

Seasons and Sundays

Season of Advent

The First Sunday of Advent

Year A

Sentence of the Day

Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain to the Temple of the God of Jacob,
that we may be instructed in God's ways and walk in God's paths.

Isaiah 2:3a

Collect of the Day

Praise and honour to you living God;
your coming will be like a thief in the night,
like lightning flashing across the sky.
Grant that we may be ready,
and our hearts answer, Come Lord Jesus.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 2:1–5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11–14

Matthew 24:36–44

Year B

Sentence of the Day

'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.'

Mark 13:31

Collect of the Day

God of hope,
When Christ your Son appears
may he not find us asleep or idle,
but active in his service and ready;
through the same Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 64:1–9

Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Mark 13:24–37

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near.

Luke 21:28

Collect of the Day

Come, O come Emmanuel,
you are the way, the truth and the life;
Come, living Saviour
come to your world which waits for you.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.

Amen.

Readings

Jeremiah 33:14–16

Psalm 25:1–10

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

Luke 21:25–36

The Second Sunday of Advent

Year A

Sentence of the Day

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.

Mark 1:15

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you sent your servant John the Baptist
to prepare the way for the coming of your Son;
grant that those who proclaim your word
may so guide our feet into the way of peace,
that we may stand with confidence before him
when he comes in his glorious kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer.
Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 11:1–10

Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19

Romans 15:4–13

Matthew 3:1–12

Sentence of the Day

Make ready the way of our God; clear a straight path. Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all humankind will see it.

Luke 3:4; Isaiah 40:5a

Collect of the Day

God for whom we wait and watch,
you sent John the Baptist
to prepare for the coming of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth
even to the point of suffering.
This we ask through Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 40:1–11

Psalm 85:1–2, 8–13

2 Peter 3:8–15a

Mark 1:1–8

Year C

Sentence of the Day

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1:78–79

Collect of the Day

Praise and honour to you living God
for John the Baptist,
and for all those voices crying in the wilderness
who prepare your way.
May we listen when a prophet speaks your word,
and obey;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

Readings

Baruch 5:1–9

or Malachi 3:1–4

For the Psalm: Luke 1:68–79

Philippians 1:3–11

Luke 3:1–6

The Third Sunday of Advent

Year A

Sentence of the Day

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.'

Isaiah 35:3–4

or

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Matthew 11:11

Collect of the Day

Terror and doom, and wrath to come,
John your herald preached
to bring us to repentance;
open our eyes, almighty God,
show us our sin, and grant us forgiveness.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 35:1–10

Psalm 146:5–10

or Luke 1:47–55

James 5:7–10

Matthew 11:2–11

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, the day of vengeance of our God.

Isaiah 61:1–2

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you sent your servant John the Baptist
to prepare the way for the coming of your Son;
grant that those who proclaim your word
may so guide our feet into the way of peace,
that we may stand with confidence before him
when he comes in his glorious kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer.
Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11

Psalm 126

or Luke 1:47–55

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

John 1:6–8, 19–28

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Fear not, Zion, for the Lord your God is in your midst, a warrior to keep you safe; who will rejoice over you and be glad of it, and will show you love once more.

Zephaniah 3:16–17

Collect of the Day

God our strength and our hope,
grant us the courage of John the Baptist,
constantly to speak the truth,
boldly to rebuke vice
and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings

Zephaniah 3:14–20

For the Psalm: Isaiah 12:2–6

Philippians 4:4–7

Luke 3:7–18

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Year A

Sentence of the Day

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called
Emmanuel: God with us.

Matthew 1:23

Collect of the Day

Living God, you called your people out of Egypt
and gave them the covenant;
prepare our hearts to hear your call,
so that we may receive with joy the gospel of your Son
and be your faithful people, now and for ever.

Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 7:10–16

Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19

Romans 1:1–7

Matthew 1:18–25

Year B

Sentence of the Day

This child will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

Luke 1:32–33

Collect of the Day

God of all hope and joy,
open our hearts in welcome,
that your Son Jesus Christ at his coming
may find in us a dwelling prepared for himself;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16

For the Psalm: Luke 1:47–5

or Psalm 89:1–4, 19–26

Romans 16:25–27

Luke 1:26–38

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

Luke 1:45

Collect of the Day

God, faithful and true,
make us eager with expectation,
as we look for the fulfilment of your promise
in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Micah 5:2–5a
For the Psalm: Luke 1:47–55
 or Psalm 80:1–7
Hebrews 10:5–10
Luke 1:39–45, (46–55)

Season of Christmas

The Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ Christmas

Years A, B, C

Sentence of the Day

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; for to us a
child is born, to us a son is given.

Isaiah 9:2, 6

or

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in
the city of David a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10–11

or

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1, 14

Collect of the Day

Year A

Son of God,
light that shines in the dark,
child of joy and peace,
help us to come to you
and be born anew this holy night.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Year B

Almighty God,
you gave your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him,
and be born of the Virgin Mary;
grant that we, who are born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever.
Amen.

Year C

Son of God, Child of Mary,
born in the stable at Bethlehem,
be born again in us this day
that through us the world may know
the wonder of your love.
Hear this prayer for your name's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Proper I

Isaiah 9:2–7

Psalm 96

Titus 2:11–14

Luke 2:1–14, (15–20)

Proper II

Isaiah 62:6–12

Psalm 97

Titus 3:4–7

Luke 2:(1–7), 8–20

Proper III

Isaiah 52:7–10

Psalm 98

Hebrews 1:1–4, (5–12)

John 1:1–14

The First Sunday of Christmas

Year A

Sentence of the Day

Because Jesus himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hebrews 2:18

Collect of the Day

Jesus, you saw the world through the eyes of a child.

Save us from the pride

that would refuse your command to live like you

in simplicity and joy.

Hear this prayer for your love's sake.

Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 63:7–9

Psalm 148

Hebrews 2:10–18

Matthew 2:13–23

Year B

Sentence of the Day

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

Luke 2:30–32

Collect of the Day

Holy and eternal God,
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us
to learn from the simple trust of children;
give us pure hearts and steadfast faith
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 61:10–62:3

Psalm 148

Galatians 4:4–7

Luke 2:22–40

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and be thankful.

Colossians 3:14–15

Collect of the Day

Jesus, your ways are not our ways.
You are the Jewish boy,
you are the questioning child the parents lost.
Make us willing to listen
and humble in what we believe is right.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26
Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12–17
Luke 2:41–52

The Second Sunday of Christmas

Years A, B, C

Sentence of the Day

God likewise predestined us through Christ Jesus to be adopted children
— that everyone might praise the glory of God's grace which was freely
bestowed on us in God's beloved, Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:5–6

or

'I will turn your mourning into joy,' says the Lord. 'I will comfort you, and
give you gladness for sorrow.'

Jeremiah 31:13

Collect of the Day

O God,
you wonderfully created,
and yet more wonderfully, restored
the dignity of human nature;
grant that we may share the divine life
of your Son Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings

Jeremiah 31:7–14
 or Sirach 24:1–12
Psalm 147:12–20
 or Wisdom 10:15–21
Ephesians 1:3–14
John 1:(1–9), 10–18

Season of Epiphany

The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ

Years A, B, C

Sentence of the Day

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Isaiah 60:1

or

They saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and worshipped him.

Matthew 2:11

Collect of the Day

Jesus, light of the world,
let your bright star stand over the place
where the poor have to live;
lead our sages to wisdom
and our rulers to reverence.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 60:1–6
Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14
Ephesians 3:1–12
Matthew 2:1–12

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Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday

The First Day in Lent

Years A, B, C

Sentence of the Day

Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love.

Joel 2:13

or

When you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your
fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret.

Matthew 6:17–18

Collect of the Day

God of the desert,
as we follow Jesus into the unknown,
may we recognise the tempter when he comes;
let it be your bread we eat,
your world we serve and you alone we worship.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

or

Almighty and merciful God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all who are penitent;
create in us new and contrite hearts,
so that when we turn to you and confess our sins
we may receive your full and perfect forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

Readings

Joel 2:1–2, 12–17

or Isaiah 58:1–12

Psalms 51:1–17

2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

The First Sunday in Lent

Year A

Sentence of the Day

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4

Collect of the Day

God, you know better than we
the temptations that will bring us down.
Grant that our love for you may protect us
from all foolish and corrupt desire.
Praise to you our God; you answer prayer.
Amen.

Readings

Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12–19
Matthew 4:1–11

Year B

Sentence of the Day

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.

Mark 1:15

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ
fasted forty days in the wilderness;
give us grace to direct our lives
in obedience to your Spirit;
and as you know our weakness
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

Readings

Genesis 9:8–17
Psalm 25:1–10
1 Peter 3:18–22
Mark 1:9–15

Year C

Sentence of the Day

You will worship the Most High God; God alone you will adore.

Luke 4:8

Collect of the Day

Hear us, Jesus Christ,
when we ask for help to recognise temptation,
for honesty to face it,
for strength to resist it
and humility to give God the glory.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.

Amen.

Readings

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16

Romans 10:8b–13

Luke 4:1–13

The Second Sunday in Lent

Year A

Sentence of the Day

Yes, God so loved the world as to give the Only Begotten One, that
whoever believes may not die but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Collect of the Day

Come Holy Spirit, to all baptised in your name,
that we may turn to good
whatever lies ahead
Give us passion, give us fire;
make us transform the world from what it is,
to what you have created it to be.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Genesis 12:1–4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1–5, 13–17
John 3:1–17
or Matthew 17:1–9

Year B

Sentence of the Day

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him.

Mark 8:34

Collect of the Day

Servant God, grant us opportunity,
give us willingness
to serve you day by day;
that what we do
and how we bear each other's burdens,
may be our sacrifice to you.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Readings

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

Psalm 22:23–31

Romans 4:13–25

Mark 8:31–38

or Mark 9:2–9

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 3:20

Collect of the Day

God of life and glory,
your Son was revealed in splendour
before he suffered death upon the cross;
grant that we, beholding his majesty,
may be strengthened to follow him
and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory;
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

Amen.

Readings

Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17–4:1

Luke 13:31–35

or Luke 9:28–36

The Third Sunday in Lent

Year A

Sentence of the Day

But the proof of God's love is that Christ died for us even while we were sinners.

Romans 5:8

or

'The water that I will give,' says the Lord, 'will become in you a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'

John 4:14

Collect of the Day

Give us grace and courage to hope, and to risk disappointment.
Teach us to pray expectantly,
and when our prayers seem to fail,
bring us to pray again and again;
for you are our God,
who acts, and will act again.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

Year B

Sentence of the Day

God spoke these words and said, 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.'

Exodus 20:1

Collect of the Day

Lord, help us to see:
to see what is eternally good and true,
and having seen, to go on searching
until we come to the joys of heaven.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Exodus 20:1–17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

John 2:13–22

Year C

Sentence of the Day

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts, says the Lord.

Isaiah 55:9

or

Seek me, Lord, while I may be found, call upon me while I am near.

Isaiah 55:6

Collect of the Day

God of grace and goodness,
you know that by reason of our frailty we cannot but fail;
keep us always under your protection
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 55:1–9

Psalms 63:1–8

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

Luke 13:1–9

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Year A

Sentence of the Day

‘I am the light of the world,’ says the Lord; ‘those who follow me will have the light of life.’

John 8:12

Collect of the Day

God of unchangeable power,
when you fashioned the world
the morning stars sang together
and the host of heaven shouted for joy;
open our eyes to the wonders of creation
and teach us to see all things for good,
to the honour of your glorious name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings

1 Samuel 16:1–13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8–14

John 9:1–41

Year B

Sentence of the Day

The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

John 3:14–15

Collect of the Day

Most merciful God,
by the passion of your Son Jesus Christ
you delivered us from the power of darkness;
grant that through faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may be found acceptable in your sight,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Readings

Numbers 21:4–9

Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22

Ephesians 2:1–10

John 3:14–21

Year C

Sentence of the Day

All of this is from God, who ransomed us through Christ—and made us ministers of that reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:18

or

While he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

Luke 15:21

Collect of the Day

We praise you God,
that the light of Christ shines in our darkness
and is never overcome;
show us the way we must go to eternal day;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings

Joshua 5:9–12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

Passion Sunday

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Year A

Sentence of the Day

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord; 'whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.'

John 1:25–26

Collect of the Day

God in Trinity,
Creator, Saviour, Giver of life and truth,
reveal the possibilities within us,
that we may attain to the fullness of our humanity.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.

Amen.

Readings

Ezekiel 37:1–14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6–11

John 11:1–45

Year B

Sentence of the Day

‘This is the covenant I will make with them,’ says the Lord: ‘I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.’

Jeremiah 31:33

Collect of the Day

Almighty and eternal God,
you have made of one blood all the nations of the earth
and will that they live together
in peace and harmony;
so order the course of this world
that all peoples may be brought together
under Christ’s most gentle rule;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Jeremiah 31:31–34

Psalm 51:1–12

or Psalm 119:9–16

Hebrews 5:5–10

John 12:20–33

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Psalm 126:6

Collect of the Day

Jesus,
receive our love and worship.
Show us how to give you what we have,
for nothing is too big or too small
for us to offer, or for you to use;
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever.

Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 43:16–21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b–14

John 12:1–8

Palm Sunday

The Sixth Sunday in Lent

Year A

Sentence of the Day

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:10–11

Collect of the Day

Jesus, when you rode into Jerusalem
the people waved palms
with shouts of acclamation.
Grant that when the shouting dies
we may still walk beside you even to a cross;
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

Readings

Liturgy of the Palms

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29
Matthew 21:1–11
Use collect for Lent 6:1 (as above)

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4–9a
Psalm 31:9–16
Philippians 2:5–11
Matthew 26:14–27:66
or Matthew 27:11–54

Year B

Sentence of the Day

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:10–11

Collect of the Day

Lord Jesus,
acclaimed as King,
crucified as criminal,
teach us to accept our sufferings and triumphs
for your glory alone.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Liturgy of the Palms

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

Mark 11:1–11

or John 12:12–16

Use collect for Lent 6:3 (as above)

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Psalm 31:9–16

Philippians 2:5–11

Mark 14:1–15:47

or Mark 15:1–39, (40–47)

Year C

Sentence of the Day

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:10–11

Collect of the Day

Jesus, when you rode into Jerusalem
the people waved palms
with shouts of acclamation.

Grant that when the shouting dies
we may still walk beside you even to a cross;
for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Readings

Liturgy of the Palms

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

Luke 19:28–40

Use collect for Lent 6:1 (as above)

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Psalm 31:9–16

Philippians 2:5–11

Luke 22:14–23:56

or Luke 23:1–49

Holy Week

Monday in Holy Week

Years A, B, C

Sentence of the Day

‘Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights,’ says the Lord; ‘I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.’

Isaiah 42:1

Collect of the Day

Jesus the anointed,
teach us to honour those who need our help,
and we shall give without condescension,
and receive with humility.

Hear this prayer for your love’s sake.

Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 42:1–9

Psalm 36:5–11

Hebrews 9:11–15

John 12:1–11

Tuesday in Holy Week

Years A, B, C

Sentence of the Day

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies; it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

John 12:24

Collect of the Day

When all we are and everything we do
are called into question,
grant us dignity and direction,
grant us patience;
Jesus, be there then;
For your name's sake we pray.
Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 49:1–7

Psalm 71:1–14

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

John 12:20–36

Wednesday in Holy Week

Years A, B, C

Sentence of the Day

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

Hebrews 12:1

or

'By this will everyone know that you are my disciples,' says the Lord: 'if you love one another.'

John 13:35

Collect of the Day

Most merciful God,
by the passion of your Son Jesus Christ
you delivered us from the power of darkness;
grant that through faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may be found acceptable in your sight,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Psalm 70

Hebrews 12:1–3

John 13:21–32

Maundy Thursday

Years A, B, C

Sentence of the Day

'I give you a new commandment,' says the Lord, 'that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.'

John 13:34

or

Jesus said, 'If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.'

John 13:14

Collect of the Day

Infinite, intimate God;
this night you kneel before your friends
and wash our feet.
Bound together in your love, trembling,
we drink your cup and watch.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Exodus 12:1–4, (5–10), 11–14
Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19
1 Corinthians 11:23–26
John 13:1–17, 31b–35

Good Friday

Years A, B, C

Sentence of the Day

Jesus was thus humbled—obediently accepting death, even death on a cross! Because of this, God highly exalted Christ and gave to Jesus the name above every other name.

Philippians 2:8–9

or

All of us like sheep have gone astray; each of us goes our own way. But the Lord has laid on you the guilt of us all.

Isaiah 53:6

Collect of the Day

Year A

Lord Jesus Christ,
crucified for us,
we kneel at the foot of your cross to watch with you.
Help us to see the cost of our forgiveness
so that we may be made new through your love;
for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Years B, C

Crucified Saviour, naked God,
You hang disgraced and powerless.
Grieving, we dare to hope,
as we wait at the cross
with your mother and your friend.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.

Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 52:13–53:6

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16–25

or Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

John 18:1–19:42

Holy Saturday

Easter Eve

Years A, B, C

Sentence of the Day

When we were baptised into Christ Jesus, we were baptised into his death;
so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we
too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:3–4

Collect of the Day

Grant O God,
that we who are baptised into the death
of your Son Jesus Christ,
may continually die to sin
and be buried with him,
that through the grave and gate of death
we may pass to our joyful resurrection;
for his sake, who died and was buried
and rose again for us,
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Readings

Job 14:1–14

or Lamentations 3:1–9, 19–24

Psalms 31:1–4, 15–16

1 Peter 4:1–8

Matthew 27:57–66

or John 19:38–42

The Season of Easter

Easter Eve

At the Vigil

Year A

Sentence of the Day

We have been buried with Christ by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:4

Collect of the Day

Eternal giver of life and light,
this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ;
renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism,
that we may worship you in sincerity and truth,
and shine as a light in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

or

Lord of the passover,
you have lit this night with the radiance of Christ;
renew in us our baptism,
and bring us through the Red Sea waters
to the promised land.
Through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Old Testament Readings and Psalms

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

Psalm 136:1–9, 23–26

Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13

Psalm 46

Genesis 22:1–18

Psalm 16

Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21

For the Psalm: Exodus 15:1b–13, 17–18

Isaiah 55:1–11

For the Psalm: Isaiah 12:2–6

Baruch 3:9–15, 32–4:4

or Proverbs 8:1–8, 19–21; 9:4b–6

Psalm 19

Ezekiel 36:24–28

Psalm 42; 43

Ezekiel 37:1–14

Psalm 143

Zephaniah 3:14–20

Psalm 98

New Testament Readings

Psalm 114
Romans 6:3–11

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:1–10

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

1 Corinthians 5:7–8

Collect of the Day

Lord God,
you made this night bright
with the radiance of the risen Christ;
may we who have been raised with him in baptism
reflect the light of his glory,
and live with him for ever.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Old Testament Readings and Psalms

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

Psalm 136:1–9, 23–26

Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13

Psalm 46

Genesis 22:1–18

Psalm 16

Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21

For the Psalm: Exodus 15:1b–13, 17–18

Isaiah 55:1–11

For the Psalm: Isaiah 12:2–6

Baruch 3:9–15, 32–4:4

or Proverbs 8:1–8, 19–21; 9:4b–6

Psalm 19

Ezekiel 36:24–28

Psalm 42 and 43

Ezekiel 37:1–14

Psalm 143

Zephaniah 3:14–20

Psalm 98

New Testament Readings

Psalm 114

Romans 6:3–11

Gospel Reading

Mark 16:1–8

Year C

Sentence of the Day

We have been buried with Christ by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:4

Collect of the Day

Lord of the passover,
you have lit this night with the radiance of Christ;
renew in us our baptism,
and bring us through the Red Sea waters
to the promised land;
for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

or

Eternal Giver of life and light,
this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ:
renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism,
that we may worship you in sincerity and truth,
and shine as a light in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Old Testament Readings and Psalms

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

Psalm 136:1–9, 23–26

Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13

Psalm 46

Genesis 22:1–18

Psalm 16

Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21

For the Psalm: Exodus 15:1b–13, 17–18

Isaiah 55:1–11

For the Psalm: Isaiah 12:2–6

Baruch 3:9–15, 32–4:4

or Proverbs 8:1–8, 19–21; 9:4b–6

Psalm 19

Ezekiel 36:24–28

Psalm 42 and 43

Ezekiel 37:1–14

Psalm 143

Zephaniah 3:14–20

Psalm 98

New Testament Readings

Psalm 114
Romans 6:3–11

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:1–12

Easter Day

Year A

Sentence of the Day

The Lord has risen indeed, alleluia!

Luke 24:34

or

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

Collect of the Day

Glorious Lord of Life,
we praise you,
that by the mighty resurrection of your Son,
you have delivered us from sin and death
and made your whole creation new;
grant that we who celebrate with joy
Christ's rising from the dead,
may be raised from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness;
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever.

Amen.

Readings

1st Reading: Acts 10:34–43

or Jeremiah 31:1–6

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1–4

or Acts 10:34–43

Gospel: John 20:1–18

or Matthew 28:1–10

Year B

Sentence of the Day

The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Luke 24:34

or

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

Collect of the Day

Living Christ, you are risen from the dead!

Love reigns!

You are life stronger than death;

raise our eyes to see you

as the new day dawns;

for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Readings

1st Reading: Acts 10:34–43

or Isaiah 25:6–9

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

or Acts 10:34–43

Gospel: John 20:1–18

or Mark 16:1–8

Year C

Sentence of the Day

The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Luke 24:34

or

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

Collect of the Day

Jesus Christ our Saviour,
you have delivered us from sin and death.
You have brought with the dawn
a new beginning and an empty tomb;
grant us strength and humility
to enter into life.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

1st Reading: Acts 10:34–43

or Isaiah 65:17–25

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19–26

or Acts 10:34–43

Gospel: John 20:1–18

or Luke 24:1–12

The Second Sunday of Easter

Year A

Sentence of the Day

Praised be the Abba God of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who with great mercy gave us new birth; a birth into hope, which draws its life from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3

Collect of the Day

Eternal Father,
through the resurrection of your Son,
help us to face the future
with courage and assurance,
knowing that nothing in death or life
can ever separate us from your love.
This we ask through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Acts 2:14a, 22–32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3–9

John 20:19–31

Year B

Sentence of the Day

‘Peace be with you,’ says the Lord, ‘As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’

John 20:21

Collect of the Day

God you are the first light
cutting through the void.
You are the final light
which we shall enjoy forever.
Help us to welcome the light and walk in it always.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

Readings

Acts 4:32–35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1–2:2
John 20:19–31

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

John 20:27

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
you have broken the power of death
and brought life and immortality to light;
grant that we who have been raised with him
may triumph over all temptation
and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Acts 5:27–32

Psalm 118:14–29

or Psalm 150

Revelation 1:4–8

John 20:19–31

The Third Sunday of Easter

Year A

Sentence of the Day

Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38–39

Collect of the Day

Jesus, we believe you;
all we heard is true.
You break the bread, we recognise you,
you are the fire that burns within us;
use us to light the world.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19

1 Peter 1:17–23

Luke 24:13–35

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

Acts 3:19–20

Collect of the Day

Lord, help us to see:

to see what is eternally good and true,
and having seen, to go on searching
until we come to the joys of heaven.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

Readings

Acts 3:12–19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1–7

Luke 24:36b–48

Year C

Sentence of the Day

To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour
and glory and might for ever and ever.

Revelation 5:13

Collect of the Day

Living host, call us together,
call us to eat and drink with you.

Grant that by your body and your blood
we may be drawn to each other
and to you.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings

Acts 9:1–6, (7–20)

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11–14

John 21:1–19

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Year A

Sentence of the Day

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'

John 10:11

Collect of the Day

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

Amen.

Readings

Acts 2:42–47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19–25

John 10:1–10

Year B

Sentence of the Day

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord: 'I know my own and my own know me.'

John 10:14

Collect of the Day

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

Amen.

Readings

Acts 4:5–12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16–24

John 10:11–18

Year C

Sentence of the Day

The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to the springs of the water of life, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Revelation 7:17

Collect of the Day

God of peace,
by the blood of the eternal covenant
you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep;
make us perfect in every good work,
and work in us that which is pleasing and good;
through Jesus Christ to whom be glory for ever and ever.
Amen.

Readings

Acts 9:36–43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9–17

John 10:22–30

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year A

Sentence of the Day

‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life,’ says the Lord. ‘No one comes to the Father except through me.’

John 14:6

or

Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, being dead to sin, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24

Collect of the Day

Eternal God,
your Son Jesus Christ
is the way, the truth and the life for all creation;
grant us grace to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings

Acts 7:55–60
Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16
1 Peter 2:2–10
John 14:1–14

Year B

Sentence of the Day

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:10–11

Collect of the Day

Christ of the new covenant,
give us the happiness to share,
with full measure, pressed down,
shaken together and running over,
all that you give us.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Acts 8:26–40

Psalm 22:25–31

1 John 4:7–21

John 15:1–8

Year C

Sentence of the Day

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

John 4:16b

or

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. As I have loved you, you also should love one another.

John 13:34

Collect of the Day

Make us glad we pray you, gentle God,
to give each other your loving care;
make us happy to receive it.
May there daily grow within us
a generous, trusting spirit.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Acts 11:1–18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1–6

John 13:31–35

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year A

Sentence of the Day

'Those who love me will keep my word,' Jesus promises, 'and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.'

John 14:23

Collect of the Day

Eternal God,
light of the minds that know you,
joy of the hearts that love you,
strength of the wills that serve you;
grant us so to know you that we may truly love you,
and so to love you that we may gladly serve you,
now and always.

Amen.

Readings

Acts 17:22–31

Psalm 66:8–20

1 Peter 3:13–22

John 14:15–21

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.'

John 15:16

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you teach us in your word that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with all our heart
and our neighbor as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Acts 10:44–48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1–6
John 15:9–17

Year C

Sentence of the Day

‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you,’ says the Lord. ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.’

John 14:27

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples,
filling them with joy and boldness
to preach the gospel;
send us out in the power of the same Spirit
to witness to your redeeming love
and draw all people to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever.
Amen.

Readings

Acts 16:9–15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5

John 14:23–29

or John 5:1–9

Ascension Day

Year A

Sentence of the Day

Jesus said to them: 'Go and make disciples of all nations; and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Matthew 28:19–20

Collect of the Day

The heavens are open wide
since Jesus our brother, our Redeemer,
has entered through the veil.
We thank you for his new and living way,
by which we join the unnumbered millions
who are with you forever.
Praise to you our God; you answer prayer.
Amen.

