



PRAYERS OF THE DAY, PSALMS, AND LESSONS

SUNDAYS AND PRINCIPAL FESTIVALS

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (1)

A. Psalm 122

Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44
or Matthew 21:1-11

B. Psalm 80:1-7*

Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1-8
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37
or Mark 11:1-10

C. Psalm 25:1-9

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36
or Luke 19:28-40

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (2)

A. Psalm 72:1-14 (15-19)

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

B. Psalm 85

Isaiah 40:1-11
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

C. Psalm 126

Malachi 3:1-4
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Almighty God, you once called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Grant us, your people, the wisdom to see your purpose today and the openness to hear your will, that we may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (3)

OR

*The Psalm references indicate the versification of the translation in this book.

Lord, hear our prayers and come to us, bringing light into the darkness of our hearts; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (4)

A. Psalm 146
Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

B. Luke 1:46b-55
Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

C. Isaiah 12:2-6
Zephaniah 3:14-18a
(... day of festival)
Philippians 4:4-7 (8-9)
Luke 3:7-18

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the hindrance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. (5)

A. Psalm 24
Isaiah 7:10-14 (15-17)
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

B. Psalm 89:1-4, 14-18
2 Samuel 7:(1-7)
8-11, 16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

C. Psalm 80:1-7
Micah 5:2-4
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Christmas Day

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (6)

OR

Almighty God, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus, redeemer of the world. We pray that his birth as a human child will set us free from the old slavery of our sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (7)

A. B. C.
1. Psalm 96
Isaiah 9:2-7
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20

2. Psalm 97
Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-9
John 1:1-14

3. Psalm 98
Isaiah 62:10-12
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:1-20

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (8)

A. Psalm 111
Isaiah 63:7-9
Galatians 4:4-7
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

B. Psalm 111
Isaiah 45:22-25
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:25-40

C. Psalm 111
Jeremiah 31:10-13
Hebrews 2:10-18
Luke 2:41-52

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (9)

A, B, C. Psalm 147:13-21

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18

John 1:1-18

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 6

Lord God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (10)

A, B, C. Psalm 72

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-12 (You have heard . . .)

Matthew 2:1-12

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (11)

A. Psalm 45:7-9

Isaiah 42:1-7

Acts 10:34-38

Matthew 3:13-17

B. Psalm 45:7-9

Isaiah 42:1-7

Acts 10:34-38

Mark 1:4-11

C. Psalm 45:7-9

Isaiah 42:1-7

Acts 10:34-38

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. (12)

A. Psalm 40:1-12

Isaiah 49:1-6

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-41

B. Psalm 67

1 Samuel 3:1-10

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

C. Psalm 36:5-10

Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (13)

A. Psalm 27:1-9
Isaiah 9:1b-4
(In the former time. . .)
or Amos 3:1-8
1 Corinthians 1:10-17
Matthew 4:12-23

B. Psalm 62:6-14
Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

C. Psalm 113
Isaiah 61:1-6
1 Corinthians 12:12-21,
26-27
Luke 4:14-21

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. (14)

A. Psalm 1
Micah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12

B. Psalm 1
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

C. Psalm 71:1-6, 15-17
Jeremiah 1:4-10
1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13
Luke 4:21-32

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Almighty God, you sent your only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what the Scriptures proclaim, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (15)

A. Psalm 112
Isaiah 58:5-9a
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-20

B. Psalm 147:1-13
Job 7:1-7
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

C. Psalm 85:8-13
Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)
1 Corinthians 14:12b-20
(Since you are eager . . .)
Luke 5:1-11

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Lord God, mercifully receive the prayers of your people. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (16)

A. Psalm 119:1-16
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-13
Matthew 5:20-37

B. Psalm 32
2 Kings 5:1-14
1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Mark 1:40-45

C. Psalm 1
Jeremiah 17:5-8
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Luke 6:17-26

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Lord God, we ask you to keep your family, the Church, always faithful to you, that all who lean on the hope of your promises may gain strength from the power of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (17)

OR

God of compassion, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, 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. (18)

A. Psalm 103:1-13
Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

B. Psalm 41
Isaiah 43:18-25
2 Corinthians 1:18-22
Mark 2:1-12

C. Psalm 103:1-13
Genesis 45:3-8a (. . . but God), 15
1 Corinthians 15:35-38a, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Almighty and everlasting God, ruler of heaven and earth: Hear our prayer and give us your peace now and forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (19)

A. Psalm 62

Isaiah 49:13-18
1 Corinthians 4:1-13
Matthew 6:24-34

B. Psalm 103:1-13

Hosea 2:14-16 (17-18) 19-20
2 Corinthians 3:1b-6
(Do we need . . .)
Mark 2:18-22

C. Psalm 92

Jeremiah 7:1-7 (8-15)
1 Corinthians 15:51-58
Luke 6:39-49

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Almighty God, on the mountain you showed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the king in all his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (20)

OR

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 bright cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us with the king heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (21)

