

Altar Book

of

The Old Catholic Communion of North America

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The Holy Eucharist

[An entrance song is sung or an antiphon is recited as the priest and the ministers enter the church and process to the altar. The Celebrant may elect to open with the Penitential Rite, the Alternate Opening, or the Sprinkling Rite.]

Opening Rite

Greeting [Standing]

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with You all.

[The bishop, if present, may say:]

Bishop: Peace be with You.

People: And also with You.

Alternate Opening Rite [Standing]

[May be used with other services such as reconciliation.]

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

[In Lent and on other penitential occasion:]

Celebrant: Bless the Lord Who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Penitential Rite [Kneeling]

Celebrant: As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, let us acknowledge our failures and ask the Lord for pardon and strength.

Form I:

All: Almighty Father, You know my deepest secrets. I confess that I have, through my own fault, sinned against Your holy laws in my thoughts, in my words, and in what I have done or failed to do. I sincerely regret my sins, and I am truly sorry for offending You. I ask, Father, that in Your mercy You pardon my sins. I promise to change my way of living so that through a deeper holiness I may better serve You throughout the rest of my life. I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints, and You, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Form II:

All: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to You, to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven. Have mercy on us sinners, O God.

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

[All remain kneeling while the bishop, when present, or the priest, stands and says:]

Priest: In the Name of our Lord Jesus the Christ and by the mercy of His love be absolved of Your sins; and I, His Priest [Bishop], in virtue of His authority vested in me, declare You absolved of Your sins in the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

[The altar may now be censed.]

Kýrie [Kneeling or standing]

Celebrant: Kýrie, eléison.

People: Kýrie, eléison.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have Mercy.

Celebrant: Christe, eléison.

People: Christe, eléison.

Celebrant: Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have Mercy.

Celebrant: Kýrie, eléison.

People: Kýrie, eléison.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy

Gloria [Standing]

[This ancient hymn of praise is used on all Sundays outside of Advent and Lent, on solemnities and feasts, and in solemn local celebrations.]

Form I

*Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to His people on Earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship You.
We give You thanks.
We praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father,*

*Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world.
Have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of
the Father. Receive our prayer.*

*You alone are the Holy One.
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

Form II

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of
good will.*

*We praise You, we bless You,
we adore You, we glorify You,
we give You thanks for Your great
glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O
God, almighty Father.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten
Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son
of the Father, You take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of
the Father, have mercy on us.*

*For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

Opening Prayer / Collect [Standing]

Celebrant: Let us pray.

[After a time of silent prayer, the priest sings or says the Opening Prayer. The Celebrant may elect to have the people read the prayer in unison.]

People: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading [Seated]

Lector: A reading from the Book(or Letter, or Acts) of _

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm [Seated]

[The Psalm may be read and/or sung as instructed by the Celebrant. It may be concluded with Gloria Patri. The following form of the Gloria may be used: “Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.”]

Second Reading [Seated]

[A second reading is prescribed for all Sundays and major feasts, but not for most weekdays or minor feasts.]

Lector: A reading from the Book(or Letter, or Acts) of _

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, Gospel Acclamation [Standing]

[During the Season of Lent, a different "Gospel Acclamation" is used, such as "Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!" or "Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!" or something similar. A hymn appropriate to the Gospel may be sung instead of the Acclamation.]

Gospel [Standing]

Celebrant: The Lord be with You.

People: *And also with You.*

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to __.

People: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Homily [Seated]

Profession of Faith [Standing]

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, (here genuflect or bow) and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People [Kneeling or standing]

[Any of the following forms may be used. Adaptations suitable to the occasion may be made.]

Form I

[Prayer is offered with intercession for the universal Church, its members, and its mission; the nation and all in authority; the welfare of the world; the concerns of the local community; those who suffer and those in any trouble; the departed (with commemoration of a saint when appropriate). Response, if any, will be announced by the leader.]

Form II

Leader:: In peace, we pray to You, Lord God.

[Silence]

Leader:: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

Leader:: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Leader:: For the just and proper use of Your creation;

People: *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

Leader:: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

Leader:: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

Leader:: For [N] our Bishop, [N] our Priest, [N] our Deacon, and for all bishops, priests, deacons, and other ministers, for their ministries and for the unity of the church.

People: *For all who serve God in His Church.*

Leader:: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

[At this time the congregation offers prayers either audibly or silently.]

Leader:: Hear us, Lord;

People: *For Your mercy is great.*

Leader:: We thank You, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

[At this time the congregation offers prayers either audibly or silently.]

Leader:: We will exalt You, O God our King;

People: *And praise Your Name forever and ever.*

Leader:: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in Your eternal kingdom.

[At this time the congregation offers prayers either audibly or silently.]

Leader:: Lord, let Your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: *Who put their trust in You.*

[The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.]

Form III

Leader:: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess Your Name may be united in Your truth, live together in Your love, and reveal Your glory in the world. We pray especially for [N] our Bishop, [N] our Priest, [N] our Deacon, and for all bishops, priests, deacons, and other ministers, for their ministries and for the unity of the church.

[Silence]

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader:: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

[Silence]

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader:: Give us all a reverence for the earth as Your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to Your honor and glory.

[Silence]

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader:: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as He loves us.
[At this time the congregation offers prayers either audibly or silently.]

Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Leader:: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of Your salvation.

[At this time the congregation offers prayers either audibly or silently.]
Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Leader:: We commend to Your mercy all who have died, that Your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all Your saints in Your eternal kingdom.

[At this time the congregation offers prayers either audibly or silently.]
Leader:: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

[The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.]

Form IV

[In the course of the silence, the people offer their own prayers, either audibly or silently.]

Leader:: Let us pray for God's people throughout the world; for [N] our Bishop, [N] our Priest, [N] our Deacon, and for all bishops, priests, deacons, and other ministers, for their ministries and for the unity of the church.

[Silence]

Leader:: Let us pray for peace, for goodwill among nations, and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

[Silence]

Leader:: Let us pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

[Silence]

Leader:: Let us pray for all who seek God or a deeper knowledge of Him. Pray that they may find and be found in Him.

[Silence]

Leader:: Let us pray for the departed (especially _____). Pray for those who have died.

[Silence]

[At this time the congregation offers prayers either audibly or silently.]

Leader:: Let us pray for _____.

Leader:: Let us give thanks for _____.

[Silence]

Leader:: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, (especially _____ whom we remember today). Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

[Silence]

[The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.]

Form V

Leader:: Father, we pray for Your holy catholic church;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader:: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve You;

People: That Your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader:: For [N] our Bishop, [N] our Priest, [N] our Deacon, and for all bishops, priests, deacons, and other ministers, for their ministries and for the unity of the church.

People: That they may be faithful ministers of Your Word and Sacraments.

Leader:: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader:: Give us grace to do Your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in Your sight.

Leader:: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader:: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader:: We praise You for Your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in Your heavenly kingdom.

Leader:: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

[At this time the congregation offers prayers either audibly or silently.]

[The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.]

The Collect at the Prayers

[The Leader: may use one of the Collects below or one of his own choice to close the prayers.]

For Yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

Lord, hear the prayers of Thy people, and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of Thy Name, through Jesus the Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Heavenly Father, You have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of Your Son; accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as You know and love us in Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, mercifully accept the prayers of Your people, and strengthen us to do Your will, through Jesus the Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of Your people; in the multitude of Your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to You for help; for You are gracious, O lover of souls, and to You we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Peace [Standing]

[The Peace will be exchanged here in the Ambrosian tradition, which is one of the oldest liturgies of the Western Church. Each person offers the sign of peace only to those nearby and in a dignified manner.]

