God,
we who are baptised into Christ Jesus
were baptised into his death:
we pray that, as you raised him from death,
so by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may live the new life to your glory,
knowing ourselves to be dead in sin
but alive for you in Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year C

Pour out upon us, O God,
the power and wisdom of your Spirit,
so that we, who have been baptised into Christ
and made your children through faith,
may know your Son's power to heal,

PAIRED

Year A

O God,
because your abiding presence always goes with us,
keep us aware of your daily mercies
that we may live secure and content in Your eternal
love;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Year C

O God,
You have prepared for those who love you
such good things as surpass our understanding.
Cast out all sins and evil desires from us,

The Sunday between 26 June and 2 July

CONTINUOUS

Year A

O God,
who has taught us
that those who give a cup of water in his name
will not lose their reward:
open our hearts to the needs of your children,
and in all things make us obedient to your will,
so that in faith we may receive your gracious gift,

Year C

O God,
the light of the minds that know you,
the life of the souls that love you,
the strength of the thoughts that see you:

PAIRED

Year A

Year B

O God our defender,
storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid:
rescue your people from despair,
deliver your sons and daughters from fear,
and preserve us all from unbelief:
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

and, being made one in him,
may overcome all barriers that divide us;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year B

Almighty God,
in your mercy guide the course of this world
so that your Church may joyfully serve you
in godly peace and quietness;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

and pour into our hearts your Holy Spirit
to guide us into all blessedness;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Year B

O Christ for whom we search,
our help when help has failed:
give us courage to expose our need
and ask to be made whole,
that, being touched by you,
we may be raised to new life
in the power of your name.

help us to know you that we may truly love you,
and so to love you that we may fully serve you,
whose service is perfect freedom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God,

by the working of your Holy Spirit,
grant that we may gladly hear your Word
proclaimed among us
and follow its directing;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Year B

Heavenly Father,

Year C

Lord of all power and might,
author and giver of all good things,
graft into our hearts the love of your name
and nourish us with all goodness

**The Sunday between 3 and 9 July
CONTINUOUS**

Year A

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for the least of his brothers and
sisters
we do also for him:
give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year C

God of the covenant,
in our baptism you called us
to proclaim the coming of your kingdom:
give us courage, as you give it to the apostles,
that we may faithfully witness to your love and

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Year A

Gracious God, our heavenly Father,
Your mercy attends us all our days.
Be our strength and support amid the wearisome
changes of this world,
and at life's end grant us your promised rest
and the full joys of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Year C

Almighty God,
you have built your Church
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets
with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone.
Continue to send your messengers

during His earthly ministry your Son Jesus
healed the sick and raised the dead.
By the healing medicine of the Word and
Sacraments
pour into our hearts such love towards you
that we may live eternally;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

that we may love and serve our neighbour;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year B

O Lord our God,
you are always more ready to bestow your gifts
upon us
than we are to seek them;
and more willing to give than we desire or deserve:
in our very need,
grant us the first and best of all your gifts,
the Spirit who makes us your children.

peace
in every circumstance of life;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year B

O God,
Your almighty power is made known chiefly in
showing mercy.
Grant us the fullness of your grace
that we may be called to repentance
and made partakers of your heavenly treasures;
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

to preserve Your people in true peace that,
by the preaching of Your Word,
Your Church may be kept free from all harm and
danger;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

The Sunday between 10 and 16 July
CONTINUOUS

Year A

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

Year B

Year C

Eternal God,
you have taught us through Jesus Christ
that love is the fulfilment of the law:
help us to love you
with all our heart, with all our soul,

PAIRED

Year A

Bountiful God,
we thank you for planting in us the seed of your
word:
by your Holy Spirit,
help us to receive it with joy,
and to live according to it,
that we may grow in faith and hope and love:
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year C

Lord Jesus Christ,
in your deep compassion
you rescue us from whatever may hurt us.
Teach us to love you above all things

The Sunday between 17 and 23 July
CONTINUOUS

Year A

Saving God,
in Jesus Christ you opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year B

Eternal God,

open our eyes to see your hand at work
in the splendour of creation
and in the beauty of human life.
Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us,
to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers,
and to experience the joy of life in your presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

with all our mind, and with all our strength,
and our neighbour as ourself;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year B