Readings

Acts 1:1–11

Psalm 47

or Psalm 93

Ephesians 1:15–23

Luke 24:44–53

Year B

Sentence of the Day

'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation,'
says the Lord.

Mark 16:15

Collect of the Day

Eternal God,
you have given your Son authority
in heaven and in earth;
grant that we may never lose
the vision of his kingdom
but serve him with hope and joy;
for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever.

Amen.

Readings

Acts 1:1–11

Psalm 47

or Psalm 93

Ephesians 1:15–23

Luke 24:44–53

Year C

Sentence of the Day

God has raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in
the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and
dominion, and above every name that is named.

Ephesians 1:20–21

Collect of the Day

Eternal God,
by raising Jesus from the dead
you proclaimed his victory,
and by his ascension
you declared him king.
Lift our hearts to heaven
that we may live and reign with him.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Acts 1:1–11

Psalm 47

or Psalm 93

Ephesians 1:15–23

Luke 24:44–53

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday after Ascension

Year A

Sentence of the Day

This is eternal life, that we may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

John 17:3

Collect of the Day

Christ our great high priest,
you understand our weakness;
you pray for us while we are sinners.
Help us, through you,
to find a new and living way to God;
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

Readings

Acts 1:6–14

Psalm 68:1–10, 32–35

1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11

John 17:1–11

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Jesus prayed, 'Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

John 17:11

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
ever lives to make intercession for us;
have pity on our weakness,
and in your mercy give us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask,
except through his merits,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Readings

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9–13

John 17:6–19

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.

Acts 16:31

Collect of the Day

Holy God, you feed us
with earthly and spiritual food.
Deathless, unalterable, you have chosen us,
sinful as we are,
to hear your word and to proclaim your truth.
Alleluia! Make us salt of the earth;
make us yeast in the loaf.
Praise to you our God; you answer prayer.
Amen.

Readings

Acts 16:16–34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21

John 17:20–26

The Day of Pentecost

Whitsunday

Year A

Sentence of the Day

‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,’ says the Lord; ‘and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water.’

John 7:38

Collect of the Day

Father,
you have filled your people with the Spirit
who rested first on your Son
and united us in your Church;
open the channels for your Spirit
that we may freely work together,
and your kingdom and your rule increase;
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

Readings

1st Reading: Acts 2:1–21

or Numbers 11:24–30

Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b–13

or Acts 2:1–21

Gospel: John 20:19–23

or John 7:37–39

Year B

Sentence of the Day

‘A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you,’ says
the Lord; ‘I will put my spirit within you and you shall live.’

Ezekiel 3:26; 37:14

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
at the feast of Pentecost
you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples,
filling them with joy and boldness
to preach the gospel;
send us out in the power of the same Spirit
to witness to your redeeming love
and draw all people to you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

Amen.

Readings

1st Reading: Acts 2:1–21

or Ezekiel 37:1–14

Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

2nd Reading: Romans 8:22–27

or Acts 2:1–21

Gospel: John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

Year C

Sentence of the Day

God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has
been given to us.

Romans 5:5

Collect of the Day

Living God,
eternal Holy Spirit,
let your bright intoxicating energy
which fired those first disciples
fall on us
to turn the world again.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.

Amen.

Readings

1st Reading: Acts 2:1–21

or Genesis 11:1–9

Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

2nd Reading: Romans 8:14–17

or Acts 2:1–21

Gospel: John 14:8–17, (25–27)

Season after Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

The First Sunday after Pentecost

Year A

Sentence of the Day

Proclaim the Name: 'The Lord, the Lord, a God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'

Exodus 34:6

Collect of the Day

Father,

you sent your Son to bring us truth
and your Holy Spirit to make us holy;

open our hearts to exalt you,

open our lives to reveal you,

our one true God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Readings

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11–13

Matthew 28:16–20

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of God's glory.

Isaiah 6:3

or

Christ Jesus came and preached peace to you all; through him we have access in the one Spirit to the Father.

Ephesians 2:17–18

Collect of the Day

God of unchangeable power,
you have revealed yourself
to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
keep us firm in this faith
that we may praise and bless your holy name;
for you are one God
now and for ever.

Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 6:1–8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12–17

John 3:1–17

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? 'The Lord gave birth to me at the beginning, before the first acts of creation.'

Proverbs 8:1, 22

or

God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, Abba! Father!

Galatians 4:6

Collect of the Day

Trinity of Love,
maker of man and woman in your image
help us to accept ourselves as we are,
and to know our need for each other.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1–5

John 16:12–15

Baptism of the Lord

The First Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday between 7 and 13 January

Year A

Sentence of the Day

A voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Matthew 3:17

Collect of the Day

Open the heavens, Holy Spirit,
for us to see Jesus intercede for us;
may we be strengthened to share his cup
and ready to serve him for ever.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 42:1–9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34–43
Matthew 3:13–17

Year B

Sentence of the Day

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Acts 10:38

Collect of the Day

Holy Spirit,
as you drove Jesus into the wilderness,
when John baptised him and the heavens opened,
drive us to wrestle and reflect
so that we may fulfil our baptism,
and live the life of victory.
This we ask through the same Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

Readings

Genesis 1:1–5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1–7
Mark 1:4–11

Year C

Sentence of the Day

The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Luke 3:22

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you anointed Jesus at his baptism
with the Holy Spirit,
and revealed him as your own beloved Son;
grant that we who are baptised into his name
may give our lives to your service,
and be found worthy of our calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 43:1–7

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14–17

Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday between 14 and 20 January

Year A

Sentence of the Day

God through whom you have been called into intimacy with Jesus our Saviour, is faithful.

1 Corinthians 1:9

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
give us such a vision of your purpose
and such an assurance of your love and power,
that we may ever hold fast the hope
which is in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 49:1–7
Psalm 40:1–11
1 Corinthians 1:1–9
John 1:29–42

Year B

Sentence of the Day

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the king of
Israel!

John 1:41–49

Collect of the Day

Praise to you, God, for all your work among us.
Yours is the vigour in creation,
yours is the impulse in our new discoveries.
Make us adventurous, yet reverent and hopeful in all we do.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

1 Samuel 3:1–10, (11–20)
Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18
1 Corinthians 6:12–20
John 1:43–51

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

John 2:11

Collect of the Day

We pray you, Jesus,
take the old water,
our busy, conscientious lives,
and turn them into gospel wine,
that everyone may see your life and thirst;
Hear this prayer for your name's sake.

Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 62:1–5

Psalm 36:5–10

1 Corinthians 12:1–11

John 2:1–11

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday between 21 and 27 January

Year A

Sentence of the Day

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and
proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and
every sickness among the people.

Matthew 4:23

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
your Son revealed in signs and wonders
the greatness of your saving love;
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 9:1–4

Psalm 27:1, 4–9

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

Matthew 4:12–23

Year B

Sentence of the Day

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.

Mark 1:15

Collect of the Day

Jesus, our Redeemer,
give us your power to reveal and proclaim the good news,
so that wherever we may go
the sick may be healed, lepers embraced,
and the dead and dying given new life;
for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Readings

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

Psalm 62:5–12

1 Corinthians 7:29–31

Mark 1:14–20

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah: 'The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives.'

Luke 4:18

Collect of the Day

God of all mercy,
your Son brought good news to the despairing,
freedom to the oppressed
and joy to the sad;
fill us with your spirit
that the people of our day may see in us his likeness
and glorify your name.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

Luke 4:14–21

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday between 28 January and 3 February

Year A

Sentence of the Day

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

Collect of the Day

Teach us, Jesus,
how to live and worship
without being worldly or greedy.
Drive from our lives what spoils them
and make us temples of the Spirit;
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

Readings

Micah 6:1–8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18–31
Matthew 5:1–12

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues,
and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease
and every sickness.

Matthew 9:35

Collect of the Day

Jesus, you spoke with passion,
you acted without fear, and we remember.
Help us when we have to speak out,
to speak the truth
and without malice to speak.
Hear this prayer for your name's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Deuteronomy 18:15–20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1–13
Mark 1:21–28

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

1 Corinthians 13:14

Collect of the Day

Gracious and merciful God,
for our sake your Son became incarnate
and suffered death upon the cross;
purify our hearts and grant us zeal in your service;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

Readings

Jeremiah 1:4–10

Psalm 71:1–6

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

Luke 4:21–30

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 4 and 10 February

Year A

Sentence of the Day

‘Is not this the fast that I choose,’ says the Lord: ‘to loose the bonds of injustice, and to let the oppressed go free?’

Isaiah 58:6

or

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Collect of the Day

We praise you, God,
that the light of Christ shines in our darkness
and is never overcome;
show us the way we must go to eternal day;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 58:1–9a, (9b–12)

Psalms 112:1–9, (10)

1 Corinthians 2:1–12, (13–16)

Matthew 5:13–20

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles.

Isaiah 40:31

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you have called us to serve you,
yet without your grace
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 40:21–31

Psalms 147:1–11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16–23

Mark 1:29–39

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and was buried, and was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and appeared to many.

1 Corinthians 15:3–4

Collect of the Day

Almighty and eternal God,
it is your will to bring the whole creation
into unity in Christ;
grant that your Church may faithfully proclaim
the Good News
until all people are saved
and the earth is full of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 6:1–8, (9–13)

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

Luke 5:1–11

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 11 and 17 February

Year A

Sentence of the Day

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Psalm 119:1

Collect of the Day

God of Israel old and new,
write in our hearts the lesson of your law;
prepare our minds to receive the gospel
made visible in your Son Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Readings

Deuteronomy 30:15–20
or Sirach 15:15–20
Psalm 119:1–8
1 Corinthians 3:1–9
Matthew 5:21–37

Year B

Sentence of the Day

A great prophet has risen among us! God has truly visited us!

Luke 7:16

or

Sing to the Lord, you who love God! Praise God's holy name!

Psalm 30:4

Collect of the Day

Mighty God,
strong, loving and wise,
help us depend upon your goodness
and to place our trust in your Son.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

2 Kings 5:1–14
Psalm 30
1 Corinthians 9:24–27
Mark 1:40–45

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of man.
Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Luke 6:23

Collect of the Day

God of the hungry,
make us hunger and thirst for the right,
till our thirst for justice has been satisfied
and hunger has gone from the earth.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Jeremiah 17:5–10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12–20
Luke 6:17–26

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 18 and 24 February

Year A

Sentence of the Day

Your Father in heaven makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and
sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. Be merciful, just as
your Father is merciful.

Matthew 5:45, Luke 6:36

or

You shall be holy, for the Lord your God is holy. You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

Leviticus 19:2,18

Collect of the Day

Give us, we pray you, gentle God,
a mind forgetful of past injury,
a will to seek the good of others
and a heart of love.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Leviticus 19:1–2, 9–18
Psalm 119:33–40
1 Corinthians 3:10–11, 16–23
Matthew 5:38–48

Year B

Sentence of the Day

In the Son of God, Jesus Christ, every one of God's promises is a 'Yes!'

2 Corinthians 1:19–20

Collect of the Day

Merciful God,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace;
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 43:18–25
Psalm 41
2 Corinthians 1:18–22
Mark 2:1–12

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

Luke 6:35

Collect of the Day

Grant us Jesus, that tender, indestructible love
which asks forgiveness of its executioners
and gives hope to the thief on the cross.
Keep us compassionate when the way is hard,
and gentle with those who oppose us;
for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Readings

Genesis 45:3–11, 15

Psalms 37:1–11, 39–40

1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50

Luke 6:27–38

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 25 February and 3 March

or between 24 and 28 May

Year A

Sentence of the Day

‘Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you,’ says the Lord.

Isaiah 49:15

or

Stop worrying over questions such as 'What are we to eat?' or 'what are we to drink?' or 'what are we to wear?' Seek first God's reign and God's justice, and all these things will be given to you besides.

Matthew 6:31, 33

Collect of the Day

Abba God, we call you Father,
and your care for us
is motherly as well.
Protect our power to love and be loved,
and make us glad to be called your children
one whanau in Christ.
Praise to you our God; you answer prayer.
Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 49:8–16a
Psalm 131
1 Corinthians 4:1–5
Matthew 6:24–34

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us, and through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing Christ.

2 Corinthians 2:14

Collect of the Day

We pray you, Jesus, take the old water,
our busy, conscientious lives,
and turn them into gospel wine,
that everyone may see your life
and thirst.
Hear this prayer for your name's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Hosea 2:14–20

Psalm 103:1–13, 22

2 Corinthians 3:1–6

Mark 2:13–22

Year C

Sentence of the Day

‘My word shall not return to me empty,’ says the Lord, ‘but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.’

Isaiah 55:11

Collect of the Day

Holy Spirit,
grant us who serve your Church
to mend what is spoiled,
to strengthen what is sound,
and to follow you wherever and however you may lead.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Sirach 27:4–7

or Isaiah 55:10–13

Psalm 92:1–4, 12–15

1 Corinthians 15:51–58

Luke 6:39–49

The Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Sunday between 4 and 7 March
or between 29 May and 4 June*

Year A

Sentence of the Day

I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith.

Romans 1:16

or

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.