Celebrant: Agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and will be with You. (2 Corinthians 13:11b)

Or:

Let the Peace of Christ rule in Your hearts, to which You were called in one body, and be thankful. (Colossians 3:15)

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be with You always.

People: And also with You.

Celebrant: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

The Holy Communion

Offertory [Seated]

[Prior to beginning the Offertory, the celebrant will announce which Eucharistic Prayer will be used for the Holy Communion. The celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of these sentences or with some other sentence of Scripture or proceed directly to the prayers below.]

Celebrant: Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay Your vows to the Most High.
(Psalm 50:14)

Or:

And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

Preparation of the Gifts [Seated]

[Whenever possible the offering of wine and bread should be brought to the altar by members of the congregation. Then the collection of the tithes will begin. A psalm or hymn may be sung or instrumental music played during this time, if so all is said silently until the Doxology]

[The celebrant or the deacon takes the paten with the bread, +holds it above the altar and says:]

Celebrant: Blessed are You, Lord, God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

People: *Blessed be God forever.*

[The celebrant or the deacon pours wine into the chalice and then blesses and pours water into the chalice, while saying the following prayer:]

Celebrant: By the mystery of this wine and water may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, Who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.

[The celebrant takes the chalice and holds it above the altar saying:]

Celebrant: Blessed are You, Lord, God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

People: Blessed be God forever.

[The celebrant places the chalice on the corporal. Bowing, he says:]

Celebrant: Lord God, we ask You to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer You with humble and contrite hearts.

[Extending his hands, he continues. The altar may be censed afterwards.]

Come, Holy Spirit and bless + this sacrifice which we have prepared for the glory of Your Holy Name.

[The celebrant washes his hands and says quietly:]

Celebrant: Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin.

[The celebrant returns to the center of the altar, bows and says:]

Celebrant: Receive this offering, most Holy Trinity, which we make in memory of the passion, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints. May they, whose memory we honor on earth, intercede for us in heaven.

Presentation of the Offering – [Standing]

[As the offering is brought to the Alter the follow Doxology I said or sung]

*All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

[After the Doxology the Celebrant will bless the first fruits of the faithful and then elevate the plate and offer the first fruits unto God.]

[Addressing the congregation with hands extended the celebrant says:]

Celebrant: Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

People: *May the Lord accept the sacrifice at Your hands, for the praise and glory of His Name, for our sake and the good of all His Church.*

Prayer over the Gifts [Standing]

[The celebrant now offer a prayer of blessing for the Eucharistic Gifts.]

The Great Thanksgiving [Standing]

Celebrant: The Lord be with You.

People: *And also with You.*

Celebrant: Lift up Your hearts.

People: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Preface [Standing]

[Now follows the first part of the Eucharistic Prayer. The Preface is said by the celebrant with hands extended. At the end of the Preface the celebrant joins his hands, and together with the people sings or says the Sanctus.]

Sanctus [Standing]

Celebrant: Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we joyfully proclaim Your glory, evermore praising You and saying/singing:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. + Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Eucharistic Prayers [Kneeling or Standing]

Eucharistic Prayer A (Old Catholic Church of Germany)

Celebrant: We give You thanks, O God, our Father, through Your beloved Son, Jesus. You sent Him in the fullness of time to be our Savior and Redeemer. As the angel of Your holy will He is Your eternal Word, inseparable from You. Through Him You created everything, and You saw that it was good.

He became human by the power of the Holy Spirit and was born of the Virgin Mary. You revealed Him as Your Son. To accomplish Your will and to gather a holy people for You, He stretched out His hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in You. He gave himself freely to death to break the power of death, to shatter the chains of evil, to banish the darkness and to reveal the resurrection.

On the night He was handed over, He took bread and gave You thanks, broke the bread and gave it to His disciples, saying:

**‘Take this, all of You, and eat it;
This is my body, which will be given up for You.’**

[Sanctus Bells]

[The celebrant genuflects, elevates the Host, genuflects again and proclaims “My Lord and My God”, and then on arising continues:]

After supper He likewise took the cup, and when He had given thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, saying:

**‘Take this, all of You, and drink from it; this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for You and for all so that sins may be forgiven.
As often as You do this, do this in remembrance of me.’**

[Sanctus Bells]

[The celebrant genuflects, elevates the Host, genuflects again and proclaims “My Lord and My Saviour”, and then on arising continues:]

Remembering, therefore, the death and resurrection of Your Son, we bring You this bread and this cup and celebrate the mystery of our faith.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

[Extending hands over the Oblation, the celebrant says:]

We thank You that You have made us worthy to stand before You and to serve You. We ask You, send Your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of + Bread and of + Wine, and upon the celebration + of Your Church. Gather it to unity at Your Table. Strengthen it by Your Spirit in its faith in You, and keep it in the truth, that we may praise You and give You glory through Your Son Jesus.

[Continue with the Canon Conclusion]

Eucharistic Prayer B (Union of Utrecht Canon)

Blessed are You God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of mercy and God of all consolation. For You so loved the world that You gave Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. He then established a lasting memorial of Your salvation. On the evening in which He willingly surrendered Himself, He took bread, gave You thanks, blessed it and broke it saying:

**‘Take this, all of You, and eat it;
this is my body which will be given up for You.’**

[Sanctus Bells]

[The celebrant genuflects, elevates the Host, genuflects again and proclaims “My Lord and My God”, and then on arising continues:]

After supper He likewise took the cup, and when He had given thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, saying:

**‘Take this, all of You, and drink from it; this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for You and for all so that sins may be forgiven.
As often as You do this, do this in remembrance of me.’**

[Sanctus Bells]

[The celebrant genuflects, elevates the Host, genuflects again and proclaims “My Lord and My Saviour”, and then on arising continues:]

So, we recall before You, Father, the Incarnation of Your Son, His words and deeds, how He humbled Himself and obediently accepted death, even death on the cross. Therefore, You have raised Him up and given Him a Name which is above every name: so that in heaven and under the earth every knee shall bow and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father that Jesus Christ is Lord. We offer this Sacrifice of Your Son before You, Father, with praise and thanksgiving and ask that You accept this Oblation.

