**Other Feasts and Holy Days**

**The Naming of Jesus 1 January [RCL]**

**Years ABC**

**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 [RCL]**

**Years ABC**

**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**

**Years ABC**

**Sentence of the Day**

I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what he has 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 1:11-24

Matthew 19:23-30

**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 [RCL]**

**Years ABC**

**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 3:1-4

Psalm 84 or Psalm 24:7-10

Hebrew 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)**

**Years ABC**

**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 31:15-20

Psalm 8

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**

**Years ABC**

**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 22:15-22 or Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Psalm 113

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 or Philippians 3:13-21

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 [RCL]**

**Years ABC**

**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 45 or Psalm 40:5-10

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**

**Years ABC**

**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**

Isaiah 62:6-12

Psalm 119:1-8

Acts 15:36-40

Mark 13:9-13

**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**

**Years ABC**

**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 30:18-21

Psalm 119:9-16

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

John 14:6-14

**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)**

**Years ABC**

**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 33:17-23

Psalm 97

1 John 1:1-5

John 21:20-25

**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 [RCL]**

**Years ABC**

**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**

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Psalm 113

Romans 12:9-16b

Luke 1:39-57

**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**

**Years ABC**

**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.**

**Reading**

Job 29:11-16

Psalm 98

Acts 11.19-26

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**

**Years ABC**

**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 49:1-6

Psalm 139:1-11

Acts 13:(16-)22-26

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**

**Years ABC**

**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.**

**Reading**

Acts 12:1-11

Psalm 34:1-10

2 Timothy 4:6-18 or 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)**

**Years ABC**

**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

Psalm 117

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**

**Years ABC**

**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 Songs 3:1-4a

Psalm 63

2 Corinthians 5:14-17(-21)

John 20:1-18 or 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**

**Years ABC**

**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)**

**Years ABC**

**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 24:17-22

Psalm 31:1-8

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-60

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**

**Years ABC**

**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**

Exodus 24:12-18 or 34:29-35

Psalm 97

2 Peter 1:16-21

Luke 9:28-36**Saint Mary, the Mother of Jesus 15 August**

**Years ABC**

**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 7:10-15

Psalm 132:6-10, 13-14

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 1:46-55 or 2:1-7

**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**

**Years ABC**

**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**

Deuteronomy 18:15-18

Psalm 145:10-18

Revelation 21:9b-14

John 1:45-51

**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**

**Years ABC**

**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 [RCL]**

**Years ABC**

**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**

**Years ABC**

**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 3:1-6

Psalm 19:1-6

Ephesians 4:1-14 or 4:1-7, 11-13

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**

**Years ABC**

**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**

Daniel 7:9-14 or 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 103:15-22

Revelation 12:7-12a

John 1:45-51

**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**

**Years ABC**

**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**

Jeremiah 8:22-9:3 or Sirach 38:1-14

Psalm 145:10-18

2 Timothy 4:9-17a

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**

**Years ABC**

**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**

**Years ABC**

**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**

Deuteronomy 32:1-4

Psalm 19:1-6

Ephesians 2:(11-)19-22

Luke 6:12-16

**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 [RCL]**

**Years ABC**

**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

**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**

**Years ABC**

**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**

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 16; 116

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 11:21-27

**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**

**Years ABC**

**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**

Deuteronomy 30:11-14

Psalm 19:1-6

Romans 10:8-18

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 the Apostle 21 December or 3 July**

**Years ABC**

**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;

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.

Hear this prayer for your name’s sake.

**Amen.**

**Readings**

Habakkuk 2:1-4

Psalm 117

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 Stephen, the first
Christian Martyr 26 December or 3 August**

 **Years ABC**

**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 24:17-22

Psalm 31:1-8

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-60

Matthew 10:17-22

**Post-Communion Sentence**

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

*Acts 6:8*

**Saint John the Evangelist 27 December or 6 May**

**Years ABC**

**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 33:17-23

Psalm 97

1 John 1:1-5

John 21:20-25

**Post-Communion Sentence**

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

*John 13:23*

**The Holy Innocents 28 December or 16 February**

**Years ABC**

**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 31:15-20

Psalm 8

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*