

One or more of the following Psalms are sung or said. Other suitable selections may be substituted.

Psalm 4 *Cum invocarem*

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory? *
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after
false gods?"
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame: *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

Psalm 91 *Qui habitat*

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the Lord,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
- 7 A thousand shall fall at your side
and ten thousand at your right hand, *
but it shall not come near you.
- 8 Your eyes have only to behold *
to see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under
your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

Psalms 134 *Ecce nunc*

- 1 Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, *
you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.
- 2 Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord; *
the Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of
Zion.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said:

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

One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read:

Lord, you are in the midst of us, and we are called by your
Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14:9, 22*

People Thanks be to God.

Or this:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give
you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am
gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *Matthew 11:28-30*

People Thanks be to God.

Or the following:

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our
Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the
eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may
do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight,
through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.
Hebrews 13:20-21

People Thanks be to God.

Or this:

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around
like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm
in your faith. *1 Peter 5:8-9a*

People Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

Then follows:

- V.* Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
R. For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;
R. Hide us under the shadow of your wing.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People:

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.

Or this:

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.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;
People And let our cry come to you.
Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant then says one of the following Collects:

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day

your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Saturdays

We give you thanks, O God, for revealing your Son Jesus Christ to us by the light of his resurrection: Grant that as we sing your glory at the close of this day, our joy may abound in the morning as we celebrate the Paschal mystery; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

One of the following prayers may be added

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

Or this:

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

The service concludes with this Antiphon, and the Song of Simeon, which are sung or said by all:

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.

In Easter Season, add Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Song of Simeon

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

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

All repeat the Antiphon.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.

In Easter Season, add Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Officiant concludes:

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us and keep us. *Amen.*

Here a Marian anthem may be sung.

THE LITANY

The Litany

To be said or sung, kneeling, standing, or in procession; before the Eucharist or after the Collects of Morning or Evening Prayer; or separately; especially in Lent and on Rogation days.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Saint Mary, Mother of God our Lord Jesus Christ,
Pray for us.

All holy Angels and Archangels, and all holy Orders of blessed
Spirits,
Pray for us.

All holy Patriarchs and Prophets; Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors
and Virgins; and the blessed Company of Heaven,
Pray for us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of
our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins. Spare
us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with
thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults
of the devil; from thy wrath; and from everlasting damnation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all uncharitableness,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the
deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of
heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood;
from plague, pestilence, and famine,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence,
battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and
Circumcision; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by
thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and
Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the
hour of death, and in the day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it
may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in
the right way,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless N., our Pope, and N., our
Bishop,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and all Ministers of thy Church, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us an heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, N., the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may above all things seek thy honor and glory,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to guide all Judges and Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, all who are in want, and all who are desolate and oppressed,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, all infirm persons, and young children; and all who are bereft of spouse or parent,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in peril by reason of their labor or their travel,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to succor, help, and comfort, all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy Holy Word,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, by the intercession of
(N. and of) all thy Saints, we may finally attain to thy heavenly
kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed
eternal rest and perpetual light,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

*When the Litany is said or sung immediately before Mass, the Litany concludes here,
the Mass beginning with the Kyrie.*

Lord, have mercy upon us. or Kyrie eleison.

Christ, have mercy upon us. *Christe eleison.*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie eleison.

Then shall the Minister, and the People with him, say or sing the Lord's Prayer.

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.

*The Minister may, at his discretion, omit all that followeth, to the prayer "We humbly
beseech thee, O Father" (p. 195).*

Minister:

O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins.

Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

The Officiant concludes with the following or some other Collect:

Let us pray.

O God, merciful Father, who desisest not the sighing of a
contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful; Mercifully
assist our prayers which we make before thee in all our troubles
and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear
us, that those evils which the crafts and subtlety of the devil or
man worketh against us, may, by thy good providence, be
brought to nought; that we thy servants, being hurt by no
persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy
Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of
those who ask in thy Son's Name; We beseech thee mercifully
to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and
supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we
have asked faithfully according to thy will, may be obtained
effectually, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth
of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The officiant may add other Prayers, and end the Litany, saying:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and
the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

The Supplication may follow:

The Supplication

For use in the Litany in place of the Versicle and Collect which follow the Lord's Prayer; or at the end of Morning or Evening Prayer; or as a separate devotion; especially in times of war, or of national anxiety, or of disaster.