[Extending his hands over the Oblation, the celebrant says:]

Send Your Holy Spirit and fill these Gifts with His life-giving power that they may be for us the + Body and + Blood of Your dearly beloved Son. Grant that the Bread which we break may be the Body of our Lord, and the Cup over which we give thanks may be one with the Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. In the company of Mary, the Mother of God, with Your apostles and martyrs, with holy Willibrord and all the saints, together with all bishops, priests and deacons, as well as Your whole Church. We praise and glorify You and look forward to the coming of Your beloved Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

[Continue with the Canon Conclusion]

Eucharistic Prayer C (The Dutch Old Catholic Canon)

Blessed are You, Lord of all majesty and King of eternal glory through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. In Him Your Word was made flesh. In Him the fullness of Your grace was revealed in splendor. In all things He fulfilled Your will and glorified Your name. He proclaimed Your Kingdom to us. He broke the power of darkness over us. He took our guilt upon Himself. He reconciled us to You and unlocked the new paradise for us. As the Way, the Truth and the Life, He has revealed Your love to us. He humbled Himself and became obedient even to death on a cross and by rising restored our life. On the night in which He was betrayed to undergo that suffering which He Himself had chosen, He took bread into His hands and, lifting His eyes to You His heavenly Father, He gave thanks. He blessed the bread, broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying:

**‘Take this, all of You, and eat it;
this is my body which will be given up for You.’**

[Sanctus Bells]

[The celebrant genuflects, elevates the Host, genuflects again and proclaims “My Lord and My God”, and then on arising continues:]

After supper He likewise took the cup, and when He had given thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, saying:

**‘Take this, all of You, and drink from it; this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for You and for all so that sins may be forgiven.
As often as You do this, do this in remembrance of me.’**

[Sanctus Bells]

[The celebrant genuflects, elevates the Host, genuflects again and proclaims “My Lord and My Saviour”, and then on arising continues:]

[The congregation sings or says:]

*All: Your death, Lord Jesus, we proclaim!
Your resurrection we celebrate!
Your return in glory we await!*

[The Celebrant Continues]

Therefore, Father, we remember His saving passion, His glorious resurrection and His exaltation at Your right hand. We await His coming in the fullness of majesty. We here set forth this sign of our faith in Him Who offered You the perfect sacrifice and gained for us eternal salvation.

[The celebrant extends his hands above the Oblation and says:]

Send Your Holy Spirit, the Giver of life and holiness, upon us and upon these gifts: the + Bread and +Wine of eternal life.

[The celebrant joins his hands and the congregation responds:]

All: Holy Spirit come to us. Fill us with Your gift of grace.

[The Celebrant Continues]

Take these Gifts from our hands, Lord God, as an acceptable sacrifice through which we offer ourselves to You so that the Bread which we break and the Cup which we bless may be a sharing in the +Body and the +Blood of Your Son. May all who receive from Your heavenly altar always remain united with You, together with all Your saints and chosen ones; with the blessed and glorious Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Lord; (and with Saint [N], whose memory we keep this day;) with Your prophets and apostles, with Your martyrs and confessors, and with all who stand about Your throne in praise and prayer.

Grant also, Lord, a share in that glory to the departed and to those whom we remember before You (especially _____).

[The celebrant prays briefly with joined hands for those whom he desires to remember. The faithful should likewise pray for deceased relatives and friends. The celebrant then extends his hands and continues:]

Deal with them and all people according to Your merciful kindness and let light perpetual shine upon them. Remember also Your servants on Earth for whom we invoke Your mercy (especially _____).

[The celebrant prays briefly with joined hands for those remembered.]

Bless Your Church throughout the world. Grant it unity and peace. Renew the earth according to Your promise. Remember all people and grant that all nations may give You thanks, worshiping and praising Your holy name. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

Canon Conclusion

[As the Canons concludes the celebrant blesses the chalice with a Host and elevates them either singing or saying:]

Through Him +, with Him +, in Him +, in the unity of the Holy + Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.

The Great Amen [Said or Sung]

The Lord's Prayer [Kneeling or Standing]

Celebrant: Admonished and taught by our Lord's instruction,
we are bold to say:

Or: Let us pray as the Lord taught us to pray:

Or: We have received the Spirit who makes us children of God.
Therefore we are bold to say:

[The Celebrant extends his hands and sings or says with the congregation:]

All: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

[With hands extended, the Celebrant sings or says:]

Celebrant: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.
In Your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread [Kneeling or Standing]

[Holding the Sacred Host over the chalice, the celebrant divides it into two parts. The celebrant then places one half on the paten and breaks a particle from the other half and says:]

Celebrant: The Cup of Blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the Blood of Christ?

The Bread which we break, is it not the communion of the Body of Christ?

People: For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

[Dropping the particle of the Host into the chalice, the celebrant says:]

Celebrant: May the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ bring us + sanctification and eternal life. Amen.

[Holding the Host above the chalice and lifting them up, the All sing or say:]

All: Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us Your peace.

Communion Prayer [Kneeling or Standing]

Celebrant: Let us pray together:

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, Your death brought life to the world. By Your holy Body and Blood free me from all my sins and from every evil. Keep me faithful to Your teaching and never let me be parted from You. Amen.

[The Celebrant takes the Host saying:]

Celebrant: I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

Celebrant: May the Body of Christ bring me to everlasting life.

[He reverently consumes the Sacred Host. Taking the chalice, he says:]

Celebrant: May the Blood of Christ bring me to everlasting life.

The Communion of the Faithful [Kneeling or Standing]

[Facing the people, elevating the Host the Celebrant says:]

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Or: This is the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to the table of the Lord.

Or: The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for You and feed on Him with thanksgiving.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

[The faithful come forward and receive the Blessed Sacrament. All baptized in the Trinitarian tradition are welcome to come forward and receive the Holy Eucharist.]

Celebrant: The Body and Blood of Christ.

Response: Amen.

[A period of silence is held before the Prayer after Communion. Hymns may be played or sung. It is customary to remain kneeling or standing until the Chalice and Patten are veiled. The chalice and the celebrant's fingers are purified with water and wine. He consumes the ablution and quietly says:]

Celebrant: Lord, may I possess with a pure heart that which I have taken as food, and may the gift I have received bring me healing and strength now and forever.

Closing Rites

Prayer after Communion [Kneeling or Standing]

[One of the following or another suitable prayer will be offered.]

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Prayer I

All: Almighty, everlasting God, we thank You because You have fed us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ; and You have assured us in these Holy Mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Your Son, and heirs to His eternal kingdom. Now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work You have given us to do: to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to You, to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer II (St. Basil the Great)

All: Lord Christ our God, King of the ages and Creator of all, I thank You for all the blessings You have granted me and for the communion of Your pure and life-giving Mysteries. Good Lord and Lover of all, I pray You to keep me safe under Your protection and within the shadow of Your wings. Grant that until the end of my days I may worthily partake of Your Holy Gifts with a clear conscience, for the forgiveness of my sins and for life eternal. You are the Bread of Life, the Source of Holiness, the Giver of all that is good, and to You we send up the glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Prayer III

All: Lord, Jesus Christ our God, may Your Holy Body be eternal life for me. May Your precious Blood be the forgiveness of my sins. May this Eucharist be joy, health, and gladness for me. And, through the intercessions of Your holy and most pure Mother and of all Your Saints, at Your glorious return make this sinner worthy to stand at the right hand of Your glory. Amen.

Blessing [Standing]

Celebrant: The Lord be with You.

People: *And also with You.*

Celebrant: The Almighty God bless You, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *Amen.*

[If the bishop is present:]

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

People: Now and forever.

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: Who made Heaven and Earth.

Bishop: May the blessing of almighty God, + Father, + Son, and + Holy Spirit be upon You.

People: Amen.

[The liturgy may be closed with a hymn.]

Dismissal [Standing]

[A closing Gospel may be read]

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

[During the Easter Season:]

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant: Our mass is ended.

Additional Directions

The greeting, “The peace of the Lord be always with You,” is addressed to the entire assembly. In the exchange between individuals which may follow, any appropriate words of greeting may be used. The peace we speak of in the mass is not the passing and precarious peace of this world, nor even our good wishes to one another, but the peace of Christ, which the priest extends to the assembly. It is a peace of soul we can confidently acknowledge because we are inseparably united with one another and the Lord through Baptism.