O Lord,
You granted your prophets strength
to resist the temptations of the devil
and courage to proclaim repentance.
Give us pure hearts and minds to follow your Son
faithfully
even into suffering and death;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

and to love our neighbours as ourselves;
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Eternal God,

author of our life and end of our pilgrimage:
guide us by your word and Spirit
amid all perils and temptations,
that we may not wander from your way,
but may run our course in safety
until we come to our eternal rest in you;
through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year C

Eternal God,
 you draw near to us in Christ
 and make yourself our guest:
 amid the cares of our daily lives,
 make us attentive to your voice and alert to your
 presence,

PAIRED**Year A**

O God,
 so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your
 Holy Spirit
 that, ever mindful of your final judgment,
 we may be stirred up to holiness of living here
 and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter;
 through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Year C

Grant us, O Lord,
 the Spirit to hear your Word
 and know the one thing needful
 that by your Word and Spirit

The Sunday between 24 and 30 July**CONTINUOUS****Year A**

O God, the fount of wisdom,
 you have revealed to us in Christ
 the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price:
 grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment,
 that, in the midst of the things of this world,
 we may learn to value the priceless worth of your
 kingdom,
 and be ready to renounce all else
 for the sake of the precious gift you offer.
 We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Year B**Year C**

Provident God,
 with the prayer your Son taught us always on our
 lips,
 we ask, we seek, we knock at your door:

PAIRED**Year A**

Almighty and everlasting God,
 give us an increase of faith, hope, and love that,
 receiving what you have promised,

that we may treasure your word above all else.
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
 Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
 Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Year B

Heavenly Father,
 though we do not deserve your goodness,
 still you provide for all our needs of body and soul.
 Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may
 acknowledge your gifts,
 give thanks for all your benefits,
 and serve You in willing obedience;
 through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.
 we may live according to Your will;
 through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Gracious God,
 you have placed within the hearts of all your
 children
 a longing for your word and a hunger for your
 truth:
 grant that, believing in the one whom you have
 sent,
 we may know him to be the true bread of heaven
 and the food of eternal life,
 Jesus Christ our Lord,
 to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be glory and
 honour
 for ever and ever.

help us so to seek that we may truly find,
 so to ask that we may joyfully receive,
 and so to knock that the door of mercy
 may be opened to us;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

we may love what you have commanded;
 through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and
 the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Year B

Almighty and most merciful God,
the protector of all who trust in you,
strengthen our faith

Year C

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be attentive to the prayers of your servants,
and by your Word and Spirit
teach us how to pray

The Sunday between 31 July and 6 August
CONTINUOUS

Year A

O God, giver of life and health,
whose Son Jesus Christ has called us
to hunger and thirst for justice;
refresh us with your grace,
that we may not be weary in well-doing,
for the sake of him who meets all our needs,
Jesus Christ our saviour;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year B**Year C**

Living God, Judge of us all,
you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our
own;
through your Spirit give us wisdom,

PAIRED**Year A**

Heavenly Father,
though we do not deserve your goodness,
still you provide for all our needs of body and soul.
Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may
acknowledge your gifts,
give thanks for all Your benefits,
and serve you in willing obedience;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year C

O Lord,
grant us wisdom to recognise the treasures
you have stored up for us in heaven,
that we may never despair

The Sunday between 7 and 13 August
CONTINUOUS

Year A

Mighty God and ruler of all creation,

and give us courage to believe that in your love
you will rescue us from all adversities;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

that our petitions may be pleasing before you;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Living God,
whose Son Jesus fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us with your true and living bread,
Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever

that our possessions may not be a curse,
but a means of blessing in our lives.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year B

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of
life.
Grant us faith to feast on him in Your Word and
Sacraments
that we may be nourished unto life everlasting;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of
your grace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

give new strength to our faith,
that we may recognise your presence

even when all hope seems lost.
Help us to face all trials with serenity
as we walk with Christ through the stormy seas of
life
and come at the last to your eternal peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year C

Kindle in our hearts, Father,
the same faith that impelled Abraham
to set out from his home
and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land.
As we, like him, look for the city