O Lord, arise, help us;

And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

O Lord, arise, help us;

And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

O Lord, arise, help us;

And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

¶ From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

℟. Graciously look upon our afflictions.

¶ With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

℟. Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

¶ Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;

℟. O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

¶ Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.

℟. Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us,

O Lord Christ.

The Officiant concludes:

Let us pray.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PROPER

FIRST PART

Concerning the Proper of the Church Year

The Proper of the Church Year includes the appointed Collect and Prayer over the Gifts for Sundays, Holy Days, and Various Occasions. It also contains some special propers. Unless otherwise indicated here, the readings at Mass for Sundays and weekdays are to be taken from the Lectionary of the Roman Missal, Revised by the Decree of the Second Vatican Council.

The Collect appointed for the Sunday is also used at celebrations of the Eucharist on the weekdays following, unless otherwise ordered for Holy Days and Various Occasions.

The Proper to be used on each of the Sundays after Pentecost (except for Trinity Sunday) is determined by the calendar date of that Sunday. Thus, in any year, the Proper for the Sunday after Trinity Sunday (the Second Sunday after Pentecost) is the numbered Proper (number 3 through number 8), the calendar date of which falls on that Sunday, or is closest to it, whether before or after. Thereafter, the Propers are used consecutively. For example, if the Sunday after Trinity Sunday is May 26, the sequence begins with Proper 3 (Propers 1 and 2 being used on the weekdays of Pentecost and Trinity weeks). If the Sunday after Trinity Sunday is June 13, the sequence begins with Proper 6 (Propers 1 through 3 being omitted that year, and Propers 4 and 5 being used in Pentecost and Trinity weeks).

The Collect appointed for any Sunday or other Feast may be used at the evening service of the day before.

The Proper First Part

Of the Season—Advent through Easter Vigil

First Sunday of Advent

Collect

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

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

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, from all you give us we present this bread and wine. As we serve you now, accept our offering and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Advent

Preface 4.

Second Sunday of Advent

Collect

I. Merciful God, who didst send thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Merciful God, who 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. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, we are nothing without you. As you sustain us with your mercy, receive our prayers and offerings. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Advent

Preface 4.

Third Sunday of Advent

Collect

I. Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

II. Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, may the gifts we offer in faith and love be a continual sacrifice in your honor and truly become our eucharist and our salvation. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Advent

Preface 4.

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of this week are the traditional winter Ember Days. Provers for Emberide are found beginning on page 498.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Collect

I. We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, may the power of the Spirit, which sanctified Mary the mother of your Son, make holy the gifts we place upon this altar. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Advent

Preface 4.

The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day, December 25

Collect

I. O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Or the following:

O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Or this:

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

II. O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him

perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Or this:

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Collect immediately preceding and any sets of the Proper Lessons for Christmas Day serve for any weekdays between Holy Innocents' Day and the First Sunday after Christmas Day.

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept our gifts on this joyful feast of our salvation. By our communion with God made man, may we become more like him who joins our lives to yours, for he is Lord for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or the following:

Father, may we follow the example of your Son who became man and lived among us. May we receive the gift of divine life through these offerings here on earth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

Almighty God, the saving work of Christ made our peace with you. May our offering today renew that peace within us and give you perfect praise. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Incarnation

Preface 5.

In Eucharistic Prayers I and II, the Christmas form of United in one Communion (I) or In union with the whole Church (II) is said.

First Sunday after Christmas Day: Holy Family

(Or, if Christmas falls on a Sunday, December 30)

This Sunday takes precedence over the three Holy Days which follow Christmas Day. As necessary, the observance of one, two, or all three of them is postponed one day.