It is desirable that ample bread and wine be consecrated for all present. If the consecrated Bread or Wine does not suffice for the number of communicants, it is recommended in lieu of using reserve Sacrament the celebrant is to return to the Holy Table, and consecrate more of either or both, by saying again the words of the Eucharistic Prayer, beginning with the words which follow the Sanctus, and ending with the Invocation, or with the following:

Hear us, O heavenly Father, and with Thy (Your) Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify this bread (wine) that it, also, may be the Sacrament of the precious Body (Blood) of Thy (Your) Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took bread (the cup) and said: “This is my Body (Blood).” Amen.

In the absence of sufficient deacons and priests, lay persons licensed as set forth in Canons may administer the Chalice. When the service of a priest cannot be obtained, the Ante-Communion may be said by a licensed lay minister. The Ante-Communion includes the first part of the Eucharistic rite through the Prayers of the People. It may begin with the Penitential Order if a confession of sin is desired with no absolution. A hymn or anthem may be sung after the prayers of the people and the offerings of the people are received. The service concludes with the exchange of peace, Lord's Prayer, if desired a closing hymn, and dismissal. The lay minister does not perform any duties of an ordained minister (blessings, absolutions, anointing of sick, or consecration), nor does the lay minister ascend the altar. Altar candles are not to be lit during a lay mass. A deacon (or subdeacon with the permission of the bishop) may include a distribution of reserve Host in the Ante-Communion. In this service the altar candles will be lit and immediately after the exchange of peace the Celebrant would ascend and prepare the altar by reverently removing the ciborium from the tabernacle and placing it upon a clean corporal on the altar. Then follows the Lord's Prayer, invitation and distribution of the Host, post-Communion prayer, closing of the altar, if desired a closing hymn, blessing (deacon only), and dismissal.

First Sunday of Advent

Collect

Living God, come to save us. Free us from the power of sin and injustice, and help us to walk in the way of justice to meet Christ so that he may find us awake when he comes, he, our Lord and brother, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our Father, whatever we are and have comes from You. Accept our prayers and gifts as signs that we are Yours through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface of Advent I

We thank You, Father in heaven, and praise You through our Lord Jesus Christ. You promised him as Saviour to lost humanity. His truth shines for those who seek, his power strengthens the weak, his mercy brings forgiveness to sinners. For he is the Saviour of the world whom You sent because of Your faithfulness. Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the cherubim and seraphim and all the choirs of angels, and sing / say the glory of Your name:

Second Sunday of Advent

Collect

Stir us up, holy and strong God, that we may serve You with ready hearts. Do not let the daily tasks and cares prevent us from meeting Your Son, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Good God, we bring our gifts and pray: come and help us in our helplessness and limits through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, Father in heaven, and to praise Your mercy. The day of redemption is shining, and the time of our salvation is at hand, as the Saviour comes, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we praise the work of Your love, therefore we praise You with all the choirs of angels and join all Christians to proclaim Your glory:

For Weekdays in Advent I (until 16 December inclusively)

Collect

Eternal God, You announce Your coming in the midst of our dark age. Make us watchful that we count on You in everything and trust You through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You now and forever.

Collect

God, our Father, it is through Your mercy that we have become a new creation in Christ. Do not turn Your eyes from us. Heal all the wounds of our guilt by the coming of Your Son, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of our lives, we come before You with prayers and gifts. Whatever we have comes from You. We ask You to call us to Your table in the coming kingdom of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, Father in heaven, and to praise Your mercy. The day of redemption is shining, and the time of our salvation is at hand, as the Saviour comes, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we praise the work of Your love, therefore we praise You with all the choirs of angels and join all Christians to proclaim Your glory:

Third Sunday of Advent

Collect

God, our Father, light and joy come into the world by Your Son. Help us to give this light and this joy to others so that all people may experience Your loving-kindness. We ask this of You, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, giver of all good things, we bring these gifts before You as Your Son has commanded us. Give to all the world the salvation which You have promised through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

We thank You, Father in heaven, and praise You through our Lord Jesus Christ. You promised him as Saviour to lost humanity. His truth shines for those who seek, his power strengthens the weak, his mercy brings forgiveness to sinners. For he is the Saviour of the world whom You sent because of Your faithfulness. Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the cherubim and seraphim and all the choirs of angels, and sing / say the glory of Your name:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Collect

Stir up Your power, our God, and come. Let Your mercy help us that we do not fail to meet Your Son by our idleness and languor. We ask this through him, our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our Father in heaven, what we bring is Your gift. Accept these gifts and bless them. We praise You through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface of Advent

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, Father in heaven, and to praise Your mercy. The day of redemption is shining, and the time of our salvation is at hand, as the Saviour comes, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we praise the work of Your love, therefore we praise You with all the choirs of angels and join all Christians to proclaim Your glory:

For Weekdays in Advent II (after 16 December)

Collect

God, our Father, in these days we prepare ourselves to celebrate the incarnation of Your Son in a dignified manner. Let our prayer come to You and bless our efforts that our life be renewed and find new roots in You. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives among us now and forever.

Collect

O Father, You alone are God. In Jesus Christ, Your Son You come to us helpless and yet, You are stronger than all powers of this world. We ask You in these days: Strengthen us by Your Word and Sacrament until he comes again, Your Son Jesus Christ, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in joy and thanksgiving we offer our gifts and pray: Let us grow into the likeness of Your Son whom You have given us, Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, Father in heaven, through our Lord Jesus Christ. For the mystery of his birth is great: Today he, the invisible God, appeared in visible form as a human. Born of You before all ages, he subjected himself to the laws of time. Everything has been recreated in him. He heals the wounds of all creation, lifts up what had fallen, and calls us into the kingdom of Your peace. Therefore heaven and earth, angels and humans praise You and proclaim Your glory:

Christmas Day I

Collect

All-merciful Father, Your Word became flesh and brought us Your light. Help us to pass on this light. We ask this of You, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of peace, fill these gifts of the earth with Your blessing. Unite us in this holy meal with Your Son and grant us Your loving-kindness through Him, Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface of Christmas

It is right to give You thanks, and a good and joyful thing to praise You, holy Father, through Your only Son Jesus Christ. For he, Your eternal Word, became human. You, O God, have come to us in visible form in him, and You kindle in us the love for what no eye has ever seen. Therefore we praise You with all the choirs of angels and join all Christians to proclaim Your glory:

Christmas Day II

Collect

God, You wonderfully created us in Your image and likeness and yet more wonderfully restored us. May we share the divine life of Your Son who humbled himself to share our humanity. This we ask You, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Glorious God, accept our prayers and offers and this whole world with its weal and woe for which, out of love, You gave Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface of Christmas

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, Father in heaven, through our Lord Jesus Christ. For the mystery of his birth is great: Today he, the invisible God, appeared in visible form as a human. Born of You before all ages, he subjected himself to the laws of time. Everything has been recreated in him. He heals the wounds of all creation, lifts up what had fallen, and calls us into the kingdom of Your peace. Therefore heaven and earth, angels and humans praise You and proclaim Your glory:

First Sunday after Christmas

Collect

God and creator, You care for the work of Your hands and meet us in Jesus Christ, our brother, who brings Your salvation to the poor, release to the captives and joy to those who mourn. Open us, we ask You, to the mystery of his birth, give us faith and bless our lives, so that the world may know what You began among us in Jesus Christ, Your Son, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Our God, You sanctify the world by the incarnation of Your Son. Accept our gifts and make us perceive what You have prepared for those who love You, through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is right to give You thanks, and a good and joyful thing to praise You, holy Father, through Your only Son Jesus Christ. For he, Your eternal Word, became human. You, O God, have come to us in visible form in him, and You kindle in us the love for what no eye has ever seen. Therefore we praise You with all the choirs of angels and join all Christians to proclaim Your glory:

Second Sunday after Christmas

Collect

God of light, You illumine all who believe in You. Reveal Yourself to us that we may know You and turn our hearts to You. This we ask You through Jesus Christ, our Lord and brother, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Our God, You sanctify the world by the incarnation of Your Son. Accept our gifts and make us perceive what You have prepared for those who love You, through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is right to give You thanks, and a good and joyful thing to praise You, holy Father, through Your only Son Jesus Christ. For he, Your eternal Word, became human. You, O God, have come to us in visible form in him, and You kindle in us the love for what no eye has ever seen. Therefore we praise You with all the choirs of angels and join all Christians to proclaim Your glory:

The Epiphany

Collect

God, hidden and yet present, today You have made the glory of Your Son appear in our lowliness and have made Him known as the Saviour of the world. As You brought the wise men to Him from afar, so bring us ever closer to Him our Lord and brother Jesus Christ. To Him, with You and the Holy Spirit, all worship, praise and glory now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Father of all light, like the wise men we bring our worship and our gifts to You. Accept us, with all we are and have, by Him who appeared today, Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Lord, holy Father, al-mighty and everlasting God. For today You unveil the mystery of our salvation, today You reveal the light to the nations, Jesus Christ, Your Son. He has appeared on earth as a mortal and has created us anew in the splendor of his divine life. Therefore we join all angels and saints in proclaiming the praise of Your glory:

Weekdays after The Epiphany

Collect

God, shepherd of Your people, You call and gather a people serving You from all the nations of the earth. Establish Your gentle rule over all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death that they may know and praise You through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our Father, You show Yourself to all who seek You. Give us an experience of the life of Your Son in the fellowship and communion of this bread and this cup until You gather us into Your kingdom through Him, Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Lord, holy Father, al-mighty and everlasting God. For today You unveil the mystery of our salvation, today You reveal the light to the nations, Jesus Christ, Your Son. He has appeared on earth as a mortal and has created us anew in the splendor of his divine life. Therefore we join all angels and saints in proclaiming the praise of Your glory:

Sunday of the Baptism of Jesus (First Sunday after The Epiphany)

Collect

God of loving-kindness, at his baptism in the Jordan You revealed Jesus as Your beloved Son. Grant to us, who have been born again by the water and the Holy Spirit, to live as Your sons and daughters through Him, our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, accept our gifts and grant us Your Holy Spirit who came down on Jesus at his baptism. We ask this through Him, Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, Father in heaven, and to praise Your greatness. For at the baptism in the Jordan You reveal the mystery of Your Son by wonderful signs: the voice from heaven proclaims him Your beloved Son who has appeared on earth as Your eternal Word living among humans. The Spirit alights on him and testifies him to be Your servant whom You have anointed to bring the good news of joy to the poor. Therefore we join the angels and archangels, the thrones and powers and all the throngs of heaven in praising / say Your glory:

Weekdays after the Sunday of the Baptism of Jesus

Collect

Eternal God, Your only Son, born of You before all times, has visibly appeared in our flesh. As He has become like us, so create our inmost being anew after his image. We ask this of You, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our creator, this bread and this wine are tokens of our love to You. Accept them through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, Father in heaven, and to praise Your greatness. For at the baptism in the Jordan You reveal the mystery of Your Son by wonderful signs: the voice from heaven proclaims him Your beloved Son who has appeared on earth as Your eternal Word living among humans. The Spirit alights on him and testifies him to be Your servant whom You have anointed to bring the good news of joy to the poor. Therefore we join the angels and archangels, the thrones and powers and all the throngs of heaven in praising / say Your glory:

Sunday of the Wedding at Cana (Second Sunday after The Epiphany)

Collect

God, friend of life and joy, You revealed Your glory and majesty to us in Jesus. Make us look at Him, hear his word and follow Him in faith. This we ask through Him, Jesus Christ, our Lord and brother, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of life, the gifts which we have prepared are tokens of our dedication to You. As bread and wine are sanctified in the power of the Spirit, so sanctify us also according to the image of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, all-merciful Father, and to praise You with all creation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He did the first of his signs at the wedding at Cana; in the water become wine he shows us Your power to save. He gives us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet and reveals himself to

Ash Wednesday

Collect

God of mercy and forgiveness, do not leave us in these days of penitence. Assist us with Your healing Spirit, that with ready hearts we may walk on the way which Your Son has shown us, Jesus Christ, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, look upon these gifts, signs of our readiness to return. Give us love toward each other without which we cannot exist before You. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

We thank You, holy Father, for in these forty days of penitence You call us anew to follow Your Son, that with him we might resist the evil and fulfil his commandment of love. You strengthen our trust in Your closeness, You set us free from the powers of everyday life, You open our hand for the needs of the poor. In this way You lead us with pure hearts to the joy of Easter and prepare us to meet Your risen Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we praise Your mercy and join the throngs of angels and all those redeemed in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

First Sunday of Lent

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, You prayed and fasted forty days in the wilderness and resisted temptation. We ask You: Be with us when we are weak, and send us Your Spirit that we may know and overcome what separates us from You, who with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit are with us all the days and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

We thank You, our God, for all that You have entrusted to us. Bless these gifts and grant us to serve our sisters and brothers in the power of Your love through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

We thank You, holy Father, for in these forty days of penitence You call us anew to follow Your Son, that with him we might resist the evil and fulfil his commandment of love. You strengthen our trust in Your closeness, You set us free from the powers of everyday life, You open our hand for the needs of the poor. In this way You lead us with pure hearts to the joy of Easter and prepare us to meet Your risen Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we praise Your mercy and join the throngs of angels and all those redeemed in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

Second Sunday of Lent

Collect

God, our Father, on the mountain You testified to Jesus as Your beloved Son and ordered us to listen to Him. Nourish us with his word and purify the eyes of our hearts that we may be able to recognize his glory. We praise You through Him in the Holy Spirit now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed are You, Lord, creator of the world. Yours is all that we are and have. Accept these signs of our thanks to Your honor through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, Father in heaven, through Your beloved Son Jesus Christ. In him You have shone upon us to give the light of the knowledge of Your glory in his face. Therefore we magnify You, joining the choirs of angels and saints in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

Third Sunday of Lent

Collect

God, full of compassion and mercy, You know our human poverty. Look on our need and grant us forgiveness. Keep Your hand over us and prevent us from all dangers that might threaten us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

We ask You, O God, to look on our gifts, signs of our devotion. Accept them and give us strength to care for each other in love through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

We praise You, all-merciful, eternal God, in this time of the forty days, through our Lord Jesus Christ. He calls us to turn around and to believe the gospel. He himself is Your word, his death is our life. Through him we praise Your mercy and join the throngs of angels and those who live with You in joyfully singing / saying:

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Collect

All-merciful Father, in Your Son You wonderfully reconciled humanity with You. Give us the courage of faith that with a glad heart we may meet You through Him, our Lord Jesus Christ, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, friend of life, we offer You our gifts in joyful expectation of Easter. Grant that this joy may become visible also in our lives through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

We praise You, all-merciful, eternal God, in this time of the forty days, through our Lord Jesus Christ. He calls us to turn around and to believe the gospel. He himself is Your word, his death is our life. Through him we praise Your mercy and join the throngs of angels and those who live with You in joyfully singing / saying:

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Collect

Our Father in heaven, for love to the world Your Son has handed himself over to death. Make us abide in his love and live from it. We ask this through Him, our Lord Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, giver of all good gifts, we offer You bread and wine, the signs of Your goodness with which You feed us. We thank and praise You through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

We thank You, Father in heaven, and praise You through our Lord Jesus Christ. He has loved us and given himself to death for us. He has died for all that we might not perish but have eternal life. Through him all those You redeemed magnify You and join the choirs of angels to sing / say the praise of Your glory:

On Weekdays During Lent

Collect

Father in heaven, You sent Your Son into the world that He might overcome the power of evil. Strengthen us that we may not be overcome by the temptations. We ask this through Him, our Lord Jesus Christ, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You now and forever.