A. Psalm 2:6-13

Exodus 24:12, 15-18
2 Peter 1:16-19
(20-21)
Matthew 17:1-9

B. Psalm 50:1-6

2 Kings 2:1-12a
(. . . saw him no more)
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Mark 9:2-9

C. Psalm 99:1-5

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Luke 9:28-36

ASH WEDNESDAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (22)

A, B, C. Psalm 51:1-13

Joel 2:12-19
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:2
(We beseech you . . .)
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

O Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (24)

OR

Lord God, our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word and, when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (25)

A. Psalm 130

Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17;
3:1-7
Romans 5:12 (13-16)
17-19
Matthew 4:1-11

B. Psalm 6

Genesis 22:1-18
Romans 8:31-39
Mark 1:12-15

C. Psalm 91

Deuteronomy 26:5-10
Romans 10:8b-13
(The word is near . . .)
Luke 4:1-13

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Heavenly Father, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (26)

OR

God our Father, your Son once welcomed an outcast woman because of her faith. Give us faith like hers, that we also may trust only in your love for us and may accept one another as we have been accepted by you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (27)

A. Psalm 105:4-11

Genesis 12:1-8
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 4:5-26 (27-30,
39-42)

B. Psalm 115:1, 9-18

Genesis 28:10-17 (18-22)
Romans 5:1-11
Mark 8:31-38

C. Psalm 42:1-7, 11-15

Jeremiah 26:8-15
Philippians 3:17-
4:1
Luke 13:31-35

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Eternal Lord, 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, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (28)

A. Psalm 142

Isaiah 42:14-21
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41
or John 9:13-17, 34-39

B. Psalm 19:7-14

Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-22

C. Psalm 126

Exodus 3:1-8b (. . . milk
and honey), 10-15
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (29)

A. Psalm 43
Hosea 5:15–6:2
Romans 8:1–10
Matthew 20:17–28

B. Psalm 27:1–9 (10–18)
Numbers 21:4–9
Ephesians 2:4–10
John 3:14–21

C. Psalm 32
Isaiah 12:1–6
1 Corinthians 1:18–31
or 1 Corinthians 1:18,
22–25
Luke 15:1–3, 11–32

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (30)

A. Psalm 116:1–8
Ezekiel 37:1–3 (4–10)
11–14
Romans 8:11–19
John 11:1–53
or John 11:47–53

B. Psalm 51:11–16
Jeremiah 31:31–34
Hebrews 5:7–9
John 12:20–33

C. Psalm 28:1–3, 7–11
Isaiah 43:16–21
Philippians 3:8–14
Luke 20:9–19

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

Palm Sunday

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (31)

A. Psalm 31:1–5, 9–16
Isaiah 50:4–9a
(... declare me guilty?)
Philippians 2:5–11
Matthew 26:1–27:66
or Matthew 27:11–54

B. Psalm 31:1–5, 9–16
Zechariah 9:9–10
Philippians 2:5–11
Mark 14:1–15:47
or Mark 15:1–39

C. Psalm 31:1–5, 9–16
Deuteronomy 32:36–39
Philippians 2:5–11
Luke 22:1–23:56
or Luke 23:1–49

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

O God, your Son chose the path which led to pain before joy and 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (34)

A, B, C. Psalm 36:5–10
Isaiah 42:1–9
Hebrews 9:11–15
John 12:1–11

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

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 hour of trial. (35)

A, B, C. Psalm 71:1–12
Isaiah 49:1–6
1 Corinthians 1:18–25
John 12:20–36

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Almighty God, your Son our Savior suffered at the hands of men 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (36)

A, B, C. Psalm 70:1-2, 4-6
Isaiah 50:4-9a
(... declare me guilty?)
Romans 5:6-11
Matthew 26:14-25

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (37)

OR

Lord God, in a wonderful Sacrament you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May this Sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption you have brought; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (38)

A. Psalm 116:10-17	B. Psalm 116:10-17	C. Psalm 116:10-17
Exodus 12:1-14	Exodus 24:3-11	Jeremiah 31:31-34
1 Corinthians 11:17-32	1 Corinthians 10:	Hebrews 10:15-39
<i>or</i> 1 Corinthians 11:	16-17 (18-21)	Luke 22:7-20
23-26	Mark 14:12-26	
John 13:1-17, 34		

GOOD FRIDAY

Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. (39)

OR

Lord Jesus, you carried our sins in your own body on the tree so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in you now and in the world to come, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. (40)

A, B, C. Psalm 22:1-23
Isaiah 52:13-53:12 *or* Hosea 6:1-6
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42 *or* John 19:17-30

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Easter Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (62)

OR

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened for us the gate of everlasting life. Give us your continual help; put good desires into our minds and bring them to full effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (63)

A. Psalm 118:1-2, 15-24
Acts 10:34-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9 (10-18)
or Matthew 28:1-10

B. Psalm 118:1-2, 15-24
Isaiah 25:6-9
1 Corinthians 15:19-28
Mark 16:1-8
or John 20:1-9 (10-18)

C. Psalm 118:1-2, 15-24
Exodus 15:1-11
or Psalm 118:14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 24:1-11
or John 20:1-9 (10-18)

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Easter Evening

Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (64)

A, B, C. Psalm 150

Daniel 12:1c-3

(But at that time . . .)

or Jonah 2:2-9 (I called . . .)