Collect

I. Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

Father, help us to live as the Holy Family, united in respect and love. Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

Father, help us to live as the holy Family, united in respect and love. Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept this sacrifice; and through the prayers of Mary, the virgin Mother of God, and of her husband, Joseph, unite our families in peace and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

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Octave of Christmas: Mary, Mother of God January 1

Collect

I. O God, who didst vouchsafe that, as at this time, thy Word was made flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary: grant to us thy humble servants; that we, believing her to be indeed the Mother of God, may by her intercession find favor in thy sight. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

O God who by the childbearing of a pure Virgin hast bestowed upon all mankind the rewards of everlasting life: Grant, we beseech thee; that we may know the succor of her intercession, through whom we have been found worthy to receive the author of life, even Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II. O God, who granted that, as at this time, your Word was made flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary: grant us thy humble servants, that we, believing her to be indeed the Mother of God, may by her intercession find favor in your sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

O God who by the childbearing of a pure Virgin gave to all people the rewards of everlasting life: Grant us we pray; that we may receive the help of her intercession, through whom we have been found worthy to receive the author of life, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God our Father, we celebrate at this season the beginning of our salvation. On this feast of Mary, the Mother of God, we ask that our salvation will be brought to its fulfillment. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Incarnation

Preface 5.

In Eucharistic Prayers I and II the Christmas form of United in one Communion (I) or In union with the whole Church (II) is said.

Octave of Christmas: The Holy Name January 1

Collect

I. Eternal Father, who didst give to thine incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we beseech thee, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, even our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II. Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

All-powerful Father, accept our gifts in the name of Jesus Christ your Son. We have faith that we will receive whatever we ask for in his name for this is what he promised. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Incarnation

Preface 5.

In Eucharistic Prayers I and II the Christmas form of United in one Communion (I) or In union with the whole Church (II) is said.

Second Sunday after Christmas Day

Collect

- I. O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*
- II. O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, make holy these gifts through the coming of your Son, who shows us the way of truth, and promises the life of your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Incarnation

Preface 5.

The Epiphany January 6

Or the Sunday between January 2 and 8.

Collect

- I. O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*
- II. O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The preceding Collect, with the Psalm and lessons for the Epiphany, or those for the Second Sunday after Christmas Day, serves for weekdays between the Epiphany and the following Sunday. The Preface of the Epiphany is used.

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept the offerings of your Church, not gold, frankincense and myrrh, but the sacrifice and food they symbolize: Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany

Preface 6.

In Eucharistic Prayers I and II the Christmas form of United in one Communion (I) or In union with the whole Church (II) is said.

*First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism
of Our Lord*

Collect

- I. Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*
- II. Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, we celebrate the revelation of Christ your Son who takes away the sins of the world. Accept our gifts and let them become one with his sacrifice, for he is Lord for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany

Preface 6.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Collect

- I. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*
- II. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, may we celebrate the eucharist with reverence and love; for when we proclaim the death of the Lord, you continue the work of his redemption, who is Lord for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

Preface 6, 1, 2, or 3.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Collect

- I. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*
- II. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, receive our gifts. Let our offering make us holy and bring us salvation. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

Preface 6, 1, 2, or 3.

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Collect

- I. Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*
- II. Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, be pleased with the gifts we bring to your altar, and make them the sacrament of our salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

Preface 6, 1, 2, or 3.

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Collect

- I. Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*
- II. Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God, may the bread and wine you give us for nourishment on earth become the sacrament of our eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

Preface 6, 1, 2, or 3.

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Collect

- I. O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*
- II. O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, we make this offering in obedience to your word. May it cleanse and renew us, and lead us to our eternal reward. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

Preface 6, 1, 2, or 3.

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Collect

- I. O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*
- II. O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, as we make this offering, may our worship in Spirit and truth bring us salvation. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

Preface 6, 1, 2, or 3.

Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

Collect

- I. O most loving Father, who wiltest us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of thee, and to cast all our care on thee who carest for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which thou hast manifested unto us in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*
- II. Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on you who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God our Creator, may this bread and wine we offer as a sign of our love and worship lead us to salvation. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

Preface 6, 1, 2, or 3.

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

This proper is always used on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.