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Year A

Almighty and most merciful God,
preserve us from all harm and danger
that we, being ready in both body and soul,
may cheerfully accomplish what you want done;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Year C

Almighty and merciful God,
it is by your grace that we live as your people
who offer acceptable service.
Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight,

The Sunday between 14 and 20 August

CONTINUOUS

Year A

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

Year C

Everliving God,
increase in us your gift of faith,
that, forsaking sin and all that hinders us,
we may run with perseverance the race that is set

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Year A

Almighty and everlasting Father,

Year B

Grant, O Lord,
that we may see in you the fulfilment of all our
need,
and may turn from every false satisfaction
to feed on the true and living bread
that you have given us in Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

that none but you can design and build
keep us watchful for your Son's coming,
that we may be found faithful stewards
of all that you have entrusted to us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Year B

Gracious Father,
your blessed Son came down from heaven
to be the true bread that gives life to the world.
Grant that Christ, the Bread of Life,
may live in us and we in him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

in the way that leads to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year B

Everliving 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,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

before us,
looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our
faith;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

You give your children many blessings
Even though we are undeserving.

In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence
in Your lovingkindness and mercy;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year B

Almighty God,

Year C

Merciful Lord,
cleanse and defend your Church by the sacrifice of Christ.
United with him in Holy Baptism,
give us grace to receive with thanksgiving

**The Sunday between 21 and 27 August
CONTINUOUS**

Year A

O God,
fount of all wisdom,
in the humble witness of the apostle Peter
you have shown the foundation of our faith:
give us the light of your Spirit,
that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth
the Son of the living God,
we may be living stones
for the building up of your holy Church;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year C

O God, the judge of all,
through the saving blood of your Son
you have brought us to the heavenly Jerusalem
and given us a kingdom which cannot be shaken:

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Year A

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life,
grant us to know your Son, Jesus,
to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life
that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ
and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal;
through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year C

O Lord,
You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door.
Guide us by Your Word and Spirit,

whom to know is everlasting life,
grant us to know your Son,
Jesus, to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life,
that we may steadfastly follow His steps
in the way that leads to life eternal;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

the fruits of His redeeming work
and daily follow in His way;
through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year B

Everliving God,
by whose Spirit
the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:
hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people,
that in the ministry to which you have called them
each may serve you in holiness and truth;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

fill us with reverence and awe in your presence,
that in thanksgiving we and all your Church
may offer you acceptable worship;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives to intercede for us, now and for ever.

Year B

Almighty and merciful God,
defend your Church from all false teaching and error
that your faithful people may confess You
to be the only true God
and rejoice in your good gifts of life and salvation;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

and lead us now and always into the feast of your Son,
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The Sunday between 28 August and 3 September
CONTINUOUS

Year A

O God,
you have shown the way of the cross
to be the way of life:
transform and renew our minds
that we may offer ourselves wholly to you as a
living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Saviour;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year C

O God,
you invite the humble and the sinful
to take their place in the festive assembly of the
new covenant:
teach your Church always to honour the presence
of the Lord

PAIRED

Year A

Almighty God,
your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of
the cross
for our redemption.
Grant us courage to take up our cross daily
and follow him wherever he leads;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year C

O Lord of grace and mercy,
teach us by your Holy Spirit
to follow the example of your Son in true humility,
that we may withstand the temptations of the devil
and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly

The Sunday between 4 and 10 September
CONTINUOUS

Year A

O Lord God,
enliven and preserve your Church with your
perpetual mercy.
Without your help, we mortals will fail;
remove far from us everything that is harmful,
and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord.

Year C

God of the ages,
you call the Church to keep watch in the world

Year B

Cleanse our consciences, O Lord,
and enlighten our hearts
through the daily presence of your Son Jesus
Christ,
that when he comes in glory to be our judge
we may be found undefiled and acceptable in his
sight;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

in the poor and the outcast,
so that we may learn to recognise each other
as brothers and sisters gathered together around
your table.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year B

O God,
the source of all that is just and good,
nourish in us every virtue
and bring to completion every good intent
that we may grow in grace
and bring forth the fruit of good works;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

pride;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year B

O God,
whose word is life,
and whose delight is to answer our cry:
give us faith like that of the woman
who refused to remain an outsider,
so that we too may have the wit to argue
and demand that our children be made whole,
through Jesus Christ.
and to discern the signs of the times:
grant us the wisdom that your Spirit bestows,
so that with courage we may proclaim your

prophetic word,
and complete the work you have set before us;
through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,

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Year A

O God,
from whom all good proceeds,
grant to us, your humble servants, your holy
inspiration,
that we may set our minds on the things that are
right
and, by your merciful guiding, accomplish them;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

Year C

O merciful Lord,
You did not spare your only Son
but delivered him up for us all.