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Luke 24:13-49

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty God, we have celebrated with joy the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (65)

A. Psalm 105:1-7

Acts 2:14a (. . . and
addressed them),
22-32

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

B. Psalm 148

Acts 3:13-15, 17-
26

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

C. Psalm 149

Acts 5:12, 17-32

Revelation 1:4-18

John 20:19-31

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (66)

A. Psalm 16

Acts 2:14a, 36-47

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

B. Psalm 139:1-11

Acts 4:8-12

1 John 1:1-2:2

Luke 24:36-49

C. Psalm 30

Acts 9:1-20

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-14

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (67)

OR

Almighty God, you show the light of your truth to those in darkness, to lead them into the way of righteousness. Give strength to all who are joined in the family of the Church, so that they will resolutely reject what erodes their faith and firmly follow what faith requires; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (68)

A. Psalm 23

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a,
51-60
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

B. Psalm 23

Acts 4:23-33
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

C. Psalm 23

Acts 13:15-16a (. . . his
hand said), 26-33
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (69)

A. Psalm 33:1-11

Acts 17:1-15
1 Peter 2:4-10
John 14:1-12

B. Psalm 22:24-30

Acts 8:26-40
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

C. Psalm 145:1-13

Acts 13:44-52
Revelation 21:1-5
John 13:31-35

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (70)

A. Psalm 66:1-6, 14-18

Acts 17:22-31
1 Peter 3:15-22
(In your hearts . . .)
John 14:15-21

B. Psalm 98

Acts 11:19-30
1 John 4:1-11
John 15:9-17

C. Psalm 67

Acts 14:8-18
Revelation 21:10-
14, 22-23
John 14:23-29

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Almighty God, your only Son was taken up into heaven and in power intercedes for us. May we also come into your presence and live forever in your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (71)

A, B, C. Psalm 110

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:16-23
Luke 24:44-53

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty and eternal God, your Son our Savior is with you in eternal glory. Give us faith to see that, true to his promise, he is among us still, and will be with us to the end of time; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (72)

OR

God, our creator and redeemer, your Son Jesus prayed that his followers might be one. Make all Christians one with him as he is one with you, so that in peace and concord we may carry to the world the message of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (73)

A. Psalm 47

Acts 1:(1-7) 8-14
1 Peter 4:12-17; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

B. Psalm 47

Acts 1:15-26
1 John 4:13-21
John 17:11b-19

C. Psalm 47

Acts 16:6-10
Revelation 22:12-17, 20
John 17:20-26

VIGIL OF PENTECOST

Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending your Holy Spirit to unite the races and nations on earth and thus to proclaim your glory. Look upon your people gathered in prayer, open to receive the Spirit's flame. May it come to rest in our hearts and heal the divisions of word and tongue, that with one voice and one song we may praise your name in joy and thanksgiving; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (74)

A, B, C. Psalm 33:12-22 *or* Psalm 130

Exodus 19:1-9
or Acts 2:1-11
Romans 8:14-17, 22-27
John 7:37-39a
(. . . were to receive)

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (75)

OR

God our creator, earth has many languages, but your Gospel announces your love to all nations in one heavenly speech. Make us messengers of the good news that, through the power of your Spirit, everyone everywhere may unite in one song of praise; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (76)

A. Psalm 104:25-34

or Veni, Creator Spiritus
Joel 2:28-29
Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23

B. Psalm 104:25-34

or Veni, Creator Spiritus
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Acts 2:1-21
John 7:37-39a
(. . . were to receive)

C. Psalm 104:25-34

or Veni, Creator Spiritus
Genesis 11:1-9
Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27;
16:4b-11

THE HOLY TRINITY

First Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever. (77)

OR

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace, by the confession of the true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and, in the power of your divine majesty, to worship the unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your eternal glory, one God, now and forever. (78)

A. Psalm 29

Genesis 1:1–2:3

or Deuteronomy 4:32–34,
39–40

2 Corinthians 13:11–14

Matthew 28:16–20

B. Psalm 149

Deuteronomy 6:4–9

Romans 8:14–17

John 3:1–17

C. Psalm 8

Proverbs 8:22–31

Romans 5:1–5

John 16:12–15

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lord God of all nations, you have revealed your will to your people and promised your help to us all. Help us to hear and to do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (79)