Collect

- I. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*
- II. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

The Prayer over the Gifts appointed for the appropriate Sunday after the Epiphany, or this:

Lord, as we gather to offer our gifts confident in your love, make us holy by sharing your life with us, and by this eucharist forgive our sins. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

Preface 6, 1, 2, or 3.

Ash Wednesday

On this day, the Celebrant begins the liturgy with the Salutation and the Collect of the Day.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect

- I. Almighty and everlasting God, who hastest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*
- II. Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

This Collect, with the corresponding Psalm and Lessons, serves for the weekdays which follow, except as otherwise appointed.

Old Testament Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, or Isaiah 58:1-12.

Psalm Psalm 103, or 103:8-14

Epistle 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

After the Sermon, all stand.

The Celebrant or Minister appointed invites the People to the observance of a holy Lent, saying:

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling.

The Celebrant says the following prayer:

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The ashes are imposed with the following words:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

The following Psalm is then sung or said:

Psalm 51 *Miserere mei, Deus*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.

- 15 Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God
of my salvation.
- 16 Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice; *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not
despise.

Litany of Penitence

The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling:

Most holy and merciful Father:
We confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints
in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

The Celebrant continues:

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and
strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have
not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.
Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We
have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your
Holy Spirit.
Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride,
hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of
other people,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more
fortunate than ourselves,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our
dishonesty in daily life and work,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to
commend the faith that is in us,
We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for
our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference
to injustice and cruelty,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our
neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those
who differ from us,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of
concern for those who come after us,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,
Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

The Bishop, if present, or the Priest, stands and, facing the People, says:

May Almighty God grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace is then exchanged.

The Litany of Penitence may be used at other times and may be preceded by an appropriate invitation and a penitential psalm.

The service continues with the Offertory.

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, help us to resist temptation by our Lenten works of charity and penance. By this sacrifice may we be prepared to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Savior, and be cleansed from sin and renewed in spirit. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Lent

Preface 7 or 8.

First Sunday in Lent

Collect

I. Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, make us worthy to bring you these gifts. May this sacrifice help to change our lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Lent

Preface 7 or 8.

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of this week are the traditional spring Ember Days. Propers for Emberide are found beginning on page 498.

Second Sunday in Lent

Collect

I. O God, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith, the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, make us holy. May this eucharist take away our sins that we may be prepared to celebrate the resurrection. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Lent

Preface 7 or 8.

Third Sunday in Lent

Collect

I. Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, by the grace of this sacrifice may we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Lent

Preface 7 or 8.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Collect

I. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, we offer you these gifts which bring us peace and joy. Increase our reverence by this eucharist, and bring salvation to the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Lent

Preface 7 or 8.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Collect

I. O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely 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. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Almighty God, may the sacrifice we offer take away the sins of those whom you enlighten with the Christian faith. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Lent

Preface 7 or 8.

Holy Week

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

The Liturgy of the Palms

When circumstances permit, the congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession. The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the People before the service, or after the prayer of blessing.

The following or some other suitable anthem is sung or said, the People standing.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation; that we may enter with joy upon the meditation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Here a Deacon, or a Priest, reads one of the following:

Year A Matthew 21:1-11

Year B Mark 11:1-11a

Year C Luke 19:29-40

Blessing over the Branches

The Celebrant then says the following blessing:

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches along his way. Let these

branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

The following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said:

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

The preceding anthem may be sung in full to a suitable setting by the congregation or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

The Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. *Amen.*

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung, such as the hymn "All glory, laud, and honor" and Psalm 118:19-29.

Antiphon: Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The italicized portion of the preceding Antiphon may be repeated after each verse of the Psalm.

At services on this day other than the principal celebration, suitable portions of the preceding may be used.

At the Eucharist

When the Liturgy of the Palms immediately precedes the Eucharist, the celebration begins with the Salutation and Collect of the Day.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect

I. Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament Isaiah 45:21-25, or Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalms Psalm 22:1-21, or 22:1-11

Epistle Philipians 2:5-11

The Passion Gospel is announced in the following manner:

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

Year A Matthew 26:36-27:54(55-66), or 27:1-54(55-66)

Year B Mark 14:32-15:39(40-47), or 15:1-39(40-47)

Year C Luke 22:39-23:49(50-56), or 23:1-49(50-56)

The Passion Gospel may be read or chanted by lay persons. Specific roles may be assigned to different persons, the congregation taking the part of the crowd.