Psalms 31:24

Collect of the Day

God, our ruler and guide,
when we come to the place where the road divides,
keep us true to the way of Christ,
alive to present opportunities,
and confident of eternal life.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Genesis 6:9–22; 7:24; 8:14–19

Psalms 46

Romans 1:16–17; 3:22b–28, (29–31)

Matthew 7:21–29

Related

Deuteronomy 11:18–21, 26–28

Psalms 31:1–5, 19–24

Romans 1:16–17; 3:22b–28, (29–31)

Matthew 7:21–29

Year B

Sentence of the Day

It is the God who said 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

Collect of the Day

God of unchangeable power,
when you fashioned the world
the morning stars sang together
and the host of heaven shouted for joy;
open our eyes to the wonders of creation
and teach us to use all things for good,
to the honour of your glorious name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

1 Samuel 3:1–10, (11–20)
Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18
2 Corinthians 4:5–12
Mark 2:23–3:6

Related

Deuteronomy 5:12–15
Psalm 81:1–10
2 Corinthians 4:5–12
Mark 2:23–3:6

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Thus says the one whose name is Holy: 'I dwell in a high and holy place, but I also live with those who are broken and humble in spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, to restore the courage of the broken.'

Isaiah 57:15

Collect of the Day

Give us courage to hope,
and to risk disappointment.
Teach us to pray expectantly,
and when our prayers seem to fail,
bring us to pray again and again;
for you are our God,
who acts and will act again.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

1 Kings 18:20–21, (22–29), 30–39

Psalm 96

Galatians 1:1–12

Luke 7:1–10

Related

1 Kings 8:22–23, 41–43

Psalm 96:1–9

Galatians 1:1–12

Luke 7:1–10

The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 5 and 11 June

Year A

Sentence of the Day

Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.
For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.

Matthew 9:12–13

Collect of the Day

Lord of the Church,
you have called us to witness to every nation.
May we do your work and bear your cross,
await your time and see your glory.
Hear this prayer for your name's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Genesis 12:1–9
Psalm 33:1–12
Romans 4:13–25
Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

Related

Hosea 5:15–6:6
Psalm 50:7–15
Romans 4:13–25
Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and my sister and my mother.

Mark 3:34–35

Collect of the Day

God of compassion,
deepen and increase our love for you
so that we may leave behind the sins
from which you have redeemed us,
and serve you in perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

1 Samuel 8:4–11, (12–15), 16–20, (11:14–15)

Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

Mark 3:20–35

Related

Genesis 3:8–15

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

Mark 3:20–35

Year C

Sentence of the Day

A great prophet has risen among us! God has truly visited us!

Luke 7:16

Collect of the Day

Jesus, you turned death into life,
turned defeat into victory.
Grant that with your help
we may raise our expectations
and achieve what is yet impossible.
Hear this prayer for your name's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

1 Kings 17:8–16, (17–24)
Psalm 146
Galatians 1:11–24
Luke 7:11–17

Related

1 Kings 17:17–24
Psalm 30
Galatians 1:11–24
Luke 7:11–17

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 12 and 18 June

Year A

Sentence of the Day

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom
we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand.

Romans 5:1–2

or

The harvest is bountiful but the labourers are few. Beg the overseer of the
harvest to send labourers to bring in the crops.

Matthew 9:37–38

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
by your grace alone
we are accepted and called to your service;
strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and empower our calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Genesis 18:1–15, (21:1–7)

Psalms 116:1–2, 12–19

Romans 5:1–8

Matthew 9:35–10:8, (9–23)

Related

Exodus 19:2–8a

Psalms 100

Romans 5:1–8

Matthew 9:35–10:8, (9–23)

Year B

Sentence of the Day

This means that through Christ, the world was fully reconciled again to God, who didn't hold our transgressions against us, but instead entrusted us with this message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:19

Collect of the Day

Eternal Father,
your Son Jesus Christ,
now exalted Lord of all,
pours out his gifts on the Church;
grant us that unity which your Spirit gives,
keep us in the bond of peace,
and bring all creation to worship
before your throne;
for you live and reign
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

1 Samuel 15:34–16:13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5:6–10, (11–13), 14–17

Mark 4:26–34

Related

Ezekiel 17:22–24

Psalm 92:1–4, 12–15

2 Corinthians 5:6–10, (11–13), 14–17

Mark 4:26–34

Year C

Sentence of the Day

It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I live now in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

Collect of the Day

Jesus,
receive our love and worship.
Show us how to give you what we have,
for nothing is too big or small
for us to offer, or for you to use;
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

1 Kings 21:1–10, (11–14), 15–21a
Psalm 5:1–8
Galatians 2:15–21
Luke 7:36–8:3

Related

2 Samuel 11:26–12:10, 13–15
Psalm 32
Galatians 2:15–21
Luke 7:36–8:3

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 19 and 25 June

Year A

Sentence of the Day

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it.

Matthew 10:39

Collect of the Day

Holy God, grant us the beginning of wisdom
and love to cast out every fear:
that we may grow more brave,
more ready to hear,
more ready to obey;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Genesis 21:8–21
Psalm 86:1–10, 16–17
Romans 6:1b–11
Matthew 10:24–39

Related

Jeremiah 20:7–13
Psalm 69:7–10, (11–15), 16–18
Romans 6:1b–11
Matthew 10:24–39

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

Mark 4:41

Collect of the Day

Jesus, Saviour in storm,
when the waters of the deep are broken up,
when the landmarks are washed away or drowned,
come to us across the water.
Hear this prayer for your name's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4–11, 19–23), 32–49

or Psalm 133

1 Samuel 17:57–18:5, 10–16

Psalm 9:9–20

2 Corinthians 6:1–13

Mark 4:35–41

Related

Job 38:1–11

Psalm 107:1–3, 23–32

2 Corinthians 6:1–13

Mark 4:35–41

Year C

Sentence of the Day

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Acts 10:38

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless
till they find their rest in you;
so lead us by your Spirit
that in this life we may live to your glory
and in the life to come enjoy you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings

Continuous

1 Kings 19:1–4, (5–7), 8–15a

Psalm 42 and 43

Galatians 3:23–29

Luke 8:26–39

Related

Isaiah 65:1–9

Psalm 22:19–28

Galatians 3:23–29

Luke 8:26–39

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 26 June and 2 July

Year A

Sentence of the Day

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ
Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

Collect of the Day

Almighty Father,
grant that we your children
may never be ashamed
to confess the faith of Christ crucified,
but continue his faithful servants
to our lives' end;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Genesis 22:1–14

Psalm 13

Romans 6:12–23

Matthew 10:40–42

Related

Jeremiah 28:5–9

Psalm 89:1–4, 15–18

Romans 6:12–23

Matthew 10:40–42

Year B

Sentence of the Day

The Lord's favour is not exhausted! nor has God's compassion failed.
They rise up anew every morning, so great is God's faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22–23

Collect of the Day

Save us, Lord,
from the worship of power or science.
Save us from making you in our image,
and keep us humble.
Praise to you our God; you answer prayer.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 8:7–15

Mark 5:21–43

Related

Wisdom 1:13–15; 2:23–24

Psalm 30

or Lamentations 3:23–33

2 Corinthians 8:7–15

Mark 5:21–43

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it.

Matthew 10:39

Collect of the Day

Jesus crucified, despised and suffering,
you made yourself one with us.
Help us to follow you and bear the shame;
for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Readings

Continuous

2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14

Psalm 77:1–2, 11–20

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

Luke 9:51–62

Related

1 Kings 19:15–16, 19–21

Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

Luke 9:51–62

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 3 and 9 July

Year A

Sentence of the Day

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,' says the Lord. 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.'

Matthew 11:28–29

Collect of the Day

Holy and eternal God,
give us such trust in your sure purpose,
that we measure our lives
not by what we have done or failed to do,
but by our faithfulness to you.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67

Psalm 45:10–17

or Song of Solomon 2:8–13

Romans 7:15–25a

Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

Related

Zechariah 9:9–12

Psalm 145:8–14

Romans 7:15–25a

Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Of Jesus many said, 'What is this wisdom that has been given to him?
What deeds of power are being done by his hands!'

Mark 6:2

Collect of the Day

Christ of the new covenant,
give us the happiness to share,
with full measure, pressed down,
shaken together and running over,
all that you give us.
Hear this prayer for your name's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

2 Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10

Psalm 48

2 Corinthians 12:2–10

Mark 6:1–13

Related

Ezekiel 2:1–5

Psalm 123

2 Corinthians 12:2–10

Mark 6:1–13

Year C

Sentence of the Day

The harvest is rich but the workers are few; therefore ask the overseer to
send workers to the harvest.

Luke 10:2

Collect of the Day

God, you are working still,
breaking down and building up;
open our eyes to discern your hands
so that we may take our place
as labourers together with you.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

2 Kings 5:1–14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:(1–6), 7–16
Luke 10:1–11, 16–20

Related

Isaiah 66:10–14
Psalm 66:1–9
Galatians 6:(1–6), 7–16
Luke 10:1–11, 16–20

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 10 and 16 July

Year A

Sentence of the Day

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life.

John 6:63, 68

Collect of the Day

Praise to you, God,
for all your work among us.
Yours is the vigour in creation,
yours is the impulse in our new discoveries.
Make us adventurous, yet reverent and hopeful
in all we do.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Genesis 25:19–34
Psalm 119:105–112
Romans 8:1–11
Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

Related

Isaiah 55:10–13
Psalm 65:(1–8), 9–13
Romans 8:1–11
Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Who shall stand in the Lord's holy place? Those who have clean hands
and pure hearts, who do not lift up their hands to what is false.

Psalm 24:3–4

Collect of the Day

God our strength and our hope,
grant us the courage of John the Baptist,
constantly to speak the truth,
boldly to rebuke vice
and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

2 Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1:3–14

Mark 6:14–29

Related

Amos 7:7–15

Psalm 85:8–13

Ephesians 1:3–4

Mark 6:14–29

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Do to others as you would have them do to you. Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.

Luke 6:31, 35

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you teach us in your word
that love is the fulfilling of the law;
grant that we may love you with all our heart
and our neighbour as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

or

Save us, Jesus, from hurrying away,
because we do not wish to help,
because we know not how to help,
because we dare not.
Inspire us to use our lives
serving one another.
Hear this prayer for your name's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Amos 7:7–17

Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1–14

Luke 10:25–37

Related

Deuteronomy 30:9–14

Psalm 25:1–10

Colossians 1:1–14

Luke 10:25–37

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 17 and 23 July

Year A

Sentence of the Day

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Psalm 86:15

Collect of the Day

God of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things,
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish in us all goodness,
and of your great mercy
keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Genesis 28:10–19a

Psalm 139:1–12, 23–24

Romans 8:12–25

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

Related

Wisdom 12:13, 16–19

Psalm 86:11–17

Romans 8:12–25

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

Year B

Sentence of the Day

As he went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Mark 6:34

or

‘My sheep hear my voice,’ says the Lord. ‘I know them and they follow me; and I give them eternal life.’

John 10:27–28

Collect of the Day

Father,
imprint upon our hearts
that because we belong to you
no one can pluck us from your hand,
and because we fear you
we need fear no other.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

2 Samuel 7:1–14a

Psalm 89:20–37

Ephesians 2:11–22

Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

Related

Jeremiah 23:1–6

Psalm 23

Ephesians 2:11–22

Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

Year C

Sentence of the Day

In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength.

Isaiah 30:16

Collect of the Day

God of all delight,
grant us that joy
which none can take from us,
of having a work to do,
a life to live;
that joy in believing
which will carry us through.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Amos 8:1–12

Psalm 52

Colossians 1:15–28

Luke 10:38–42

Related

Genesis 18:1–10a

Psalm 15

Colossians 1:15–28

Luke 10:38–42

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 24 and 30 July

Year A

Sentence of the Day

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38–39

Collect of the Day

God of mercy,
you have blessed us beyond our dreams;
you have set before us promises and perils
beyond our understanding;
help us to struggle and pray
that the perils may be averted
and your promises fulfilled.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Genesis 29:15–28

Psalm 105:1–11, 45b

or Psalm 128

Romans 8:26–39

Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

Related

1 Kings 3:5–12

Psalm 119:129–136

Romans 8:26–39

Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

Year B

Sentence of the Day

‘I am the living bread that came down from heaven,’ says the Lord.
‘Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give
for the life of the world is my flesh.’

John 6:51

Collect of the Day

All-seeing God,
teach us to be open with you about our needs,
to seek your support in our trials,
to admit before you our sins,
and to thank you for all your goodness;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

Readings

Continuous

2 Samuel 11:1–15

Psalm 14

Ephesians 3:14–21

John 6:1–21

Related

2 Kings 4:42–44

Psalm 145:10–18

Ephesians 3:14–21

John 6:1–21

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

Luke 1:9

Collect of the Day

Almighty and merciful God,
more ready to hear than we to pray,
giving more than we desire or deserve;
pour upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgive those things
of which our conscience is afraid,
and give us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask,
except through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Hosea 1:2–10

Psalm 85

Colossians 2:6–15, (16–19)

Luke 11:1–13

Related

Genesis 18:20–32

Psalm 138

Colossians 2:6–15, (16–19)

Luke 11:1–13

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 31 July and 6 August

Year A

Sentence of the Day

You are near to all who call upon you, all who call upon you in truth. You fulfill the desires of those who revere you; you hear their cry and save them.