Collect

Holy God, You rejoice over all who return to You. Turn our hearts to You and give us new eagerness in the Holy Spirit, that we may remain steadfast in the faith and be ready to do the good through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives in our midst now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, giver of all good gifts, we offer You bread and wine, the signs of Your goodness with which You feed us. We thank and praise You through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

We praise You, all-merciful, eternal God, in this time of the forty days, through our Lord Jesus Christ. He calls us to turn around and to believe the gospel. He himself is Your word, his death is our life. Through him we praise Your mercy and join the throngs of angels and those who live with You in joyfully singing / saying:

Palm Sunday

Collect

God, great and incomprehensible, in obedience to Your will Your Son, our redeemer, took our flesh. He humbled himself and accepted the shame of the cross. Give us the strength to follow Him on the way of passion that we may get a share in his resurrection. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life forever and ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of mercy, through the passion of Your Son You grant us the forgiveness which we do not deserve for our deeds. Accept these gifts as signs of our trust in Your mercy through Christ, our Lord.

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Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, all-merciful Father, and to praise You with all creation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He was lifted up from the earth to the cross to draw all people to himself. Through his passion and his death he became the author of salvation for the entire creation. Therefore we praise You with all angels and saints and proclaim Your glory:

On the Weekdays of Holy Week

Collect

Glorious God and Father, You gave Your Son over to passion and death to give us a share in his life. Make us contemplate his sacrifice these days and always remain in Your love through Him, Jesus Christ, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and gives life now and forever.

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, many people acclaimed You when You entered Jerusalem and yet abandoned You afterwards. We ask You: make us stay with You and confess that we are Yours when there is protest and temptation. To You be glory forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of mercy, through the passion of Your Son You grant us the forgiveness which we do not deserve for our deeds. Accept these gifts as signs of our trust in Your mercy through Christ, our Lord.

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Preface

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Maundy Thursday

Collect

God of mercy and consolation, on the evening before He suffered Your dear Son instituted the meal of his love as the symbol of the new and everlasting covenant with You. Give us the fullness of Your compassion and love, and make us extend it to the sisters and brothers through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives in our midst, now and forever.

Collect

Great God, our Father, we share the bread and receive the body of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Make us live in love and peace from its power, for we are his body in this world. To You be glory forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Good Father, on this day Your Son gave us an example of his serving love. Let our gifts be a sign of our readiness to accept each other as You have accepted us in Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord and brother.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right to joyfully thank You, great God. For our Lord Jesus Christ has instituted this celebration as the memorial of his love, his death and his incorruptible life. He has given us a sign of the new and everlasting covenant and promised that it would find its fulfilment in the coming kingdom. Therefore we praise You with Your angels and saints and proclaim Your glory:

Easter Sunday - The Day

Collect

God of life, Your Son has overcome death and opened the door to eternal life. Rejoicing in the feast of his resurrection we ask You: Renew us by Your Spirit that we too may rise to new life through Him, Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our Father, accept the gifts and prayers which, in the joy of Easter, we bring to the altar as signs that we are Yours. Give us Your blessing and strength through the death and the resurrection of Your Son, Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to give thanks to You, Father, always and everywhere, but chiefly to celebrate this night (this day) as our paschal lamb has been sacrificed, Jesus Christ. For he is the true lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his resurrection he created life anew. Therefore in this night (today) all the world rejoices in paschal joy, therefore the company of heaven and the choirs of angels magnify You, singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

During Easter Week 1 (Holy Baptism)

Collect

Living God, by water and the Holy Spirit You have born us anew to paschal life. Keep this life in us through Your risen Son, Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Good Father, we bring bread and wine for the Easter meal with Jesus. Keep us in the joy of Your baptized through Him, Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to give thanks to You, Father, as our paschal lamb has been sacrificed, Jesus Christ. The old is passed, the fallen world redeemed, life in Christ renewed. Therefore we praise You in the joy of Easter and join the choirs of angels, singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

During Easter Week 2 (The Children of God)

Collect

Living God, through the resurrection of Your Son You have given Your salvation to the world. Make us heirs of Your incorruptible life through Him, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our salvation, accept the gifts which we offer in the joy of Easter. Let them be signs of our thankfulness and devotion to You through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to give thanks to You, Father, always and everywhere, but chiefly to celebrate this night (this day) as our paschal lamb has been sacrificed, Jesus Christ. For he is the true lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his resurrection he created life anew. Therefore in this night (today) all the world rejoices in paschal joy, therefore the company of heaven and the choirs of angels magnify You, singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

During Easter Week 3

Collect

God, creator of all things, each year You raise nature to new life. We have become a new creation through the death and resurrection of Your Son. Let us also live as renewed people through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives among us now and forever.

Collect

God, we did not see Your Son Jesus Christ with our own eyes, and our hands did not touch his body, and yet we dare to believe in Him. Make us certain of his presence. Let us believe, though we do not see. To You be glory forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God and Father, like the communities of the Apostles we want to contribute to joint works of love in different ways. What we offer to You today let be a sign of our love through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to give thanks to You, Father, as our paschal lamb has been sacrificed, Jesus Christ. The old is passed, the fallen world redeemed, life in Christ renewed. Therefore we praise You in the joy of Easter and join the choirs of angels, singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

Second Sunday in Eastertide

Collect

Ever living God, You have strengthened the apostle Thomas in the faith in the resurrection of Your Son. Carry us when we doubt, and lead us on the way of Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Living God, accept what we offer today. In our community and in the poor and tormented, let us experience the presence of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to give thanks to You, Father, as our paschal lamb has been sacrificed, Jesus Christ. The old is passed, the fallen world redeemed, life in Christ renewed. Therefore we praise You in the joy of Easter and join the choirs of angels, singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

Third Sunday in Eastertide -- Sunday of the Good Shepherd

Collect

God, Shepherd of Your people, You did not abandon Jesus, Your Son, in death but raised Him to life incorruptible. He calls us all by our names and into Your liberty. Make us listen to his voice and follow Him on the ways of our lives. We praise You through Him in the Holy Spirit now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of tender love, You spread the table of life before us and fill us the cup of salvation. Grant us comfort in the fellowship of our Saviour and good shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to give thanks to You, Father, always and everywhere, but chiefly to celebrate this night (this day) as our paschal lamb has been sacrificed, Jesus Christ. For he is the true lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his resurrection he created life anew. Therefore in this night (today) all the world rejoices in paschal joy, therefore the company of heaven and the choirs of angels magnify You, singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