**The Sunday between 11 and 17 September
CONTINUOUS**

Year A

O God,
you call your Church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year C

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God,
exultant you bring home the found:
touch our hearts with grateful wonder
at the tenderness of your forbearing love;
grant us delight in the mercy that has found us;
and bring us all to rejoice at the feast of forgiven

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Year A

O God,
our refuge and strength,
the author of all godliness,
hear the devout prayers of your Church,
especially in times of persecution,
and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year C

Lord Jesus,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

one God, now and for ever.

Year B

O Lord,
let your merciful ears be open
to the prayers of your humble servants
and grant that what they ask
may be in accord with your gracious will;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Grant us courage and strength
to take up the cross and follow him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Year B

God of mercy,
help us to forgive as you have forgiven us,
to trust you, even when hope is failing,
and to take up our cross daily
and follow you in your redeeming work;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

sinners.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

Lord Jesus Christ,
our support and defence in every need,
continue to preserve your Church in safety,
govern her by your goodness,
and bless her with Your peace;
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

you are the Good Shepherd,
without whom nothing is secure.

Rescue and preserve us
that we may not be lost forever but follow you,
rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life;

The Sunday between 18 and 24 September
CONTINUOUS

Year A

Loving and righteous God,
your boundless generosity exceeds
all that we can desire or deserve,
and you give to the last worker all you promised to
the first:
liberate us from all jealousy and greed,
that we may be free to love and serve others,
and in your service may find our true reward;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Year C

O God,
you are rich in love for your people:
show us the treasure that endures
and, when we are tempted by greed,
call us back into your service
and make us worthy to be

PAIRED

Year A

Lord God, heavenly Father,
since we cannot stand before you
relying on anything we have done,
help us trust in your abiding grace
and live according to your Word;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year C

Keep your Church, O Lord,
in your perpetual mercy;
and because without you we cannot but fall,
preserve us from all things hurtful,

The Sunday between 25 September and 1 October
CONTINUOUS

Year A

Grant, O merciful God,
that your people may have that mind that was in
Christ Jesus,
who emptied himself, and took the form of a
servant,
and in humility became obedient even to death.
For you have exalted him
and bestowed on him a name
that is above every name, Jesus Christ, the Lord;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the

for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Year B

God and Father of all,
you have taught us through your Son
that the last shall be first,
and have made a little child the measure of your
kingdom:
give us the wisdom from above,
so that we may understand that in your sight
the one who serves is the greatest of all.

entrusted with the wealth that never fails.
We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus
Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

O God,
whose strength is made perfect in weakness,
grant us humility and childlike faith
that we may please you in both will and deed;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

O God,
your Son has taught us
that those who give a cup of water in his name
will not lose their reward:
open our eyes to see those who are in need,
and teach us to set no store by riches and earthly
rewards,

so that, in surrendering ourselves to serve you in your children,

Year C

O God,
from whom light rises in darkness for those who seek you:
grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties,
the grace to ask what you would have us to do,

PAIRED

Year A

Almighty God,
You exalted your Son to the place of all honour and authority.
Enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit
that, confessing Jesus as Lord,
we may be led into all truth;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Year C

O God,
You are the strength of all who trust in You,
and without your aid we can do no good thing.
Grant us the help of your grace

The Sunday between 2 and 8 October

CONTINUOUS

Year A

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders,
and, by your doing, he has been made the chief cornerstone:
grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in us,
we may become living stones
built up into your dwelling place,
a temple holy and acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

Year C

Faithful God,
have mercy on us your unworthy servants,
and increase our faith,
that, trusting in your Spirit's power to work in us
and through us,

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Year A

Gracious God,
You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men,
who killed Him.