Psalm 145:18–19

Collect of the Day

God of the hungry,
make us hunger and thirst for the right,
till our thirst for justice has been satisfied
and hunger has gone from the earth.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Genesis 32:22–31

Psalm 17:1–7, 15

Romans 9:1–5

Matthew 14:13–21

Related

Isaiah 55:1–5

Psalm 145:8–9, 14–21

Romans 9:1–5

Matthew 14:13–21

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Isaiah 55:2

Collect of the Day

Heavenly Father,
you see how your children hunger
for food, and fellowship and faith.
Help us to meet one another's needs
of body mind and spirit,
in the love of Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Readings

Continuous

1 Samuel 11:26–12:13a

Psalms 51:1–12

Ephesians 4:1–16

John 6:24–35

Related

Exodus 16:2–4, 9–15

Psalms 78:23–29

Ephesians 4:1–16

John 6:24–35

Year C

Sentence of the Day

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:1

Collect of the Day

God of all the earth,
you have given us the heritage
of this good and fertile land;
grant that we may so respect and use it
that others may thank us
for what we leave to them;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Hosea 11:1–11
Psalm 107:1–9, 43
Colossians 3:1–11
Luke 12:13–21

Related

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–23
Psalm 49:1–12
Colossians 3:1–11
Luke 12:13–21

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 7 and 13 August

Year A

Sentence of the Day

They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Matthew 14:26–27

Collect of the Day

Jesus, Saviour in storm,
when the waters of the deep are broken up,
when the landmarks are washed away or drowned,
come to us across the water;
for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28

Psalm 105:1–6, 16–22, 45b

Romans 10:5–15

Matthew 14:22–33

Related

1 Kings 19:9–18

Psalm 85:8–13

Romans 10:5–15

Matthew 14:22–33

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

Ephesians 5:1–2

Collect of the Day

Merciful God,
you gave your only Son
to be a sacrifice for sin
and an example of godly life;
help us gladly to receive
all that he has done for us
and follow in his footsteps;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Readings

Continuous

2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25–5:2

John 6:35, 41–51

Related

1 Kings 19:4–8

Psalm 34:1–8

Ephesians 4:25–5:2

John 6:35, 41–51

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day our Lord is coming.

Matthew 24:42, 44

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,
by your Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified;
hear the prayers we offer
for all your faithful people
that in the ministry to which you have called us
we may serve you in holiness and truth;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Isaiah 1:1, 10–20

Psalm 50:1–8, 22–23

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

Luke 12:32–40

Related

Genesis 15:1–6

Psalms 33:12–22

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

Luke 12:32–40

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 14 and 20 August

Year A

Sentence of the Day

Thus says the Lord, 'Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.'

Isaiah 56:1

Collect of the Day

Come Holy Spirit with new fire;
when our prayers seem to fail,
when we hear no voice nor any answer,
rouse us and light our way.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Genesis 45:1–15

Psalms 133

Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32

Matthew 15:(10–20), 21–28

Related

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

Psalm 67

Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32

Matthew 15:(10–20), 21–28

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Jesus said, 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.'

John 6:56

Collect of the Day

Living host, call us together,
call us to eat and drink with you.

Grant that by your body and your blood
we may be drawn to each other and to you.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings

Continuous

1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14

Psalm 111

Ephesians 5:15–20

John 6:51–58

Related

Proverbs 9:1–6

Psalm 34:9–14

Ephesians 5:15–20

John 6:51–58

Year C

Sentence of the Day

'Is not my word like fire,' says the Lord, 'and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?'

Jeremiah 23:29

Collect of the Day

Come Holy Spirit,
to all baptised in your name,
that we may turn to good
whatever lies ahead.
Give us passion, give us fire;
make us transform the world from what it is,
to what you have created it to be.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Isaiah 5:1–7

Psalm 80:1–2, 8–19

Hebrews 11:29–12:2

Luke 12:49–56

Related

Jeremiah 23:23–29

Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29–12:2

Luke 12:49–56

The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 21 and 27 August

Year A

Sentence of the Day

Martha said, Yes Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.

John 11:27

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,
by your Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified;
hear the prayer we offer
for all your faithful people,
that in the ministry to which you have called us
we may serve you in holiness and truth;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Exodus 1:8–2:10

Psalm 124

Romans 12:1–8

Matthew 16:13–20

Related

Isaiah 51:1–6

Psalm 138

Romans 12:1–8

Matthew 16:13–20

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Jesus said, 'It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.'

John 6:63

Collect of the Day

God of Israel old and new,
write in our hearts the lessons of your law;
prepare our minds to receive the gospel
made visible in your Son Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Readings

Continuous

1 Kings 8: (1, 6, 10–11), 22–30, 41–43

Psalm 84

Ephesians 6:10–20

John 6:56–69

Related

Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–18

Psalm 34:15–22

Ephesians 6:10–20

John 6:56–69

Year C

Sentence of the Day

You, O Lord are my hope, my trust from my youth. Upon you have I leaned since my birth.

Psalm 7:5–6

Collect of the Day

Universal and unchanging God,
we are one, unalterably one,
with all the human race.
Grant that we who share Christ's blood
may, through your unifying Spirit,
break down the walls that divide us.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Jeremiah 1:4–10
Psalm 71:1–6
Hebrews 12:18–29
Luke 13:10–7

Related

Isaiah 58:9b–14
Psalm 103:1–8
Hebrews 12:18–29
Luke 13:10–17

The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 28 August and 3 September

Year A

Sentence of the Day

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him.

Matthew 16:24–25

Collect of the Day

God of unchangeable power,
our strength at all times;
guard us from all dangers
and support us in all difficulties
that we may live victoriously now and forever;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Exodus 3:1–15

Psalms 105:1–6, 23–26, 45c

Romans 12:9–21

Matthew 16:21–28

Related

Jeremiah 15:15–21

Psalms 26:1–8

Romans 12:9–21

Matthew 16:21–28

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above,
coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or
shadow due to change.

James 1:17

Collect of the Day

Gentle Father,
show us our sins as they really are
so that we may truly renounce them
and know the depth and richness of your mercy.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Song of Solomon 2:8–13

Psalm 45:1–2, 6–9

James 1:17–27

Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

Related

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

Psalm 15

James 1:17–27

Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

Year C

Sentence of the Day

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Luke 14:11

or

Through Jesus let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise—that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge God’s Name.

Hebrews 13:15

Collect of the Day

Lord, help us to see:
to see what is eternally good and true,
and having seen, to go on searching
until we come to the joys of heaven;
for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Jeremiah 2:4–13

Psalm 81:1, 10–16

Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

Luke 14:1, 7–14

Related

Sirach 10:12–18

or Proverbs 25:6–7

Psalm 112

Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

Luke 14:1, 7–14

The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 4 and 10 September

Year A

Sentence of the Day

‘Where two or three are gathered in my name,’ says the Lord, ‘I am there among them.’

Matthew 18:20

or

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for whoever loves another has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:8

Collect of the Day

Creator God,
you have made us
not in one mould, but in many:
so deepen our unity in Christ
that we may rejoice in our diversity.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Exodus 12:1–14

Psalm 149

Romans 13:8–14

Matthew 18:15–20

Related

Ezekiel 33:7–11

Psalm 119:33–40

Romans 13:8–14

Matthew 18:15–20

Year B

Sentence of the Day

So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.

James 2:12

Collect of the Day

God the strength of all who believe in you,
increase our faith and trust
in your Son Jesus Christ,
that in him we may live victoriously,
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23

Psalm 125

James 2:1–10, (11–13), 14–17

Mark 7:24–37

Related

Isaiah 35:4–7a

Psalm 146

James 2:1–10, (11–13), 14–17

Mark 7:24–37

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Jesus cannot be his disciple.

Luke 14:27

Collect of the Day

Servant God,
grant us opportunity,
give us willingness
to serve you day by day;
that what we do
and how we bear each other's burdens,
may be our sacrifice to you.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Jeremiah 18:1–11

Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18

Philemon 1–21

Luke 14:25–33

Related

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1–21

Luke 14:25–33

The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 11 and 17 September

Year A

Sentence of the Day

If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Psalm 130:3–4

Collect of the Day

God of infinite mercy
grant that we who know your pity
may rejoice in your forgiveness
and gladly forgive others
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Exodus 14:19–31

Psalm 114

or Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21

Romans 14:1–12

Matthew 18:21–35

Related

Genesis 50:15–21

Psalms 103:(1–7), 8–13

Romans 14:1–12

Matthew 18:21–35

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it.

Mark 8:35

Collect of the Day

Holy and eternal God,
give us such trust in your sure purpose,
that we measure our lives
not by what we have done or failed to do,
but by our faithfulness to you.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Proverbs 1:20–33

Psalms 19

or Wisdom 7:26–8:1

James 3:1–12

Mark 8:27–38

Related

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Psalms 116:1–9

James 3:1–12

Mark 8:27–38

Year C

Sentence of the Day

I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Luke 15:10

Collect of the Day

Loving God,
in Jesus you gather us into your family;
confidently we call you Father;
may your Spirit bring us to share
the glorious liberty of your children.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28

Psalm 14

1 Timothy 1:12–17

Luke 15:1–10

Related

Exodus 32:7–14

Psalm 51:1–10

1 Timothy 1:12–17

Luke 15:1–10

The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 18 and 24 September

Year A

Sentence of the Day

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8–9

Collect of the Day

God, you have given us a lodging in this world
but not an abiding city.
Help us, as a pilgrim people, to endure hardness,
knowing that at the end of our journey
Christ has prepared a place for us.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Exodus 16:2–15

Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45

Philippians 1:21–30

Matthew 20:1–16

Related

Jonah 3:10–4:11

Psalm 145:1–8

Philippians 1:21–30

Matthew 20:1–16

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.

Mark 9:35

Collect of the Day

Give us, we pray you gentle God,
a mind forgetful of past injury,
a will to seek the good in others
and a heart of love;
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Proverbs 31:10–31

Psalm 1

James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a

Mark 9:30–37

Related

Wisdom 1:16–2:1, 12–22

or Jeremiah 11:18–20

Psalm 54

James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a

Mark 9:30–37

Year C

Sentence of the Day

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
fount of all wisdom, crown of all knowledge;
give us eyes to see
and minds to understand your marvelous works,
that we may know you through your handiwork
and use your creations to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Jeremiah 8:18–9:1

Psalm 79:1–9

1 Timothy 2:1–7

Luke 16:1–13

Related

Amos 8:4–7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1–7

Luke 16:1–13

The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 25 September and 1 October

Year A

Sentence of the Day

Come, let us return to the Lord, so we will live in the presence of the Most High.

Hosea 6:1a, 2b

Collect of the Day

Merciful God,
you gave your only Son
to be both a sacrifice for sin
and an example for godly life;
help us gladly to receive
all that has been done for us
and follow in his footsteps;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Exodus 17:1–7
Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16
Philippians 2:1–13
Matthew 21:23–32

Related

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32
Psalm 25:1–9
Philippians 2:1–13
Matthew 21:23–32

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can it be seasoned? Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another.

Mark 9:50

Collect of the Day

God of grace and goodness,
you know that by reason of our frailty we cannot but fail;
keep us always under your protection
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Esther 7:1–6, 9–10; 9:20–22

Psalm 124

James 5:13–20

Mark 9:38–50

Related

Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

Psalm 19:7–14

James 5:13–20

Mark 9:38–50

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

James 5:16

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you alone are our true judge,
for you know what we are,
you know what we should be,
and with you there is mercy.
Give us feeling for what is right;
set us on fire to see that right is done.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15

Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16

1 Timothy 6:6–19

Luke 16:19–31

Related

Amos 6:1a, 4–7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6–19

Luke 16:19–31

The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 2 and 8 October

Year A

Sentence of the Day

Forgetting what lies behind and straining for what lies ahead, let us press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13b–14

or

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

Matthew 21:42

Collect of the Day

Merciful God,
in Christ you make all things new;
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3:4b–14

Matthew 21:33–46

Related

Isaiah 5:1–7

Psalm 80:7–15

Philippians 3:4b–14

Matthew 21:33–46

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.

Mark 10:15

Collect of the Day

God, the mother and father of us all,
you have created families and love of every kind.
Give us courage to listen to each other and to learn,
and grant us the gentle blessing
which a home can give.
Praise to you our God; you answer prayer.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Job 1:1; 2:1–10

Psalm 26

Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12

Mark 10:2–16

Related

Genesis 2:18–24

Psalm 8

Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12

Mark 10:2–16

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Who is the greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? But I am among you as one who serves.

Luke 22:27

Collect of the Day

Holy God,
holy and strong, holy and immortal,
keep us under the protection of your good providence,
and help us continually
to revere and love your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Lamentations 1:1–6

For the Psalm: Lamentations 3:19–26

or Psalm 137

2 Timothy 1:1–4

Luke 17:5–10

Related

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

Psalm 37:1–9

2 Timothy 1:1–14

Luke 17:5–10

The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 9 and 15 October

Year A

Sentence of the Day

Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, let us press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13b–14

or

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

Matthew 21:42

Collect of the Day

Living host,
call us together,
call us to eat and drink with you.
Grant that by your body and your blood
we may be drawn to each other and to you.
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Exodus 32:1–14

Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23

Philippians 4:1–9

Matthew 22:1–14

Related

Isaiah 25:1–9

Psalm 23

Philippians 4:1–9

Matthew 22:1–14

Year B

Sentence of the Day

There is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.