Fourth Sunday in Eastertide

Collect

God, the light of Your wisdom illumines those who err that they may find back to You. Help us so to live that we are not only called Christians but in truth are. We ask You this through Him, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord and brother, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Glorious God, accept the gifts which Your church offers You in the joy of Easter. As You have given it reason for such rejoicing, keep the joy until all has been fulfilled through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to give thanks to You, Father, as our paschal lamb has been sacrificed, Jesus Christ. The old is passed, the fallen world redeemed, life in Christ renewed. Therefore we praise You in the joy of Easter and join the choirs of angels, singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

Fifth Sunday in Eastertide

Collect

God, our Father, You have redeemed us through Your Son and accepted us as Your beloved children. Look on all who believe in Christ. Clinging to You make them find the true liberty through Him, our Lord Jesus Christ, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, creator of the universe, in this paschal celebration You give us a share in Your divine life. Grant that we may recognize the traces of Your love in this world and direct our lives on You, through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to give thanks to You, Father, always and everywhere, but chiefly to celebrate this night (this day) as our paschal lamb has been sacrificed, Jesus Christ. For he is the true lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his resurrection he created life anew. Therefore in this night (today) all the world rejoices in paschal joy, therefore the company of heaven and the choirs of angels magnify You, singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

Sixth Sunday in Eastertide

Collect

God of all life, in great gladness we praise the resurrection of Your Son. Let the paschal mystery which we celebrate in these fifty days shape and transform all our lives. We ask You this through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, Father of all people, Your Son promised to be in our midst when we gather together in his name. May He himself fill our prayer to Your glory, who live and give life now and forever.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to give thanks to You, Father, as our paschal lamb has been sacrificed, Jesus Christ. The old is passed, the fallen world redeemed, life in Christ renewed. Therefore we praise You in the joy of Easter and join the choirs of angels, singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

Ascension Day

Collect

Eternal God, in the ascension of Your Son You have exalted humanity and revealed its dignity. Give us the firm trust that we too have been called to that glory into which Christ has gone before us, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Glorious God, accept the gifts and prayers of Your congregation. Set us free from all that separates us from You, and let us love You above all else through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, Father in heaven, through our Lord Jesus Christ. After his resurrection he appeared to his disciples. You raised him to Your right hand before their eyes that he may raise us to be Your children and heirs of Your glory. Therefore all the world rejoices (today) in paschal joy, and we join the praise of the angels and the company of heaven, singing / saying with one voice:

Weekdays between Ascension Day and Pentecost

Collect

God, friend of life, You have given us Jesus that He may walk with us and guide us on our way to You. We thank You and ask: Strengthen us with Your Holy Spirit, and keep in us the joy of Easter through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works now and forever.

Collect

Great God, Your Son has promised us the Holy Spirit. We ask You: Let us grow in this Spirit in recognizing Your will, in Your truth and Your love. We ask You this, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our salvation, accept the gifts which we offer, and through Your Holy Spirit make us a gift which is Yours forever through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

We praise You, God, our Father, and magnify You through Your Son Jesus Christ. Risen from the dead, he sent the Holy Spirit to his disciples, his life in abundance, his salvation and his peace. Through him You give us the breath of life of Your Spirit in whom we call You, "Abba, Father". Therefore we praise You in paschal joy and join the praise of heaven and all Christians on earth:

Seventh Sunday in Eastertide

Collect

God, wonderful in Your light, by glorifying Your Son You opened the limits of our and Your world, of heaven and earth, of time and eternity. Make us scale walls with Him and live from his spirit. This we ask through Him, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God and Father, may our prayers come to You and accept the gifts which we offer in the joy of this Eastertide. Keep us in the joy until everything has been accomplished through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

We praise You, God, our Father, and magnify You through Your Son Jesus Christ. Risen from the dead, he sent the Holy Spirit to his disciples, his life in abundance, his salvation and his peace. Through him You give us the breath of life of Your Spirit in whom we call You, "Abba, Father". Therefore we praise You in paschal joy and join the praise of heaven and all Christians on earth:

Pentecost (Masses of the Holy Spirit)

Collect

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You call Your people from among all peoples and gather it together in the Holy Spirit. Grant that Your Church remains faithful to its mission, that it may be leaven for humanity which You want to renew and transform into one family in Christ. This we ask through Him who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You now and forever.

Collect

God, You created the world and do not abandon it. Pour out Your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Stir us up that we work for justice and peace and the integrity of Your good creation. This we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God and Father, we bring these gifts before You. Sanctify us by the fire of Your Spirit who once came down on the community waiting and set their hearts on fire through Christ, our Lord.

Or:

Creator of all life, accept what we bring before You today. Let the Spirit whom You gave to Your Church be felt in the world through all who believe in You. This we ask through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Pentecost (Masses of the Holy Spirit)

Prefaces

Pentecost

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, holy Father, always and everywhere, and to celebrate this day in festal joy. For today You completed the paschal mystery, today You sent the Holy Spirit to all whom You raised with Christ and called to be Your children. On Pentecost You fill Your Church with life: Your Spirit gives to all peoples the knowledge of the one living God and unites the many tongues in confessing / say the one faith. Therefore all peoples on earth praise You in paschal joy, and we join the praise of heaven and magnify Your glory:

The Holy Spirit

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to praise You, eternal God and Father, always and everywhere through our Lord Jesus Christ. You have called the Church from among all peoples and have kept it by Your Holy Spirit up to the day of today. You do not cease to call all of us to the unity of the Spirit. Therefore we praise Your mercy now and for ever, joining the choirs of angels in praising / say Your glory:

Trinity Sunday - First Sunday after Pentecost

Collect

God, creator of heaven and earth, You are Lord of the universe. In Jesus Christ Your Son, You shared our life and death. Your Spirit lives in us and keeps us alive. May Your love, Your loving-kindness and compassion find space in our lives. Your kingdom come. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Living God, accept our gifts and prayers. Help us to listen to Your word and so share in Your divine life through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, holy God, to thank You, it is good to praise You, the source of all life. You have created, redeemed and sanctified us. We adore You in Your divine greatness and bow before the unsearchable mystery of Your trinity. We praise You with all Your creatures, joining the praise of Your angels and saints singing / saying without end:

Day of Thanksgiving for the Eucharist

Collect

God and creator of the world, it is Your will that we live. We gather together as Your community and celebrate the supper of Your Son. Fill us with the gifts of his Spirit: with love as brothers and sisters, and with sure hope and confidence. We ask You this through Him, Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives among us, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of life, we bring bread and wine before You. As this bread has been prepared from many grains, and this wine been pressed from many grapes, so gather the many peoples from among all nations into the kingdom of Your peace which we expect through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

We thank You, holy Father, and praise You through our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the bread coming from heaven to satisfy our hunger for life. He testified to Your love and gave his life for us, like a piece of bread that is broken. You made him the head of a new humanity. We are members of his body and share in his indestructible life. He gave us the heritage of his love, we break the bread and share the cup. In this way we honor You by celebrating his memorial, singing / saying with all creation the praise of Your glory:

Sunday of Christ Coming Again

Collect

Holy and eternal God, You have set Your Son free from death that we might have life through Him. Open our hearts for the least of his sisters and brothers, that the world may know his justice, his peace and his love. Gather all people together in Jesus Christ, Your Son, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Father in heaven, we come before You with our gifts, tokens of our readiness to fulfil Your will. We ask You: receive us into the table fellowship of Your Son, today and forever.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is right to praise You, God, our Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Son. You exalted him as Lord of creation that he might present to You a kingdom, eternal and universal: the kingdom of truth and life, the kingdom of holiness and grace, the kingdom of justice, love and peace. Then every knee will bow at the name of Jesus, and heaven and earth will proclaim Your glory. Therefore we join all the angels and saints, singing / saying in joy:

Feast Days and Holy Days 31 December / 1 January: New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

Collect

Eternal God, our times are in Your hands. We thank You that, in Your grace, You have led us to this day. Keep us all the days of our lives in Your ways and help us to do Your will. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Collect

God, You are without beginning and without end. Whatever exists comes from You. We begin this new year in the name of Your Son and ask You: go with us on all our ways through Him, our Lord Jesus Christ, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, who keep our times in Your hands, we offer You our gifts and the year ahead of us. May we find shelter in Your love all the days through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.