we may labour for the treasure that endures;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

that in your light we may see light,
and in your narrow path may not stumble;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

Everlasting Father,
source of every blessing,
mercifully direct and govern us by your Holy Spirit
that we may complete the works you have prepared
for us to do;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

that we may please you in both will and deed;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

O God,
your Son has taught us that we must receive your sovereign rule
like a little child:
help us to turn to you in faith and simplicity of heart,
so that we may receive your blessing
and enter the kingdom your Son has promised;
through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

we may never be ashamed to witness to our Lord
but may obediently serve him all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Forgive us when we reject your unfailing love,
and grant us the fullness of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Year B

Merciful Father,
Your patience and lovingkindness toward us have
no end.

Year C

O God, our refuge and strength,
the author of all godliness,
by your grace hear the prayers of your Church.
Grant that those things which we ask in faith

**The Sunday between 9 and 15 October
CONTINUOUS**

Year A

Saving and healing God,
you have promised
that those who have died with Christ shall live with
him:
grant us grace to be continually thankful
for all you have done for us,
and in that thankfulness to be eager to serve
and live for others,
so that we and all your children may rejoice in your
salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,

Year C

O God,
you have made heaven and earth
and all that is good:
help us to delight in simple things
and to rejoice always in the richness of your

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Year A

Almighty God,
You invite us to trust in you for our salvation.
Deal with us not in the severity of your judgment
but by the greatness of your mercy;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Year C

Almighty God,
You show mercy to Your people in all their
troubles.
Grant us always to recognise Your goodness,

**The Sunday between 16 and 22 October
CONTINUOUS**

Year A

Grant that by your Holy Spirit
we may always think and do those things
that are pleasing in your sight;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

we may receive through your bountiful mercy;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

Merciful God,
in your Son you call not the righteous
but sinners to repentance;
draw us away from the easy road that leads to
destruction,
that in seeking your truth, and obeying your will,
we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus
our Saviour;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

bounty;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

Lord Jesus Christ,
whose grace always precedes and follows us,
help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain
and to find in you our heavenly treasure;
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

give thanks for your compassion,
and praise your holy name;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

O God,

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

Year B

God of unchangeable power,

Year C

Lord,
tireless guardian of your people,
teach us to rely, day and night, on your care.
Drive us to seek your justice and your help,
and support our prayer lest we grow weary,

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Year A

O God,
the protector of all who trust in you,
have mercy on us that,
with You as our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not the things eternal;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Year C

O Lord,
almighty and everlasting God,
You have commanded us to pray
And have promised to hear us.
Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit

The Sunday between 23 and 29 October
CONTINUOUS

Year A

O God,
whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilment
of your law;
stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit,
and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love,
so that we may love you with our whole being,
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year C

O God, who alone can probe the depths of the
heart,
you hear the prayer of the humble

when the heaven and earth were made,
the morning stars sang together
and the host of heaven shouted for joy:
open our eyes to the wonders of creation
and teach us to use all things for good,
to the honour of your glorious name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

for in you alone is our strength.
We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord
Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

O God,
Your divine wisdom sets in order
all things in heaven and on earth.
Put away from us all things hurtful
and give us those things that are beneficial for us;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

may direct and govern our hearts in all things
that we may persevere with steadfast faith
in the confession of your name;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year B

O God,
you give light to the blind and comfort to the
sorrowing,
and in your Son you have given us
a High Priest who has offered the true sacrifice for
us
and yet can sympathise with us in our weakness:
Here the cry of your people
and lead us home to our true country,
where with your Son and the Holy Spirit
you live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting.

and justify the repentant sinner:
grant us the gift of humility,
that, seeing our own faults clearly,
we may refrain from judging our neighbour

but rely solely upon your saving grace.
We make this prayer through your Son, our
Saviour,

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Year A

O God,
You have commanded us to love you above all
things
and our neighbours as ourselves.
Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing
in your sight,
that our faith in You may never waver
and our love for one another may not falter;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Year C

Holy God, our righteous Judge,
daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting
forgiveness.

All Saints' Day

May be observed on the nearest Sunday.

