

New Collects

A collection of collects written by Rev. Bosco Peters.

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Although these collects can be used at any time, they were written having particularly in mind the Gospel reading of the non-feast Sundays in Ordinary Time in the Year C Revised Common Lectionary. The collects for the other half of Year C are being prepared, at the request of CLLC, by The Very Reverend Dr Trevor James, Dean of Dunedin.

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25 September 2014

1 Feast of The Baptism of Christ

2 Sunday between 14 and 20 January

Feasting God,
you give us a foretaste of your transforming power;
continue to change us so that we may, more and more, reveal your glory,
and all creation share the fullness of your life;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

3 Sunday between 21 and 27 January

God of justice and compassion,
you anointed Jesus to bring good news to the poor,
freedom from bondage,
and new vision to the blind;
send your Spirit upon us
so we proclaim and live your new life;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
who is alive with you and the Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

4 Sunday between 28 January and 3 February

Surprising God,
we who were outsiders are included around your table;
may we learn to welcome those you welcome
through the scandal of the cross of Jesus the Christ,
who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

5 Sunday between 4 and 10 February

God of mission,
you call us by name;
as you send us out
may we continue to follow you,
listening to your word,
living your life,
and declaring your message;
through Jesus, the Christ,
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

6 Sunday between 11 and 17 February

God of transformation,
you heal our troubled spirit;
turn our hearts to follow your way of humility
that we may find the blessing of new life;
through Jesus our Messiah,
who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

7 Sunday between 18 and 24 February

God of welcome,
we encounter you in those different from us;
enlarge the tent of our lives
to embrace both friend and foe,
so that we grow to be more like you;
through Jesus, your image,
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

8 Sunday between 25 February and 3 March or 24 and 28 May

God our rock,
the solid ground of our being;
help us dig deeply into your rich soil,
graft us into Christ the good tree,
so that we bear fruit that will last;
through Jesus who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

9 Sunday between 4 February and 7 March or 29 and 4 June

God of all people,
you plant faith in the soil of our lives;
may it flourish to fullness of life;
in Jesus, the source of all goodness,
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

10 Sunday between 5 and 11 June

Consoling God,
you bring life from death,
and hope from despair;
may those who suffer trials
be united with Christ's passion,
and share the power of the resurrection;
through Jesus, the Christ,
who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

11 Sunday between 12 and 18 June

Extravagant God,
you have forgiven our many sins;
may our love increase
and reflect your bounteous pardon;
through Jesus, your justice,
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

12 Sunday between 19 and 25 June

God of liberation,
you free us from the chains that bind us;
may you reclothe us in our rightful mind,
and send us to share your love
with those around us;
through Jesus, the Redeemer,
who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

13 Sunday between 26 June and 2 July

Sovereign God,
we have no good apart from you;
gladden our hearts in following your radical call
so that in your presence we may find the fullness of joy;
through Jesus, the Christ, our Lord,
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

14 Sunday between 3 and 9 July

God of nations,
your boundless compassion for all
is like a mother's care for her children;
make us heralds of your reign of peace and justice
so that we bring your transforming power
to all you have created in your love;
through Jesus, the Saviour,
who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

15 Sunday between 10 and 16 July

Guiding God,
your wisdom is never far from us;
may we love you with all our heart, and soul, and strength, and mind,
and love our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus, the compassionate one,
who walks with us every step of the way,
and is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

16 Sunday between 17 and 23 July

God our home,
in Christ you are always with us;
in all our daily activities
help us not to be so worried and distracted by many things
that we forget the one thing we need,
and lose the better part, which will be ours forever;
kept in Jesus, the Christ,
who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

17 Sunday between 24 and 30 July

Provident Father,
you grant the Holy Spirit to all who call upon you;
may we so ask that we joyfully receive,
search that we may fully find,
and knock that the door of compassion is opened;
through Christ our Mediator,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

18 Sunday between 31 and 6 August

Generous God,
you give us many gifts
to lead us into the fullness of life;
keep us from clinging to what is fleeting,
and help us to hold firm to all that lasts;
through Jesus, the Way,
who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

19 Sunday between 7 and 13 August

God our treasure,
the reign of your love and justice is your gift;
light our lamps against the darkness,
and equip us for your action,
so we are ready
and do not miss your coming;
in Jesus, your Presence,
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

20 Sunday between 14 and 20 August

God of fire and water,
your searing justice
has set alight the earth;
may we share Christ's baptism,
even when it leads to pain and division;
through Jesus, who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

21 Sunday between 21 and 27 August

Redeeming God,
you draw us all to you through love rather than law;
set us free from any bondage,
so we and all your children stand upright in the dignity you give us,
praising you and proclaiming your wonders;
through Jesus Christ our Mediator,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

22 Sunday between 28 and 3 September

Celebrating God,
in the humble Christ
you take the lowest place among us;
may we see and serve you
in the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind;
through Jesus our help,
who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

23 Sunday between 4 and 10 September

God of gentleness,
you give up all to be with us;
enable us to love, obey, and hold fast to you alone,
so that we may complete what we have started,
built on the foundation of Jesus Christ,
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

24 Sunday between 11 and 17 September

Rejoicing God,
you pursue us more than we seek after you,
and tenderly exult when we find our life in you;
may we share in your delight
and in your care
for the lonely and the lost;
through Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd,
who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

25 Sunday between 18 and 24 September

God our true wealth,
may we be faithful in things both small and great,
and serve the needy and the poor,
so that finally we can be entrusted with your true riches;
through Jesus, the Christ, our Lord,
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

26 Sunday between 25 and 1 October

God of resurrection,
where there is death, you bring new life;
challenge our attachment to wealth and power,
so that we may release others
from the chains of poverty, hunger, and injustice,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through the Risen Christ,
who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

27 Sunday between 2 and 8 October

God our shield and our rampart,
it is your strength, not the size of our faith
that supports us in all life's difficulties;
may we be content to simply serve,
and, when our labours are done,
all gather as equals around your table;
with Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

28 Sunday between 9 and 15 October

Life-giving God,
as we experience your healing,
may we proclaim your deeds,
and turn to you to offer thanks and praise;
through Jesus our Messiah,
who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

29 Sunday between 16 and 22 October

Holy One,
nameless, you stay with us;
even when we wrestle in the darkness
may we never lose heart
until your justice is fulfilled;
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

30 Sunday between 23 and 29 October

Forgiving God,
your covenant is firm;
be merciful to us,
and grant us to live in your presence, ever singing your praise;
with Jesus, the Way,
who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

31 Sunday between 30 October and 5 November

Banqueting God,
unworthy though we are
you call us to your table;
may we rejoice in your presence,
and share your bounty abundantly with others;
through Jesus, the Bread of Life,
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

32 Sunday between 6 and 12 November

God of new beginnings,
you hold life and death in your hands;
may our hope in your power and love
strengthen us to live creatively,
not fearing the future,
but knowing that in the end all shall be well;
through the Risen Christ,
who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

33 Sunday between 13 and 19 November

God our end,
as the sun of righteousness rises with healing in its wings,
save us in our time of trial,
so that we do not succumb,
but endure in your eternal embrace;
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

34 Feast of Christ the King