A. Psalm 31:1–5 (6–18) 19–24

Deuteronomy 11:18–21,
26–28

Romans 3:21–25a

(... received by faith),
27–28

Matthew 7:(15–20) 21–29

B. Psalm 81:1–10

Deuteronomy 5:12–15

2 Corinthians 4:5–12

Mark 2:23–28

C. Psalm 117

1 Kings 8:(22–23, 27–
30) 41–43

Galatians 1:1–10

Luke 7:1–10

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God, the strength of those who hope in you: Be present and hear our prayers; and, because in the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, so that in keeping your commandments we may please you in will and deed; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (80)

A. Psalm 50:1–15

Hosea 5:15–6:6

Romans 4:18–25

Matthew 9:9–13

B. Psalm 61:1–5, 8

Genesis 3:9–15

2 Corinthians 4:13–18

Mark 3:20–35

C. Psalm 30

1 Kings 17:17–24

Galatians 1:11–24

Luke 7:11–17

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God, our maker and redeemer, you have made us a new company of priests to bear witness to the Gospel. Enable us to be faithful to our calling to make known your promises to all the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (81)

A. Psalm 100

Exodus 19:2–8a

(... we will do)

Romans 5:6–11

Matthew 9:35–10:8

B. Psalm 92:1–5 (6–10) 11–14

Ezekiel 17:22–24

2 Corinthians 5:1–10

Mark 4:26–34

C. Psalm 32

2 Samuel 11:26–12:10,
13–15

Galatians 2:11–21

Luke 7:36–50

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (82)

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| A. Psalm 69:1-20 | B. Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 | C. Psalm 63:1-8 |
| Jeremiah 20:7-13 | Job 38:1-11 | Zechariah 12:7-10 |
| Romans 5:12-15 | 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 | Galatians 3:23-29 |
| Matthew 10:24-33 | Mark 4:35-41 | Luke 9:18-24 |

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (83)

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| A. Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 | B. Psalm 30 | C. Psalm 16 |
| Jeremiah 28:5-9 | Lamentations 3:22-33 | 1 Kings 19:14-21 |
| Romans 6:1b-11 | 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-14 | Galatians 5:1, 13-25 |
| (Are we to . . .) | Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43 | Luke 9:51-62 |
| Matthew 10:34-42 | or Mark 5:24b-34 | |

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God of glory, Father of love, peace comes from you alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (84)

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| A. Psalm 145:1-2 (3-13) 14-22 | B. Psalm 143:1-2, 5-8 | C. Psalm 66:1-11, 14-18 |
| Zechariah 9:9-12 | Ezekiel 2:1-5 | Isaiah 66:10-14 |
| Romans 7:15-25a | 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 | Galatians 6:1-10, 14-16 |
| Matthew 11:25-30 | Mark 6:1-6 | Luke 10:1-12, 16 (17-20) |

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (85)

OR

Lord God, use our lives to touch the world with your love. Stir us, by your Spirit, to be neighbor to those in need, serving them with willing hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (86)

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| A. Psalm 65 | B. Psalm 85:8-13 | C. Psalm 25:1-9 |
| Isaiah 55:10-11 | Amos 7:10-15 | Deuteronomy 30:9-14 |
| Romans 8:18-25 | Ephesians 1:3-14 | Colossians 1:1-14 |
| Matthew 13:1-9 (18-23) | Mark 6:7-13 | Luke 10:25-37 |

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pour out upon us, O Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (87)

OR

O God, you see how busy we are with many things. Turn us to listen to your teachings and lead us to choose the one thing which will not be taken from us, Jesus Christ our Lord. (88)

A. Psalm 86:11–17
Isaiah 44:6–8
Romans 8:26–27
Matthew 13:24–30
(36–43)

B. Psalm 23
Jeremiah 23:1–6
Ephesians 2:13–22
Mark 6:30–34

C. Psalm 15
Genesis 18:1–10a (10b–14)
Colossians 1:21–28
Luke 10:38–42

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (89)

A. Psalm 119:129–136
1 Kings 3:5–12
Romans 8:28–30
Matthew 13:44–52

B. Psalm 145
Exodus 24:3–11
Ephesians 4:1–7, 11–16
John 6:1–15

C. Psalm 138
Genesis 18:20–32
Colossians 2:6–15
Luke 11:1–13

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. (90)

OR

Almighty God, judge of us all, you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own. Give us such wisdom by your Spirit that our possessions may not be a curse in our lives, but an instrument for blessing; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (91)

A. Psalm 104:25–31
Isaiah 55:1–5
Romans 8:35–39
Matthew 14:13–21

B. Psalm 78:23–29
Exodus 16:2–15
Ephesians 4:17–24
John 6:24–35

C. Psalm 49:1–11
Ecclesiastes 1:2;
2:18–26
Colossians 3:1–11
Luke 12:13–21

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (92)

A. Psalm 85:8–13
1 Kings 19:9–18
Romans 9:1–5
Matthew 14:22–33

B. Psalm 34:1–8
1 Kings 19:4–8
Ephesians 4:30–5:2
John 6:41–51

C. Psalm 33
Genesis 15:1–6
Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16
Luke 12:32–40

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (93)