Year A

God of the ages,
your saints who lived in faithful service
surround your throne
and offer you praise and worship both night and
day.
May we, your saints on earth,
join our voices with theirs to proclaim
your rule of righteousness and peace,
which comes to us through Jesus Christ

Year C

O Ancient of Days,
through the outpouring of your Holy Spirit
you comfort and bless all creatures.
Gather from the four corners of the world
all those who weep in despair or loneliness,

The Sunday between 30 October and 5 November CONTINUOUS

Year A

Creator God,
you have filled the world with beauty:
open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all
your works,
that, rejoicing in your whole creation,
we may learn to serve you with gladness,
for the sake of him through whom all things were
made,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

O God,
the helper of all who call on you,
have mercy on us and give us eyes of faith to see
your Son
that we may follow him on the way that leads to
eternal life;
through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Strengthen our hope in you,
and grant that all peoples of the earth
may find their glory in you,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

1 November

now and forever.

Year B

Source of all being, beginning and end,
we praise you for those who have served you
faithfully.
For the sake of Jesus Christ,
replenish our hope in your eternal kingdom,
that we may have life in all its fullness,
unfettered by the fear of death.

those who are hungry, naked, or poor,
those who have withstood oppression
and are bowed in anguish before violence.
Grant that they may rejoice in the new life
of justice and peace that you promised your people
through the compassionate witness of Jesus.

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

O God, whom to follow is to risk our whole lives:
as Ruth and Naomi loved and held to one another,
abandoning the ways of the past,
so may we also not be divided,
but travel together into that strange land

where you lead us,

Year C

Merciful God,
righteous Judge of all,
who sent Jesus among us to seek and to save those
who are lost:
grant that we may eagerly seek the Saviour,

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Year A

Merciful and gracious Lord,
You cause Your Word to be proclaimed in every
generation.
Stir up our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit
that we may receive this proclamation with
humility
and finally be exalted at the coming of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year C

Stir up, O Lord,
the hearts of Your faithful people
to welcome and joyfully receive Your Son,

**The Sunday between 6 and 12 November
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Year A

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert, watching for your
kingdom,
so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes
we may go out joyfully to meet him,
and with him enter into the marriage feast
that you have prepared for all who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year C

God of all the living,
in the resurrection of Christ Jesus
you have given us the promise of life
which death itself cannot destroy:
in the strength of this unshakeable promise,
give us a new heart to live, even now, as your new

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Year A

Lord God, heavenly Father,
send forth your Son

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

and joyfully welcome him into our homes and
lives.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

Lord Jesus Christ,
our great High Priest,
cleanse us by the power of your redeeming blood
that in purity and peace
we may worship and adore your holy name;
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
that He may find in us a fit dwelling place;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year B

O God,
whose blessed Son came into the world
that he might destroy the works of evil
and make us your children and heirs of eternal life:
grant that, having this hope,
we may purify ourselves as he is pure;
that, when he comes again with power and great
glory,
we may be made like him in his eternal and
glorious kingdom;
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

creation.

We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus
Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

to lead home his bride, the Church,
that with all the company of the redeemed
we may finally enter into his eternal wedding feast;

through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Year B

Almighty and ever-living God,
since you have given exceedingly great and

Year C

Living God,
your almighty power is made known chiefly
in showing mercy and pity.
Grant us the fullness of Your grace

**The Sunday between 13 and 19 November
CONTINUOUS**

Year A

Everliving God,
before the earth was formed,
and even after it shall cease to be, you are God.
break into our short span of life
and show us those things that are eternal,
that we may serve your purpose in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

Year C

Lord God of all the ages,
the One who is, who was, and who is to come:
stir up within us a longing for your kingdom,
keep our hearts steady in times of trial,
and grant us patient endurance until the Sun of

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Year A

Almighty and ever-living God,
You have given exceedingly great and precious
promises
to those who trust in you.
Dispel from us the works of darkness
And grant us to live in the light of your Son, Jesus
Christ,
that our faith may never be found wanting;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Year C

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God,
You have given exceedingly great and precious
promises
to those who trust in you.

precious promises
to those who trust in you.
Grant us so firmly to believe in your Son Jesus
that our faith may never be found wanting;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

to lay hold of your promises
and live forever in your presence;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