Mark 10:29–30

Collect of the Day

God of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things,
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish in us all goodness,
and of your great mercy
keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Job 23:1–9, 16–17

Psalm 22:1–15

Hebrews 4:12–16

Mark 10:17–31

Related

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

Psalm 90:12–17

Hebrews 4:12–16

Mark 10:17–31

Year C

Sentence of the Day

How can I repay you, Lord, for all your goodness to me? I raise the cup of deliverance, and call on the Name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to you in the presence of all your people.

Psalm 116:12–14

Collect of the Day

God of compassion,
deepen and increase our love for you
so that we may leave behind the sins
from which you have redeemed us,
and serve you in perfect freedom.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7

Psalm 66:1–12

2 Timothy 2:8–15

Luke 17:11–19

Related

2 Kings 5:1–3, 7–15c

Psalm 111

2 Timothy 2:8–15

Luke 17:11–19

The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 16 and 22 October

Year A

Sentence of the Day

Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

Matthew 22:21

Collect of the Day

God of nations,
help us to reflect and share
the goodness that surrounds us.
Help us to win justice for poor and rich alike,
and bring trust and friendship
to all our different races;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Exodus 33:12–23

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Matthew 22:15–22

Related

Isaiah 45:1–7

Psalm 96:9, (10–13)

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Matthew 22:15–22

Year B

Sentence of the Day

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

Collect of the Day

Eternal God,
you have given us one baptism
for the remission of sins;
grant that we who are born of water and the Spirit
and made members of Christ,
may be one in inward faith
and outward service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Job 38:1–7, (34–41)
Psalm 104:1–9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1–10
Mark 10:35–45

Related

Isaiah 53:4–12
Psalm 91:9–16
Hebrews 5:1–10
Mark 10:35–45

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Won't God do justice to the chosen people who call out day and night? Will God delay long over them?

Luke 18:7–8

Collect of the Day

Mighty God,
strong, loving and wise,
help us to depend upon your goodness
and to place our trust in your Son;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever.

Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Jeremiah 31:27–34
Psalm 119:97–104
2 Timothy 3:14–4:5
Luke 18:1–8

Related

Genesis 32:22–31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14–4:5
Luke 18:1–8

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 23 and 29 October

Year A

Sentence of the Day

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22:37–40

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you teach us in your word
that love is the fulfilment of the law:
grant that we may love you with all our heart
and our neighbour as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Deuteronomy 34:1–12
Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17
1 Thessalonians 2:1–8
Matthew 22:34–46

Related

Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1–8
Matthew 22:34–46

Year B

Sentence of the Day

The redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

Isaiah 51:11

Collect of the Day

We praise you, God,
that the light of Christ shines in our darkness
and is never overcome;
show us the way we must go to eternal day;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Job 42:1–6, 10–17

Psalm 34:1–8, (19–22)

Hebrews 7:23–28

Mark 10:46–52

Related

Jeremiah 31:7–9

Psalm 126

Hebrews 7:23–28

Mark 10:46–52

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.

Luke 18:17

or

Sell all that you own, and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.

Luke 18:22

Collect of the Day

Jesus our Lord,
you have taught us that judgement
begins at the house of God;
save us from our self-satisfaction,
rigidity and corruption,
so that we may stand ready to do your will;
for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Joel 2:23–32

Psalm 65

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

Luke 18:9–14

Related

Sirach 35:12–17

or Jeremiah 14:7–10, 19–22

Psalm 84:1–7

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

Luke 18:9–14

The Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 30 October and 5 November

Year A

Sentence of the Day

The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Matthew 23:11–12

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
give your people grace to withstand
the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,
the one true God;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Joshua 3:7–17

Psalm 107:1–7, 33–37

1 Thessalonians 2:9–13

Matthew 23:1–12

Related

Micah 3:5–12

Psalm 43

1 Thessalonians 2:9–13

Matthew 23:1–12

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

Mark 12:29–31

Collect of the Day

Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do to each other, we do to you;
make us quick to help and slow to hurt,
knowing that in our neighbour it is you
who receive our love or our neglect.
Hear this prayer for your name's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Ruth 1:1–18

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:11–14

Mark 12:28–34

Related

Deuteronomy 6:1–9

Psalm 119:1–8

Hebrews 9:11–14

Mark 12:28–34

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Today salvation has come to this house, for the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost

Luke 19:10

Collect of the Day

Lord of the Church,
you have called us to witness in every nation.
May we do your work and bear your cross,
await your time and see your glory.
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

Psalm 119:137–144

2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12

Luke 19:1–10

Related

Isaiah 1:10–18

Psalm 32:1–7

2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12

Luke 19:1–10

The Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 6 and 12 November

Year A

Sentence of the Day

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24:42, 44

Collect of the Day

Father,
let us not serve you grudgingly like slaves,
but with the gladness of children
who delight in you
and rejoice in their work;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25

Psalm 78:1–7

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Matthew 25:1–13

Related

Wisdom 6:12–16

or Amos 5:18–24

For the Psalm: Wisdom 6:17–20

or Psalm 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Matthew 25:1–13

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

Luke 6:38

Collect of the Day

God of all delight, grant us that joy
which none can take from us,
of having a work to do,
a life to live;
that joy in believing
which will carry us through temptation,
anxiety and grief.
Praise to you our God; you answer prayer.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Ruth 3:1–5; 4:13–17

Psalm 127

Hebrews 9:24–28

Mark 12:38–44

Related

1 Kings 17:8–16

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:24–28

Mark 12:38–44

Year C

Sentence of the Day

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

John 11:25–26

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
and set us free from the bondage of sin;
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all your people may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Haggai 1:15b–2:9

Psalm 145:1–5, 17–21

or Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17

Luke 20:27–38

Related

Job 19:23–27a

Psalm 17:1–9

2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17

Luke 20:27–38

The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday between 13 and 19 November

Year A

Sentence of the Day

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.

1 Thessalonians 5:9–11

Collect of the Day

We pray you, Jesus,
take the old water, our busy conscientious lives,
and turn them into gospel wine,
that everyone may see your life and thirst;
for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Judges 4:1–7

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Matthew 25:14–30

Related

Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18

Psalm 90:1–8, (9–11), 12

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Matthew 25:14–30

Year B

Sentence of the Day

The Lord judges the ends of the earth. Now the Lord will endow the ruler with strength and exalt the head of the anointed one.

1 Samuel 2:10

Collect of the Day

God, our ruler and guide,
when we come to the place where the road divides,
keep us true to the way of Christ,
alive to the present opportunities,
and confident of eternal life.
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

1 Samuel 1:4–20

For the Psalm: 1 Samuel 2:1–10

Hebrews 10:11–14, (15–18), 19–25

Mark 13:1–8

Related

Daniel 12:1–3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11–14, (15–18), 19–25

Mark 13:1–8

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Now may the God of peace give you peace at all times and in every circumstance.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you alone can bring order
to our unruly wills and affections;
give us grace to love what you command
and desire what you promise,
that in all the changes and chances
of this uncertain world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Isaiah 65:17–25

For the Psalm: Isaiah 12

2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

Luke 21:5–19

Related

Malachi 4:1–2a

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

Luke 21:5–19

The Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday before Advent

Year A

Sentence of the Day

Acclaim the Lord with joy, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!
Enter into God's presence with a joyful song!

Psalm 100:1

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
the Redeemer of all who trust in you;
give heed to the cry of your people,
deliver us from the bondage of sin
that we may serve you in perfect freedom
and rejoice in your unfailing love;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15–23
Matthew 25:31–46

Related

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24
Psalm 95:1–7a
Ephesians 1:15–23
Matthew 25:31–46

Year B

Sentence of the Day

Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!

Revelation 5:12

Collect of the Day

Christ our Redeemer,
you have crushed the serpent's head;
you have freed us from our sin;
rescue all your suffering world from evil
that attracts us still.
Hear this prayer for your name's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

2 Samuel 23:1–7

Psalm 132:1–12, (13–18)

Revelation 1:4b–8

John 18:33–37

Related

Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b–8

John 18:33–37

Year C

Sentence of the Day

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:9

Collect of the Day

Living Christ,
you are risen from the dead.
Love reigns!
You are stronger than death;
raise our eyes to see you
as the new day dawns;
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

Readings

Continuous

Jeremiah 23:1–6

For the Psalm: Luke 1:68–79

Colossians 1:11–20

Luke 23:33–43

Related

Jeremiah 23:1–6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11–20

Luke 23:33–43

Other Feasts and Saints' Days

The Naming of Jesus

1 January

Sentence of the Day

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among us by which we must be saved.

Acts 4:12

Collects of the Day

We thank you, Lord God, for the gift of your Son whom you commanded to be called Jesus; grant that we may so honour his name on earth, that others may be led to him who alone is Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

Praise to you, Christ our Redeemer for you were circumcised this day and given Jesus as your name. Praise to you, Jesus, well are you named for you save us from our sins. Hear this prayer for your name's sake.

Amen.

Readings

Numbers 6:22–27

Psalm 8

Galatians 4:4–7

or Philippians 2:5–11

Luke 2:15–21

Post-Communion Sentence

You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

New Year's Day

1 January

Sentence of the Day

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among us by which we must be saved.

Acts 4:12

Collects of the Day

Eternal God,
to whom a thousand years are no more than a moment;
renew us in your Holy Spirit,
so that we may serve you with courage
while we have life and breath;
through the grace of Jesus your Son our Saviour.
Amen.

God of time and eternity,
as we enter this new year
day by day
open us to your new age.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Ecclesiastes 3:1–13

Psalm 8

Revelation 21:1–6a

Matthew 25:31–46

The Conversion of Saint Paul

25 January

Sentence of the Day

I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and I'm convinced that Jesus Christ is able to guard what has been entrusted to me.

2 Timothy 1:12

Collects of the Day

Almighty God,
you have caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of your servant Paul;
grant that we who remember his wonderful conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Convert us,
Jesus the persecuted,
as you converted Paul
and sent him as apostle to the world.
May our love, our prayers, our suffering
carry your gospel at whatever cost
to all who wait to hear it.
Hear this prayer for your name's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Jeremiah 1:4–10
or Acts 9:1–22

Psalm 67

Acts 9:1–22

or Galatians 1:11–16a

Matthew 19:27–30

Post-Communion Sentence

I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself up for me.

Galatians 2:20

The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

2 February

Sentence of the Day

Be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in righteousness and true holiness.

Ephesians 4:23–24

Collects of the Day

Everliving God,
your Son Jesus Christ was presented as a child in the temple
to be the hope of your people;
grant us pure hearts and minds
that we may be transformed into his likeness,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever.

Amen.

Holy God,
they brought the little Christ to his Father's house,
with peasant gifts, to consecrate him;
grant to us, little or great,
that consecration;
for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever.

Amen.

Readings

Malachi 3:1–5

Psalm 24:(1-6), 7–10

Hebrews 2:14–18

Luke 2:22–40

Post-Communion Sentence

We have called to mind your steadfast love O God in the midst of your temple. As your name is great O God, so is your praise to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with victory.

Psalm 48:9–10

The Holy Innocents

16 February (alternative date – 28 December)

Sentence of the Day

I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow.

Jeremiah 31:13

Collects of the Day

Holy Father,
your Son was saved from the slaughter of infants
at the hand of Herod;
grant that we may never be indifferent
to the sufferings of your children,
but may bring them help and compassion
in your unfailing love;
for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever.

Amen.

Loving Jesus,
let the tears of Rachel express our desolation,
let her weep for battered babies and clinical deformity,
weep for human cruelty and ignorance and arrogance.
Loving Jesus, may we weep with her,
may we see what we are doing,
what is happening to us;
help us repair it soon.
Praise to you our God; you answer prayer.

Amen.

Readings

Jeremiah 31:15–17

Psalm 124

1 Corinthians 1:25–29

Matthew 2:13–18

Post-Communion Sentence

It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes; these have been redeemed from humanity as first fruits for God and the Lamb.

Revelation 14:4

Saint Matthias the Apostle

24 February

Sentence of the Day

You have not chosen me, I have chosen you, says the Lord. Go and bear fruit that will last.

John 15:16

Collects of the Day

Almighty God,
your faithful apostle Matthias
was chosen in place of Judas;
grant that your Church may be saved from false teachers
and guided by faithful and true pastors,
to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Holy Spirit,
grant to us who serve your Church
to mend what is spoiled,
to strengthen what is sound,
and to follow you
wherever and however you may lead.
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 22:15–25

or Acts 1:15–26

Psalm 15

Acts 1:15–26

or 1 Corinthians 4:1–7

John 15:9–17

Post-Communion Sentence

One of them must become with us a witness of the resurrection of Jesus.

Acts 1:22

The Annunciation of our Saviour to the Blessed Virgin Mary

25 March

Sentence of the Day

Mary said, 'Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.'

Luke 1:38

Collects of the Day

God of grace,
grant that Mary's obedience may inspire us
to obey your will
and receive Jesus Christ in our hearts as Lord;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God for ever.

Amen.

Father of love,
through your most Holy Spirit,
Mary the Jewish girl conceived your Son;
may his beauty, his humanity,
his all-transforming grace be born in us,
and may we never despise the strange and stirring gentleness
of your almighty power.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 7:10–14
Psalm 40:5–11
Hebrews 10:4–10
Luke 1:26–38

Post-Communion Sentence

And Mary said, 'From this day all generations will call me blessed; for you
O Most Mighty have done great things for me, and holy is your name.'