A. Psalm 67

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

B. Psalm 34:9-14

Proverbs 9:1-6
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

C. Psalm 82

Jeremiah 23:23-29
Hebrews 12:1-13
Luke 12:49-58

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord. (94)

A. Psalm 138

Exodus 6:2-8
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

B. Psalm 34:15-22

Joshua 24:1-2a
(. . . all the people),
14-18
Ephesians 5:21-31
John 6:60-69

C. Psalm 117

Isaiah 66:18-23
Hebrews 12:18-24
Luke 13:22-30

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (95)

A. Psalm 26

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:21-26

B. Psalm 15

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
Ephesians 6:10-20
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,
21-23

C. Psalm 112

Proverbs 25:6-7
Hebrews 13:1-8
Luke 14:1, 7-14

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (96)

A. Psalm 119:33-40

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:1-10
Matthew 18:15-20

B. Psalm 146

Isaiah 35:4-7a
(. . . springs of water)
James 1:17-22 (23-25)
26-27
Mark 7:31-37

C. Psalm 10:12-15, 17-19

Proverbs 9:8-12
Philemon 1 (2-9) 10-21
Luke 14:25-33

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (97)

A. Psalm 103:1-13

Genesis 50:15-21
Romans 14:5-9
Matthew 18:21-35

B. Psalm 116:1-8

Isaiah 50:4-10
James 2:1-5, 8-10,
14-18
Mark 8:27-35

C. Psalm 51:1-18

Exodus 32:7-14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (98)

A. Psalm 27:1-13

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:1-5
(6-11), 19-27
Matthew 20:1-16

B. Psalm 54:1-4, 6-7a

Jeremiah 11:18-20
James 3:16-4:6
Mark 9:30-37

C. Psalm 113

Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (99)

A. Psalm 25:1-9

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Philippians 2:1-5 (6-11)
Matthew 21:28-32

B. Psalm 135:1-7, 13-14

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
James 4:7-12 (13-5:6)
Mark 9:38-50

C. Psalm 146

Amos 6:1-7
1 Timothy 6:6-16
Luke 16:19-31

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord. (100)

A. Psalm 80:7-14

Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 3:12-21
Matthew 21:33-43

B. Psalm 128

Genesis 2:18-24
Hebrews 2:9-11 (12-18)
Mark 10:2-16

C. Psalm 95:6-11

Habakkuk 1:1-3; 2:1-4
2 Timothy 1:3-14
Luke 17:1-10

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (101)

A. Psalm 23

Isaiah 25:6-9
Philippians 4:4-13
Matthew 22:1-10 (11-14)

B. Psalm 90:12-17

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Hebrews 3:1-6
Mark 10:17-27 (28-30)

C. Psalm 111

Ruth 1:1-19a
(... until they came
to Bethlehem)
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (102)

A. Psalm 96
Isaiah 45:1-7
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5a
(... conviction)
Matthew 22:15-21

B. Psalm 91:9-16
Isaiah 53:10-12
Hebrews 4:9-16
Mark 10:35-45

C. Psalm 121
Genesis 32:22-30
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8a
(... vindicate them
speedily)

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁽¹⁰³⁾

A. Psalm 1
Leviticus 19:1-2,
15-18
1 Thessalonians 1:5b-
10 (You know...)
Matthew 22:34-40 (41-46)

B. Psalm 126
Jeremiah 31:7-9
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:46-52

C. Psalm 34
Deuteronomy 10:12-22
2 Timothy 4:6-8,
16-18
Luke 18:9-14

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lord, when the day of wrath comes we have no hope except in your grace. Make us so to watch for the last days that the consummation of our hope may be the joy of the marriage feast of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁽¹⁰⁴⁾

A. Psalm 63:1-8
Amos 5:18-24
1 Thessalonians 4:13-
14 (15-18)
Matthew 25:1-13

B. Psalm 119:1-16
Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 12:28-34 (35-37)

C. Psalm 145
Exodus 34:5-9
2 Thessalonians 1:1-
5, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people to seek more eagerly the help you offer, that, at the last, they may enjoy the fruit of salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁽¹⁰⁵⁾

A. Psalm 90:12-17
Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9
1 Thessalonians 5:
1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

B. Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43
1 Kings 17:8-16
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:41-44

C. Psalm 148
1 Chronicles 29:10-13
2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5
Luke 20:27-38

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁽¹⁰⁶⁾

A. Psalm 131
Malachi 2:1-2, 4-10
1 Thessalonians 2:8-13
Matthew 23:1-12

B. Psalm 16
Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-18
Mark 13:1-13

C. Psalm 98
Malachi 4:1-2a
(... in its wings)
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty and ever-living God, before the earth was formed and even after it ceases to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and let us see the signs of your final will and purpose, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (107)

A. Psalm 105:1-7

Jeremiah 26:1-6

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13

Matthew 24:1-14

B. Psalm 111

Daniel 7:9-10

Hebrews 13:20-21

Mark 13:24-31

C. Psalm 68:1-4

Isaiah 52:1-6

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 19:11-27

CHRIST THE KING

Last Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (108)

A. Psalm 95:1-7a

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Matthew 25:31-46

B. Psalm 93

Daniel 7:13-14

Revelation 1:4b-8

(Grace to you . . .)