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion.

At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (Matthew 27:33, Mark 15:22, Luke 23:33) all stand.

When the Liturgy of the Palms has preceded, the Nicene Creed and the Penitential Rite may be omitted at this service.

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, may the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, make us pleasing to you. Alone we can do nothing, but may this perfect sacrifice win us your mercy and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Holy Week

Preface 9.

Monday in Holy Week

Collect

I. Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, look with mercy on our offerings. May the sacrifice of Christ, your Son, bring us to eternal life, for he is Lord for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Preface of Holy Week

Preface 9.

Tuesday in Holy Week

Collect

I. O God, who by the passion of thy blessed Son didst make an instrument of shameful death to be unto us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, look with mercy on our offerings. May we who share the holy gifts receive the life they promise. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Holy Week

Preface 9.

Wednesday in Holy Week

Collect

- I. O Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his back to the smiters and hid not his face from shame: Grant us grace to take joyfully the sufferings of the present time in full assurance of the glory that shall be revealed; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*
- II. Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept the gifts we present as we celebrate this mystery of the suffering and death of your Son. May we share in the eternal life he won for us, for he is Lord for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Preface of Holy Week

Preface 9.

Maundy Thursday

The Eucharist begins in the usual manner, using the following Collect, Psalm, and Lessons.

Collect

- I. God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament hath left unto us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*
- II. God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament Exodus 12-14a

Psalm Psalm 78:14-20, 23-25

Epistle 1 Corinthians 11:23-26(27-32)

Gospel John 13:1-15, or Luke 22:14-30

When observed, the ceremony of the washing of feet appropriately follows the Gospel and homily.

During the ceremony, the following or other suitable anthems may be sung or said.

Anthem 1

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

Anthem 2

*Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you;
peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.*

*I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have
loved you.*

*Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you;
peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.*

Anthem 3

*By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you
have love for one another.*

The service continues with the Prayers of the People.

*Because the Holy Communion is administered from the reserved Sacrament on Good
Friday, the Sacrament for that purpose is consecrated at this service.*

Prayer over the Gifts

*Lord, make us worthy to celebrate these mysteries. Each time
we offer this memorial sacrifice the work of our redemption is
accomplished. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.*

Preface of Holy Week, or of the Holy Eucharist

Preface 9 or 14.

*When the Roman Canon (Old English Translation) is used, the Maundy Thursday
form of Who the day before he suffered is said; in the Roman Canon, the Holy
Thursday forms of Father, accept this offering and of The day before he suffered
are said.*

The Mass concludes with the Postcommunion Prayer.

Transfer of the Holy Eucharist

*After the prayer the priest stands before the altar and puts incense in the thurible.
Kneeling, he incenses the Blessed Sacrament three times. Then he receives the humeral
veil, takes the ciborium, and covers it with the ends of the veil.*

*The Blessed Sacrament is carried through the church in procession, led by a cross-bearer
and accompanied by candles and incense, to the place of reposition prepared in a chapel
suitably decorated for the occasion. During the procession the hymn Pange, lingua
(exclusive of the last two stanzas) or some other eucharistic song is sung.*

*When the procession reaches the place of reposition, the priest sets the ciborium down.
Then he puts incense in the thurible and, kneeling, incenses the Blessed Sacrament,
while Tantum ergo Sacramentum is sung. The tabernacle of reposition is then closed.*

*After a period of silent adoration, the priest and ministers genuflect and return to the
sanctuary.*

*Then the altar is stripped and, if possible, the crosses are removed from the church. It is
desirable to cover any crosses which remain in the church.*

Vespers are not said by those who participate in the evening Mass.

*The faithful should be encouraged to continue adoration before the Blessed Sacrament
for a suitable period of time during the night, according to local circumstances; but there
should be no solemn adoration after midnight.*