Luke 1:48–49 (adapted)

Saint Mark the Evangelist

26 April

Sentence of the Day

Go out into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

Mark 16:15

Collects of the Day

Almighty God,
by your grace John Mark rose above failure,
and proved useful in your service;
grant that we may steadfastly abide in Christ,
and be fruitful in good works,
to the honour of your name.
Amen.

When new fashions, new ideas, new fears,
burst on us, unchanging God,
grant us then to know with Mark the evangelist,
that Christ is risen and the gospel stands.
Praise to you our God; you answer prayer.
Amen.

Readings

Proverbs 15:28–33
or Acts 15:35–41
Psalm 119:9–16
Ephesians 4:7–16
Mark 13:5–13

Post-Communion Sentence

Jesus is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him as he told you.
Mark 16:7

Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles

1 May

Sentence of the Day

Jesus said, 'Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.'

John 14:13

Collects of the Day

Merciful God,
whom truly to know is eternal life;
teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ
as the way, the truth and the life
that, following in the steps of your apostles Philip and James,
we may walk in the way that leads to eternal life;
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

God, whose work is never done,
look on us with Philip, James,
and all the countless millions
who have served you, and who serve you still.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 30:15–21
Psalm 119:1–8
Ephesians 1:3–10
John 14:1–14

Post-Communion Sentence

O Lord the heavens proclaim your wonders; and the council of the holy ones praises your faithfulness.

Psalm 89:5

Saint John the Evangelist

6 May (alternative date - 27 December)

Sentence of the Day

The life was made visible, we have seen it, and bear our testimony; we here declare to you the eternal life which dwelt with the Father and was made visible to us.

1 John 1:2

Collects of the Day

God our Father,
we praise you for John, your evangelist,
whose gospel reveals the mystery of the Word made flesh;
grant that, enlightened by his teaching,
we may walk in the way of your truth,
and finally come to the light of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Jesus, new beginning, heavenly bread, living water,
we hear the word of life,
we see and grasp the truth;
help us to proclaim it.
Hear this prayer for your name's sake.

Amen.

Readings

Exodus 33:7–11a

Psalm 117

1 John 1:1–5

John 21:19b–25

Post-Communion Sentence

One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was lying close to the breast of Jesus.

John 13:23

The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

31 May

Sentence of the Day

The Lord has lifted up the lowly and has filled the hungry with good things.

Luke 1:52–53

Collects of the Day

Everloving God,
by your grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary
and hailed her as the mother of the Lord.
Fill us with your grace,
that we may acclaim her Son as our Saviour
and rejoice in our fellowship with him;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God of the humble and expectant,
you bless those who believe when you promise;
help us, like Mary and Elizabeth,
simply to delight
in the good things you prepare for us,
to say, 'Yes.'
Praise to you our God; you answer prayer.
Amen.

Readings

Zephaniah 3:14–18
Psalm 113
Romans 12:9–16b
Luke 1:39–49, (50–56)

Post-Communion Sentence

Blessed is she who believed that the Lord's promise would be fulfilled.

Luke 1:45

Saint Barnabas the Apostle

11 June

Sentence of the Day

When Barnabas came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose.

Acts 11:23

Collects of the Day

Almighty God,
we remember today your servant Barnabas,
whose great joy was to proclaim your love;
grant us also the gift of your Holy Spirit,
to bring others to know your goodness,
to encourage the faint hearted
and to minister to those in need;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Holy and humble Spirit,
we thank you for Barnabas
who went to seek for Saul;
grant us the integrity and perception
to recognise the one you choose.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Readings

Job 29:11–16
or Acts 11:19–30
Psalm 112
Acts 11:19–30
or Gal 2:1–10
John 15:12–17

Post-Communion Sentence

Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.

Acts 11:24

Saint John the Baptist

24 June

Sentence of the Day

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came to bear witness to the light.

John 1:6–7

Collects of the Day

God our strength and our hope,
grant us the courage of John the Baptist,
constantly to speak the truth,
boldly to rebuke vice
and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Terror and doom, and wrath to come,
John your herald preached
to bring us to repentance;
open our eyes, almighty God,
show us our sin,
and grant us forgiveness.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 40:1–11
Psalm 85:7–13
Act 13:14b–26
 or Gal 3:23–29
Luke 1:57–66, 80

Post-Communion Sentence

You will go before the Lord to prepare the way, to give God's people
knowledge of salvation.

Luke 1:76–77

Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles, Martyrs

29 June

Sentence of the Day

His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some
evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipment of the saints, for
the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11–12

Collects of the Day

Almighty God,
we thank you for your servants Peter and Paul,
leaders of your Church and martyrs for your name;
fill us like them with your Spirit
that we may follow in the way of Jesus Christ
who endured the cross,
despising the shame,
and is at your right hand,
now and for ever.

Amen.

God of the new and the old,
we praise you for Peter and Paul,
for the Church their leadership has established,
and for all we have received from them;
grant that we, like them,
may recognise our moment when it comes
and choose for you.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.

Amen.

God of grace,
your Church is built on Peter's faith;
grant that we, like him, forgiven and restored,
may overcome our weakness
and serve you without wavering,
now and for ever.

Amen.

Readings

Zechariah 4:1–6a, 10b–14

or Acts 12:1–11

Psalm 125

Acts 12:1–11

or 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 17–18

Matthew 16:13–19

Post-Communion Sentence

By God's power Paul was made an apostle to the Gentiles, just as Peter was made an apostle to the Jews.

Galatians 2:8 (adapted)

Saint Thomas, Apostle, Martyr

3 July (alternative date - 21 December)

Sentence of the Day

Jesus said to Thomas, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

John 20:29

Collects of the Day

Almighty and everliving God,
your Son's resurrection was doubted
by the apostle Thomas;
grant that though we cannot see Jesus,
we may learn to put our whole trust in him,
our Lord and our God.

Amen.

Christ our light,
like Thomas we need to see,
need to touch,
need to be sure before we believe.
When we don't know, help us to trust;
when we can't see, help us to keep on walking.
Praise to you our God; you answer prayer.

Amen.

Readings

Habakkuk 2:1-4

Psalms 31:1-6

Ephesians 2:19-22

John 20:24-29

Post-Communion Sentence

Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.'

John 20:27

Saint Mary Magdalene

22 July

Sentence of the Day

Jesus said to Mary, 'Go to my friends and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."'

John 20:17

Collects of the Day

Merciful God,
your Son restored Mary Magdalene to health
of body and mind
and called her to be a witness
of his resurrection;
heal us and make us whole
that we may serve you
in the power of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sweet is your friendship, Saviour Christ;
Mary you accepted,
Mary you drew to the foot of the cross,
Mary you met in the garden;
grant us a like redemption.
Hear this prayer for your name's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Song of Solomon 3:1–4

Psalm 42:1–10

2 Corinthians 5:14–17

John 20:1–2, 11–18

Post-Communion Sentence

Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher).

John 20:16

Saint James and Saint John, Apostles

25 July

Sentence of the Day

Jesus said, 'In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.'

John 16:33b

Collects of the Day

Grant to us, merciful God,
that as James and John left their father
and all that they had
to follow your Son Jesus Christ,
so may we be ready to follow,
even unto death,
to the glory of your name.

Amen.

Grant us, Christ our life,
the courage of James and John, your friends,
to undergo your baptism,
to drink the cup you drank,
to follow you, even to the place of death.
Hear this prayer for your name's sake.

Amen.

These collects may be used omitting the references to John.

Readings

Jeremiah 45:1–5

Psalm 126

2 Corinthians 4:7–15

Matthew 20:20–28

Post-Communion Sentence

Jesus said to them, 'You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

Matthew 20:23

Saint Stephen, the first Christian Martyr

3 August (alternative date - 26 December)

Sentence of the Day

Stephen said, 'I can see heaven open, and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God.'

Acts 7:56

Collects of the Day

Merciful God,
give us grace in all our sufferings for the truth
to follow the example
of your martyr Stephen,
that we also may look to him who was crucified
and pray for those who persecute us;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

Jesus,
your glory is not in power alone
but even more in suffering and death;
may Stephen's vision
crown our resolution and keep us true;
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

Readings

2 Chronicles 24:20–22

or Acts 7:51–60

Psalm 119:161–168

Acts 7:51–60

or Galatians 2:16b–20

Matthew 10:17–22

Post-Communion Sentence

Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

Acts 6:8

The Transfiguration of the Beloved Son

6 August

Sentence of the Day

One thing I have asked of the Lord, which I long for: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on your beauty O Lord: and to seek you in your temple.

Psalm 27:4–5

Collects of the Day

Jesus, your justice goes beyond the ancient law,
your wisdom embodies all prophetic insight;
make us glad to be yours,
and able to follow you to Jerusalem;
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

God of life and glory,
your Son was revealed in splendour
before he suffered death upon the cross;
grant that we, beholding his majesty,
may be strengthened to follow him
and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory;
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

Amen.

God of glory,
you gave the vision of your Son
to those who watched on the mountain;
grant that by our glimpses of him
we may be changed into his glorious likeness;
for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever.

Amen.

Readings

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 97

2 Peter 1:16-19

Luke 9:28b-36

Saint Mary, the Mother of Jesus

15 August

Sentence of the Day

The Angel Gabriel came to her and said, 'Hail, O favoured one!'

Luke 1:28a

Collects of the Day

God of love,
you chose the blessed virgin Mary
to be the mother of your only Son;
grant that we who have been redeemed by his blood,
may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Jesus, your birth is wonderful
and your mother is the most beloved woman of all time.
Help all of us who believe in you
to honour each other equally,
whatever our gender,
whatever our ability,
whatever our social state may be;
to the honour of your holy name.

Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 61:10-11

or Revelation 11:19–12:6, 10

Psalms 45:10–end

Galatians 4:4–7

Luke 1:46–55

Post-Communion Sentence

Hail, O favoured one, the Lord is with you! The Holy Spirit will come
upon you.

Luke 1:28, 35

Saint Bartholomew (Nathanael), Apostle

24 August

Sentence of the Day

What we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

Collects of the Day

Almighty God,
grant that as the apostle Bartholomew truly believed
and preached the word of life,
so now your Church may continually hear and proclaim
the gospel of Jesus Christ,
to the glory of your name.

Amen.

Bestow upon us, Lord,
the grace of the honest and open heart
which you gave to Bartholomew,
so that we may rightly discern the truth
and willingly believe in your Son Jesus Christ.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.

Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 43:8–13

or Acts 5:12-16

Psalm 145:1–7

Acts 5:12-16

or 1 Corinthians 4:9-15

Luke 22:24–30

Post-Communion Sentence

When Jesus saw Nathanael he said, 'Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false!'

John 1:47

Builders of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

1 September

Sentence of the Day

Call to remembrance O Lord your tender care and the unfailing love
which you have shown from of old.

Psalm 25:5

Collects of the Day

Everlasting God,
your messengers have carried the good news of Christ
to the ends of the earth;
grant that we who commemorate
the builders of your Church in these islands
may know the truth of the gospel in our hearts
and build well on the foundations they have laid;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God of every generation
that has been and is yet to be,
we praise and thank you
for those who have served and shaped
your Church beneath the Southern Cross;
in our day raise up prophets and visionaries
to bring us new insights, new challenges
and renewed confidence in you and the gospel of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Readings

Sirach 44:1–15

or Proverbs 8:1–13

Psalm 126; 145

1 Corinthians 3:11–17

Matthew 5:1–12

Post-Communion Sentence

Come to him, our living stone; come and let yourselves be built as living stones into a spiritual temple.

1 Peter 2:4–6 (adapted)

Holy Cross Day

14 September

Sentence of the Day

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world is crucified to us and we to the world.

Galatians 6:14

Collects of the Day

Almighty God,
in 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 for his sake,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

Amen.

Jesus, crucified and risen,
you have turned a criminal's cross
into release and reconciliation.
Let us who are marked with the cross
be not ashamed to witness to you;
for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Readings

Numbers 21:4b–9

Psalm 98:1–5

or Psalm 78:1–2, 34–38

1 Corinthians 1:18–24

John 3:13–17

Post-Communion Sentence

Jesus said, 'When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself.'

John 12:32

Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist

21 September

Sentence of the Day

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them, and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

Matthew 28:19–20

Collects of the Day

Gracious and eternal God,
through your Son Jesus Christ
you called Matthew from his place of business
to be an apostle and evangelist;
free us from all greed and selfish love of money
that we may follow in the steps of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

Jesus, Word of God, may we hear your call
to lay aside sharp practices and ruthlessness;
and still, like Matthew, to love
all those with whom we live and work;
for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Readings

Proverbs 3:13–18

Psalm 119:65–72

2 Corinthians 4:1–6

Matthew 9:9–13

Post-Communion Sentence

For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

Saint Michael and All Angels

29 September

Sentence of the Day

I looked, and heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands.

Revelation 5:11

Collects of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,
whom we adore with all the angelic host,
may we always rejoice in your heavenly protection
and serve you faithfully in this present life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Make us your messengers, Jesus,
make us the guardians of your faith,
and grant us also that great and ancient vision
Michael,
numberless angels
the dazzling host of heaven
to accompany and inspire us for all time;
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

Readings

Genesis 28:10-17
or Revelation 12:7-12a
Psalm 103:19-22
Revelation 12:7-12a
or Hebrews 1:5-14
John 1:47-51

Post-Communion Sentence

O praise the Lord all you angels, you mighty ones who do God's bidding;
and heed the command of the Most High.