John 18:33-37

C. Psalm 95:1-7a

Jeremiah 23:2-6

Colossians 1:13-20

Luke 23:35-43

LESSER FESTIVALS

ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

November 30

Almighty God, as the apostle Andrew readily obeyed the call of Christ and followed him without delay, grant that we, called by your holy Word, may in glad obedience offer ourselves to your service; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (109)

A, B, C. Psalm 19:1-6

Ezekiel 3:16-21

Romans 10:10-18

John 1:35-42

ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE

December 21

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us that perfect faith which overcomes all doubts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (110)

A, B, C. Psalm 136:1-4, 23-26

Judges 6:36-40

Ephesians 4:11-16

John 14:1-7

ST. STEPHEN, DEACON AND MARTYR

December 26

Grant us grace, O Lord, that like Stephen we may learn to love even our enemies and seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt; through your Son, Jesus Christ our

Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (111)

A, B, C. Psalm 17:1-9, 16

2 Chronicles 24:17-22

Acts 6:8—7:2a (. . . Stephen said), 51-60

Matthew 23:34-39

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

December 27

Merciful Lord, let the brightness of your light shine on your Church, so that all of us, instructed by the teachings of John, your apostle and evangelist, may walk in the light of your truth and attain eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (112)

A, B, C. Psalm 116:10-17

Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31

1 John 1:1—2:2

John 21:20-25

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

December 28

We remember today, O God, the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by order of King Herod. Receive, we pray, into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims, and by your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (113)

A, B, C. Psalm 124

Jeremiah 31:15-17

1 Peter 4:12-19

Matthew 2:13-18

THE NAME OF JESUS

January 1

Eternal Father, you gave your Son the name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (114)

A, B, C. Psalm 8

Numbers 6:22-27

Romans 1:1-7 or Philippians 2:9-13

Luke 2:21

THE CONFESSION OF ST. PETER

January 18

Almighty God, you inspired Simon Peter to confess Jesus as the Messiah and Son of the living God. Keep your Church firm on the rock of this faith, that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth and follow one Lord, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (115)

A, B, C. Psalm 18:1-7, 17-20

Acts 4:8-13

1 Corinthians 10:1-5

Matthew 16:13-19

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

January 25

Lord God, through the preaching of your apostle Paul, you established one Church from among the nations. As we celebrate his conversion, we pray that we may follow his example and be witnesses to the truth in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (116)

A, B, C. Psalm 67

Acts 9:1-22

Galatians 1:11-24

Luke 21:10-19

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

February 2

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to see with our own eyes him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (117)

A, B, C. Psalm 84

1 Samuel 1:21-28

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

February 24

Almighty God, you chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the Twelve. Grant that your Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be taught and guided by faithful and true pastors; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (118)

A, B, C. Psalm 56

Isaiah 66:1-2

Acts 1:15-26

Luke 6:12-16

THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD

March 25

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we, who have known the incarnation of your Son, Jesus Christ, announced by an angel, may by his cross and Passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (119)

A, B, C. Psalm 45

Isaiah 7:10-14

(add: for God is with us [8:10c])

1 Timothy 3:16

Luke 1:26-38

ST. MARK, EVANGELIST

April 25

Almighty God, you have enriched your Church with Mark's proclamation of the Gospel. Give us grace to believe firmly in the good news of salvation and to walk daily in accord with it; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (120)

A, B, C. Psalm 57

Isaiah 52:7-10

2 Timothy 4:6-11, 18

Mark: 1:1-15

ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES, APOSTLES

May 1

Almighty God, to know you is to have eternal life. Grant us to know your Son as the way, the truth, and the life; and guide our footsteps along the way of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (121)

A, B, C. Psalm 44:1-3, 20-26

Isaiah 30:18-21

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

John 14:8-14

THE VISITATION

May 31

Almighty God, in choosing the virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious regard for the poor and the lowly and the despised. Grant us grace to receive your Word in humility, and so to be made one with your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (122)

A, B, C. Psalm 113

Isaiah 11:1-5

Romans 12:9-16

Luke 1:39-47

ST. BARNABAS, APOSTLE

June 11

Grant, almighty God, that we may follow the example of your faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of your Church, gave generously of his life and substance for the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (123)

A, B, C. Psalm 112

Isaiah 42:5-12

Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3

Matthew 10:7-16

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 24

Almighty God, you called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Grant to your people the wisdom to see your purpose and the openness to hear your will, that we too may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (124)

A, B, C. Psalm 141

Malachi 3:1-4

Acts 13:13-26

Luke 1:57-67 (68-80)

ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL, APOSTLES

June 29

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (125)

A, B, C. Psalm 87:1-2, 4-6
Ezekiel 34:11-16
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Mark 8:27-35

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

July 22

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection. Heal us now in body and mind, and call us to serve you in the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (126)

A, B, C. Psalm 73:23-29
Ruth 1:6-18
or Exodus 2:1-10
Acts 13:26-33a
John 20:1-2, 11-18

ST. JAMES THE ELDER, APOSTLE

July 25

O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the name of Jesus Christ. Pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service which is the true mark of authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (127)

A, B, C. Psalm 7:1-11
1 Kings 19:9-18
Acts 11:27-12:3a
Mark 10:35-45

MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD

August 15

Almighty God, you chose the virgin Mary to be the mother of your only Son. Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (128)

A, B, C. Psalm 45:11-16
Isaiah 61:7-11
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 1:46-55

ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

August 24

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church may love what he believed

and preach what he taught; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (129)

A, B, C. Psalm 12

Exodus 19:1-6

1 Corinthians 12:27-31a

John 1:43-51

HOLY CROSS DAY

September 14

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. Grant that we who glory in his death for our salvation may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (130)

A, B, C. Psalm 98:1-5

Isaiah 45:21-25

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

John 12:20-33

ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

September 21

Almighty God, your Son our Savior called a despised collector of taxes to become one of his apostles. Help us, like Matthew, to respond to the transforming call of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (131)

A, B, C. Psalm 119:33-40

Ezekiel 2:8-3:11

Ephesians 2:4-10

Matthew 9:9-13

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

September 29

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (132)

A, B, C. Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

Revelation 12:7-12

Luke 10:17-20

ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST

October 18

Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke the physician to reveal in his Gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your Church the same love and power to heal, to the glory of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (133)

A, B, C. Psalm 124

Isaiah 43:8-13 *or* Isaiah 35:5-8

2 Timothy 4:5-11

Luke 1:1-4; 24:44 (Then *Jesus* said. . .)-53*

*Because the two parts of the reading are not sequential, the reader should pause between them.

ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE, APOSTLES

October 28

O God, we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles and, especially on this day, for Simon and Jude. We pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (134)

A, B, C. Psalm 11

Jeremiah 26:(1-6) 7-16

1 John 4:1-6

John 14:21-27

REFORMATION DAY

October 31

Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (135)

A, B, C. Psalm 46

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 1

Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord: Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (136)

A, B, C. Psalm 34:1-10

Isaiah 26:1-4, 8-9, 12-13, 19-21

Revelation 21:9-11, 22-27 (22:1-5)

Matthew 5:1-12

COMMEMORATIONS

SAINTS

Lord God, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses. Grant that we [encouraged by the example of your *servant/servants* _____ name _____] may persevere in the course that is set before us, to be living signs of the Gospel and at last, with all the saints, to share in your eternal joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (137)

A, B, C. Psalm 9:1-10

Micah 6:6-8

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Luke 6:20-23

MARTYRS

Gracious Lord, in every age you have sent men and women who have given their lives for the message of your love. Inspire us with the memory of those martyrs for the Gospel [like your *servant/servants* _____ name _____] whose faithfulness led them in the way of the cross, and give us courage to bear full witness with our lives to your Son's victory over sin and death; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (138)

A, B, C. Psalm 5

Ezekiel 20:40-42

Revelation 6:9-11

Mark 8:34-38

MISSIONARIES

God of grace and might, we praise you for your *servant/servants* _____ name _____, to whom you gave gifts to make the good news known. Raise up, we pray, in every country, heralds and evangelists of your kingdom, so that the world may know the immeasurable riches of our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. (139)

A, B, C. Psalm 48

Isaiah 62:1-7

Romans 10:11-17

Luke 24:44-53

RENEWERS OF THE CHURCH

Almighty God, we praise you for the men and women you have sent to call the Church to its tasks and renew its life [such as your *servant/servants* _____ name _____]. Raise up in our own day teachers and prophets inspired by your Spirit, whose voices will give strength to your Church and proclaim the reality of your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (140)

A, B, C. Psalm 46

Jeremiah 1:4-10

1 Corinthians 3:11-23

Mark 10:35-45

RENEWERS OF SOCIETY

Lord God, your Son came among us to serve and not to be served, and to give his life for the world. Lead us by his love to serve all those to whom the world offers no comfort and little help. Through us give hope to the hopeless, love to the unloved, peace to the troubled, and rest to the weary; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (141)

OR

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us [like your *servant/servants* _____ name _____] to use our freedom to bring justice among people and nations, to the glory of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (142)

A, B, C. Psalm 94:1-14

Hosea 2:18-23

Romans 12:9-21

Luke 6:20-36

PASTORS AND BISHOPS

Heavenly Father, shepherd of your people, we thank you for your *servant/servants* _____
name, who *was/were* faithful in the care and nurture of your flock;
and we pray that, following *his/her* example and the teaching of *his/her* holy life, we
may by your grace grow into the full stature of our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ. (143)