O God,
welcoming refuge for the outcast,
and upholder of justice for the oppressed:
maintain the hope of the poor,
so that the time may soon come
when no one need want for food and shelter,
and all will learn to share freely
following the example of your Son, who gave his
very self;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

justice dawns.
We make this prayer through your Son, our Lord
Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year B

O Lord,
by your bountiful goodness
release us from the bonds of our sins,
which by reason of our weakness
we have brought upon ourselves,
that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Rule and govern our hearts and minds by your
Holy Spirit
that we may live and abide forever in your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

**The Sunday before Advent: The Kingship of Christ
CONTINUOUS**

Year A

God of power and love,
who raised your Son Jesus from death to life,
resplendent in glory to rule over all creation:
free the world to rejoice in his peace,
to glory in his justice, and to live in his love.
Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Year C

Eternal God,
you exalted Jesus Christ to rule over all things,
and have made us instruments of his kingdom:
by your Spirit empower us to love the unloved,
and to minister to all in need,
then at the last bring us to your eternal realm

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Year A

Eternal God, merciful Father,
You have appointed your Son
as judge of the living and the dead.
Enable us to wait for the day of His return
with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared
for your own from the foundation of the world;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

Year C

Lord Jesus Christ,
you reign among us by the preaching of your cross.
Forgive your people their offenses that we,
being governed by your bountiful goodness,

Year B

Everlasting God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King:
grant that the people of earth,
now divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together under his gentle
and loving rule;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

where we may be welcomed into your everlasting
joy
and may worship and adore you for ever:
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
one God, now and for ever.

Year B

Lord Jesus Christ,
so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy
Spirit that,
ever mindful of Your glorious return,
we may persevere in both faith and holiness of
living;
for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

may enter at last into your eternal paradise;
for you who live and reign with the Father and the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Weekdays of the week before Advent

If the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings are utilised, the provisions for The Sunday before Advent may be used from Monday to Wednesday and those for The First Sunday of Advent may be used from Thursday to Saturday.

Appendix to Motion 8 (Inter-Diocesan Conversations)

Inter-diocesan conversations

In response to the Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structure's Motion passed at last year's General Synod, the united dioceses of Limerick and Killaloe and the united dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry have set up a Joint Working Group. This has met on several occasions and the representatives have kept their diocesan councils informed and will report to their diocesan synods in June and September respectively. Their hope is that it may be possible to bring legislation to General Synod in 2018.

The Joint Working Group is looking at three aspects of co-operation...

Joint events: In an effort to know one another better across diocesan boundaries, the two dioceses have agreed to share the following in 2017: a clergy and readers Lenten Quiet Day, a clergy Bookclub Meeting, a family Fun Day, a clergy and readers Ministry Training Day, a lay Conference and a clergy Conference.

Finance: Areas including financial schemes, accounts, assessment levels, strengths and weaknesses of each diocese, working methods and potential synergies have been compared. In broad terms there wouldn't appear to be a compelling financial reason to either amalgamate or stay separate apart from savings on episcopal costs. There will definitely be substantial work involved in the event of uniting two financial schemes. Realistically, there would need to be a long transition time in bringing the finances together and it is felt that it would be impossible to run a combined diocese of this geographic size with one finance committee and hope to provide proper oversight and support to all parishes.

Both dioceses share common concerns regarding improving standards of parochial financial reporting and governance. Simplified and user-friendly financial systems are required and sharing of financial information between both dioceses is most helpful and the on-going discussions are valuable.

Structures: The Joint Working Group has carefully considered five possible options as a way forward for the dioceses. These options can be summarised briefly as:

- A.** No change – two separate dioceses each with its own bishop.
- B.** Remain as two separate dioceses but with the Bishop of Tuam, Killala & Achonry also serving as an incumbent.
- C.** Amalgamation of the two dioceses under a Diocesan Bishop but with the assistance of a Suffragan Bishop who would also serve as an Incumbent in what is currently Tuam, Killala & Achonry.
- D.** Amalgamation of the two dioceses under one Bishop and transferring parts of either existing dioceses to a neighbouring diocese.
- E.** Amalgamation of the two dioceses under one Bishop.

Among the Joint Working Group, there is a clear consensus in favour of either Option C or B, with very little support for any of the other options.