Psalm 103:20

Saint Luke the Evangelist

18 October

Sentence of the Day

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good
tidings of salvation.

Isaiah 52:7

Collects of the Day

Almighty God,
you inspired Luke the physician to proclaim
the love and healing power of your Son;
give your Church grace through his teaching
to strengthen the afflicted,
heal the desolate
and bind up the broken-hearted;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Jesus, the crucified,
let not our feet take us from suffering
to the other side of the road;
keep us, with Luke,
helpers, healers and bearers of hope.
Hear this prayer for your name's sake.
Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 35:3-6
or Acts 16:6-12a
Psalm 147:1-7
2 Timothy 4:5-17
Luke 10:1-9

Post-Communion Sentence

Jesus said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.'

Luke 5:31

Saint James of Jerusalem, Brother of our Lord

23 October

Sentence of the Day

How good and pleasant a thing it is when God's people live together in unity.

Psalm 133:1

Collects of the Day

Grant, O God,
that following the example of your servant James,
the brother of our Lord,
your Church may give itself continually
to prayer and to the reconciliation
of all who are at variance and enmity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

God of revelation and reform,
we thank you for James
and his change from unbelief
to knowing Jesus, his brother, as Saviour,
and dying for his faith.
Grant that when we are wrong
we may trust you enough to change.
to the honour of your holy name.
Amen.

Readings

Genesis 33:1–11

Psalm 119:65–72

Acts 15:12–22a

Matthew 13:53–58

Post-Communion Sentence

The risen Christ appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

1 Corinthians 15:7

Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles

28 October

Sentence of the Day

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of the one who called you out of darkness into God's marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9

Collects of the Day

Almighty God,
your Church is built on the foundation
of the apostles and prophets
with Christ our Lord as the cornerstone;
grant that, united with them in faith and love,
we may be part of that living temple
which is being built to your glory,
now and for ever.

Amen.

Your Church, Christ Jesus,
is home for the Judes and Simons,
recognition for the unregarded,
hope for the hopeless,
fulfilment for the obscure.
Make us proud of those whom you call friend.
Hear this prayer for your name's sake.

Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 28:14–16

Psalm 119:89–96

Ephesians 2:19–22

John 15:17–27

Post-Communion Sentence

But you, my friends, must build yourselves up on the foundation of your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit

Jude 20

All Saints' Day

1 November

Sentence of the Day

Know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of the glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power in us who believe.

Ephesians 1:18–19

Collects of the Day

Almighty God,
your saints are one with you
in the mystical body of Christ;
give us grace to follow them
in all virtue and holiness
until we come to those inexpressible joys
which you have prepared for those
who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Eternal God,
you have always taken men and women
of every nation, age and colour
and made them saints;
like them, transformed,
like them, baptised in Jesus' name,
take us to share your glory;
where you reign one God for ever.
Amen.

Readings

Year A

Revelation 7:9–17
Psalm 34:1–10, 22
1 John 3:1–12
Matthew 5:1–12

Year B

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1–9
or Isaiah 25:6–9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1–6a
John 11:32–44

Year C

Daniel 7:1–3, 15–18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11–23
Luke 6:20–31

Post-Communion Sentence

These are they who have put off mortal clothing and have put on the immortal, and have confessed the name of God; now they are being crowned, and receive palms.

2 Esdras 2:45

All Souls' Day

2 November

Sentence of the Day

We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

1 Thessalonians 4:14

Collects of the Day

Merciful God,
your Son is the resurrection and the life
of all the faithful;
raise us from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness,
that at the last,
with all your faithful servants,
we may come to your eternal joy;
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Jesus Christ,
Lord of the living and dead;
With each generation
Your body of believers grows and grows.
Thank you for all who have gone before us,
For what they achieved and what they learned.
Give us strength to do your will,
to be your body now;
to the honour of your holy name.
Amen.

Readings

Lamentations 3:17–26, 31–33

or Wisdom 3:1–9

Psalm 23

or Psalm 27:1–6, 16–17

Romans 5:5–11

or 1 Peter 1:3–9

John 5:19–25

or John 6:37–40

Post-Communion Sentence

Jesus said, ‘When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself.’

John 12:32

Saint Andrew, Apostle, Martyr

30 November

Sentence of the Day

Andrew said, ‘Here are five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?’

John 6:9

Collects of the Day

Everliving God,
your apostle Andrew obeyed the call of your Son
and followed him without delay;
grant that we like him may give ourselves readily
to do what you command;
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Jesus, when you call
may we like Andrew leave our nets,
our home, our everything, to follow you.
Hear this prayer for your name’s sake.

Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 52:7–10

Psalm 19:1–6

Romans 10:12–18

Matthew 4:18–22

Post-Communion Sentence

Andrew first found his brother Simon, and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah,' and he brought him to Jesus.

John 1:41–42

Saint Thomas, Apostle, Martyr

21 December (alternative date – 3 July)

Saint Stephen, the first Christian Martyr

26 December (alternative date – 3 August)

Saint John the Evangelist

27 December (alternative date – 6 May)

The Holy Innocents

28 December (alternative date – 16 February)

Other Special Days

Regional Commemorations *(see page 9)*

Sentence

Praise the Lord all you nations, acclaim the Most High all you peoples; for great is God's love for us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.

Psalm 117:1, 2

Collects

Almighty God,
you call witnesses from every nation
and reveal your glory in their lives;
make us thankful for their example,
and strengthen us by their fellowship
that like them we may be faithful
in the service of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God of earth and heaven,
on your Church the sun is always rising;
we commend to you our sisters and brothers in ...
Be with them in the work they do,
as you are with us.

Psalms

Psalm 67
or Psalm 87

Readings

Isaiah 52:7–10
2 Corinthians 4:5–12
John 12:20–26

or

Sirach 2:10–18
Hebrews 11:32–12:2
John 15:16–27

or

Sirach 44:1–15
Hebrews 13:7, 8, 15, 16
John 17:18–23

Post Communion Sentence

You Lord have made known your victory; you have displayed your saving power to all the nations.

Psalm 98:3 (adapted)

For a Martyr

Sentence

Those who want to save their life will lose it; but those who lose their life for the sake of Christ and the gospel will save it.

Mark 8:35

Collects

Everloving God,
by your grace and power
your holy martyr *N* triumphed over suffering
and was faithful even to death;
strengthen us with your grace
that we may faithfully witness
to Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Jesus our Redeemer,
you gave your life to ransom us;
you have called us to drink your cup
and undergo your baptism.
Thank you for *N*'s witness;
may we have faith and resolution too.

Almighty God,
you gave your servant *N*
courage to confess Jesus Christ
and to die for this faith;
may we always be ready
to give a reason for the hope that is in us
and to suffer gladly for Christ's sake.

Psalms

Psalm 3
or Psalm 116

Readings

2 Chronicles 24:17–21
Hebrews 11:32–40
Matthew 10:16–22

or

Isaiah 43:1–7
1 Peter 4:12–19
Luke 12:2–12

or

Wisdom 3:1–9
Revelation 12:10–12
John 15:18–21

Post Communion Sentence

Blessed are those who have suffered for the cause of right, for the
kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Matthew 5:10

For a Bishop or Pastor

Sentence

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good tidings, who publish salvation.

Isaiah 52:7

Collects

Good and gracious God,
the light of the faithful and shepherd of souls,
you set your servant *N* to be a bishop/priest in your Church
to feed your sheep with your word
and to guide them by *her/his* example;
give us grace to keep the faith *s/he* taught
and to follow in *her/his* footsteps.

Good Shepherd, king of love,
accept our thanks and praise
for all the love and care we have received;
and for your servant, *N*.
May our care for each other grow constantly
more reverent and more discerning.

Psalms

Psalm 15
or Psalm 99

Readings

Jeremiah 1:4–10
Acts 20:28–35
Matthew 24:42–47

or

Ezekiel 3:16–21
2 Corinthians 4:1–10
John 10:11–16

or

Ezekiel 34:11–16

1 Peter 5:1–4

John 21:15–19

Post Communion Sentence

Jesus said to Peter, 'Feed my sheep.'

John 21:15

For a Missionary

Sentence

Proclaim God's glory to the nations, God's marvellous deeds to all the peoples. For the Lord is great and highly to be praised.

Psalm 96:3, 4

Collects

Everlasting God,
you have sent your messengers
to carry the good news of Christ
into the world;
grant that we who commemorate *N*
may know the hope of the gospel in our hearts
and show forth its light in all our ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jesus, incarnate God,
good news for all who have ears to hear;
thank you for *N*,
and for all who bring the gospel to
Hasten the time, we pray,
when the earth is filled with your glory
as the waters cover the sea.

Almighty God,
we thank you for *N*,
whom you called to preach the gospel
to the people of

Raise up in this and every land
heralds and evangelists of your kingdom,
that your Church may make known
the immeasurable riches of our Saviour Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

Psalms

Psalm 67
or Psalm 96

Readings

Isaiah 49:1–6
Acts 16:6–10
Matthew 9:35–38

or

Isaiah 52:7–10
Acts 17:22–31
Matthew 28:16–20

or

Isaiah 61:1–3
Romans 15:17–21
Luke 10:1–9

Post Communion Sentence

To all to whom I send you you shall go, and whatever I command you you shall speak.

Jeremiah 1:7b

For a Teacher or Confessor of the Faith

Sentence

Jesus said, 'Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant will also be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.'

John 12:26

Collects

Almighty God,
you have enlightened your Church
by the teaching of your servant *N*;
enrich it evermore with your heavenly grace,
and raise up faithful witnesses,
who by their life and teaching
may proclaim to all people
the truth of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jesus Christ, invincible light of the world,
thank you for *N*,
and for all whose vision has enlightened us
and brought us near to you.
Keep us imaginative, expectant
and willing to learn,
so that we may come even closer to the light.

Psalms

Psalm 34:11–17

or Psalm 119:97–104

Readings

Nehemiah 8:1–10

1 Corinthians 2:6–16

Matthew 5:13–19

or

Proverbs 4:1–9
1 Corinthians 3:5–11
Matthew 13:52–58

or

Sirach 39:1–10
Timothy 4:1–8
John 16:12–15

Post Communion Sentence

If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 8:31, 32

For a Monastic or Other Religious

Sentence

You Lord are all that I have; I have promised to keep your Word. I have sought your favour with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promises.

Psalms 119:57, 58

Collects

Gracious and eternal God,
by your grace *N*,
kindled with the fire of your love,
became a burning and a shining light in your Church;
in flame us with the same spirit of discipline and love
that we may always walk before you as children of light;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jesus, Son of God,
thank you for *N*, and for all
who strive for holiness;
grant us also a readiness to strive
and an obedience to suffer,
for the joy of being one with you.

Psalms

Psalm 27:1–8

or Psalm 119:161–168

Readings

1 Kings 19:9–18

2 Corinthians 6:1–10

Matthew 6:24–33

or

1 Kings 19:15–16, 19–21

Philippians 3:7–14

Matthew 19:23–30

or

Jeremiah 17:7–10

3 John 2–8

Luke 12:32–37

Post Communion Sentence

Jesus said, 'Anyone who has left brothers or sisters, father, mother, or children, land or houses for the sake of my name will be repaid many times over, and given eternal life.'

Matthew 19:29

For Any Saint

Sentence

Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not set their minds on falsehood, or sworn and deceitful oath, shall receive blessing from the Lord and recompense from God their saviour.

Psalm 24:4, 5

Collects

Almighty God,
you have built up your Church
through the love and devotion of your saints;
we give you thanks for your servant *N*
whom we commemorate today.
Inspire us to follow *her/his* example
that like *her/him* we may in our day rejoice
in the vision of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jesus, founder and member
of the reconciled society,
thank you for *N*,
whom you called to a forgiving and forgiven life,
and for the success
with which you crowned *her/his* work.
May we too reflect the glory
we receive from you.

Almighty God,
by your grace
you surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses;
may we, encouraged by the example of your servant *N*,
persevere and run the race you set before us,
until at last, through your mercy,
we with *her/him* attain to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalms

Psalm 34
or Psalm 119:1-8

Readings

Proverbs 8:1–11
2 Corinthians 4:11–18
Matthew 19:16–21

or

Micah 6:6–8
Ephesians 6:11–18
Matthew 25:31–46

or

Sirach 2:1–11
Philippians 4:4–9
Luke 6:17–23

Post Communion Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

Ephesians 5:2a

Mothering Sunday

Sentence

'As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem,' says the Lord.

Isaiah 66:13

Collects

Everloving God,
your care for us is greater
even than a mother's love for her child;
teach us to value a mother's love
and see in it an expression of your grace,
that we may ever feel more deeply your love for us
in Christ Jesus our Saviour.

Blessed are you, God of strength and patience;
yours is the love our mothers showed us,
yours the care we need;
as we learn to care for one another
and to share your love,
may it be with our mother we share it
first of all.

Psalms

Psalm 84

or Psalm 122

Readings

Isaiah 49:13–16

A mother's love

Ephesians 3:14–21

Christ lives in our hearts

Luke 2:40–52

The Holy Family

Post Communion Sentence

Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.

Galatians 4:26