OR

Almighty God, you have raised up faithful bishops and leaders of your Church. May
the memory of their lives be a source of joy for us and a bulwark of our faith, so that
we may serve you and confess your name before the world; through your Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord. (144)

A, B, C. Psalm 84

Ezekiel 34:11-16
or Acts 20:17-35
1 Peter 5:1-4
or Ephesians 3:14-21
John 21:15-17
or Matthew 24:42-47

THEOLOGIANs

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit gives to one the word of wisdom, and to another the
word of knowledge, and to another the word of faith. We praise you for the gifts of
grace imparted to your *servant/servants* _____
name, and we pray that by
his/her teaching we may be led to a fuller knowledge of the truth which we have seen
in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. (145)

A, B, C. Psalm 119:89-104

Proverbs 3:1-7
or Wisdom 7:7-14
1 Corinthians 2:6-10, 13-16
or 1 Corinthians 3:5-11
John 17:18-23
or Matthew 13:47-52

ARTISTS AND SCIENTISTS

Almighty God, beautiful in majesty, majestic in holiness: You have shown us the
splendor of creation in the work of your *servant/servants* _____
name.
Teach us to drive from the world the ugliness of chaos and disorder, that our eyes
may not be blind to your glory, and that at length everyone may know the inexhaust-
ible richness of your new creation in Jesus Christ our Lord. (146)

A, B, C. Psalm 96

Isaiah 28:5-6
or Hosea 14:5-8
or 2 Chronicles 20:20-21
Philippians 4:8-9
or Ephesians 5:18b-20
Matthew 13:44-52

OCCASIONS

UNITY

God our Father, your Son Jesus prayed that his followers might be one. Make all Christians one with him as he is one with you, so that in peace and concord we may carry to the world the message of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (147)

A, B, C. Psalm 133

Isaiah 2:2-4

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 17:15-23

DEDICATION AND ANNIVERSARY

Most High God, whom the heavens cannot contain, we give you thanks for the gifts of those who have built this house of prayer to your glory; we praise you for the fellowship of those who by their use *will make it/have made it* holy; and we pray that all who seek you here may find you and be filled with your joy and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (148)

OR

O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your Church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make us worthy of our heritage. Knit us together in the communion of saints, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (149)

A, B, C. Psalm 84

1 Kings 8:22-30

1 Peter 2:1-9

John 10:22-30

HARVEST

O Lord, maker of all things, you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. We praise you for crowning the fields with your blessings and enabling us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth. Teach us to use your gifts carefully, that our land may continue to yield her increase; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (150)

A, B, C. Psalm 65

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Matthew 13:24-30 (36-43)

DAY OF PENITENCE

Lord God, accept our humble confession of the wrongs we have done, the injustice to which we have been party, and the countless denials of your mercy we have expressed. Turn us toward the love offered in your Son, and cleanse us by your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (151)

These Propers may be used in observing a Day of Penitence for the slaying by Christians of others because of their faith or race or nation. The occasion may coincide with a local remembrance of the Holocaust. The following Prayer of the Day may be used:

Almighty God, in penitence we come before you, acknowledging the sin that is within us. We share the guilt of all those who, bearing the name Christian, slay their fellow human beings because of race or faith or nation. Whether killing or standing silent while others kill, we crucify our Lord anew. Forgive us and change us by your love, that your Word of hope may be heard clearly throughout the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (152)

A, B, C. Psalm 6

Nehemiah 1:4-11a
1 John 1:5-2:2
Luke 15:11-32

NATIONAL HOLIDAY

Lord of the nations, guide our people by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give us what outward prosperity may be your will, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (153)

A, B, C. Psalm 20

Jeremiah 29:4-14
Romans 13:1-10
Mark 12:13-17

PEACE

Almighty God, all thoughts of truth and peace come from you. Kindle in the hearts of all your children the love of peace, and guide with your wisdom the leaders of the nations, so that your kingdom will go forward in peace and the earth will be filled with the knowledge of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (154)

A, B, C. Psalm 85

Micah 4:1-5
Ephesians 2:13-18
John 15:9-12

DAY OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (155)

A, B, C. Psalm 65

Deuteronomy 8:1-10
Philippians 4:6-20
or 1 Timothy 2:1-4
Luke 17:11-19

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth, we humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the fruitfulness of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor therein, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (156)

OR

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (157)

OR

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with our people where they work; make those who carry on the industry and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (158)

A, B, C. Psalm 104:1, 13–24
or Psalm 104:25–37
Job 38:1–11, 16–18
1 Timothy 6:7–10, 17–19
Luke 12:13–21

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Eternal Father, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in this new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event which gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (159)

A, B, C. Psalm 102:24–28
Jeremiah 24:1–7
1 Peter 1:22–25
Luke 13:6–9