Lift up Your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface for New Year and Jubilees

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to praise You always and everywhere, God our Father. We thank You that in Your loving-kindness, You have led us through the years and receive us anew into the communion of Your love through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore we bless You with all Your creation and sing / say the praise of Your glory:

25 January: The Conversion of Saint Paul

Collect

God, the salvation of all people, by the preaching of Your apostle Paul You brought the light of the gospel into all the world. May we be grateful for Your word and witness before the world to Your truth through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God and Father, we come to You with our gifts and ask: Illumine our hearts with the light of the faith and fill us, who celebrate Your meal, with the same Spirit who urged the apostle Paul to proclaim Your light among the people, Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank and praise You, holy Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ. After his resurrection he sent his apostles to proclaim the good news and to teach all peoples. He promised to be present all the days until the end of time. Therefore we magnify Your holy name, joining the angels and saints and all Christians in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

2 February: The Presentation of the Lord

Collect

Eternal God, merciful Father, You gave Simeon to see Your Saviour, and gave Hanna words to praise the redeemer. We ask You: open our eyes, too, that we may behold the splendor of Your love in Your son Jesus Christ and confess Him, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Great God, Your Son sacrificed himself for the life of the world. Accept us and all the world in these gifts through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You always and everywhere, Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. For today Mary brought Your eternal Son to the temple; Simeon, illumined by the Spirit, praised him as the glory of Your people Israel; Hanna, the prophet, proclaimed him as the Saviour and blessed Your name. We join Simeon and Hanna in meeting our Saviour in joy, and the angels and saints in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

24 February: Saint Matthias, Apostle

Collect

God, You know the hearts of all humans. It was Your will that Matthias be joined to the college of apostles. By the ministry of faithful shepherds and teachers, keep Your church in Your truth through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our Father, accept our gifts and our praise and strengthen our weak faith through Christ, our Lord.

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Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank and praise You, holy Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ. After his resurrection he sent his apostles to proclaim the good news and to teach all peoples. He promised to be present all the days until the end of time. Therefore we magnify Your holy name, joining the angels and saints and all Christians in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

19 March: Saint Joseph of Nazareth

Collect

God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, You chose Joseph from the family of David and entrusted to Him the care for Your Son. Help us to keep Your word and to live before You in righteousness through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, origin of all things, You give food and drink for our daily lives. What You have given into our hands in our hands accept as signs of our gratitude through Christ, our Lord.

+ The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, all-merciful Father, and to glorify You with all creation. For today we see Your holy city, our home, the heavenly Jerusalem, where our sisters and brothers brought to perfection praise You forever. To it we are on our way in faith and walk to the end of Your promise with confidence. Therefore we magnify You in the fellowship of Your saints, joining the choirs of angels in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

25 March: The Annunciation of our Lord Jesus Christ

Collect

God of Your people, through the message of the angel You have announced the incarnation of Your Son. Pour Your grace into our hearts and lead us, through his passion and cross, to the glory of the resurrection through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Father of light, accept all we offer before You today. May we share in Your wisdom and love through Christ, Your incarnate word.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, Father in heaven, and to glorify Your love. For the angel (today) brought tidings to Mary, and she accepted Your word with faith in her heart. She conceived Your eternal Word through the power of the Holy Spirit; it took flesh in her womb to living among us mortals. You fulfilled Your promise to Israel and sent whom the peoples await, Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we bless Your mercy, joining the choirs of angels in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

25 April: Saint Mark, Evangelist

Collect

God, shepherd of Your people, You chose Mark to proclaim Your salvation through the word of the gospel. May we listen to the message and believe it and faithfully follow our Lord Jesus Christ, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of our salvation, accept our gifts and our praise and keep us faithful to Your gospel through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank and praise You, holy Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ. After his resurrection he sent his apostles to proclaim the good news and to teach all peoples. He promised to be present all the days until the end of time. Therefore we magnify Your holy name, joining the angels and saints and all Christians in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

1 May: Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles

Collect

Mighty God, You gave grace and strength to the apostles Philip and James to bear witness for Jesus Christ. Grant us fellowship with Your Son, that we may confess Him fearlessly as our Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Faithful God, we magnify You, for Your power has been made perfect in the weakness of Your apostles. Accept us with our gifts and prayers through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank and praise You, holy Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ. After his resurrection he sent his apostles to proclaim the good news and to teach all peoples. He promised to be present all the days until the end of time. Therefore we magnify Your holy name, joining the angels and saints and all Christians in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

11 June: Saint Barnabas, Apostle

Collect

God of all consolation, You chose Barnabas, full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, to go to the gentiles as the messenger of reconciliation and consolation. Lead all people to the liberty of Your children and keep us faithful to Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Faithful God, accept what we offer today. Kindle in us the fire of that love through which Your apostle Barnabas bore witness to the gospel, to Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank and praise You, holy Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ. After his resurrection he sent his apostles to proclaim the good news and to teach all peoples. He promised to be present all the days until the end of time. Therefore we magnify Your holy name, joining the angels and saints and all Christians in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

24 June: The Birth of Saint John the Baptist

Collect

Blessed are You, God of Israel. You called John the Baptist to guide Your people to meet Christ. Give us the joy in the Holy Spirit, and guide all who believe in You into the way of salvation and peace through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our brother and Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of our salvation, accept the gifts which we offer You today in festal joy. Make us free that we may serve You without fear, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

We thank You, Father in heaven, and glorify You through our Lord Jesus Christ. John the Baptist prepared his way and proclaimed that this is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. Therefore we raise our voices, joining the choirs of angels and the cloud of witnesses in praising / say Your glory:

29 June: Saint Peter and Saint Paul

Collect

God of Your people, Your apostles Peter and Paul glorified You in their life and in their death. Grant to Your church, taught by their teaching and example and made one in unity by Your Spirit, to stand firm on the one ground, Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, glorified in Your saints, accept the gifts which we bring on the feast day of Your apostles. Support us in our weakness, that the power of Christ may be made perfect in us. To You be glory forever.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank and praise You, holy Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ. After his resurrection he sent his apostles to proclaim the good news and to teach all peoples. He promised to be present all the days until the end of time. Therefore we magnify Your holy name, joining the angels and saints and all Christians in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

2 July: The Visitation: The Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

Collect

God, great in Your mercy, You have looked with favour on Your lowly servant Mary and chose her to be the mother of Your Son. Give us a humble heart, that we may join her in praising Your goodness and receiving Your mercy. This we ask You, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of mercy, accept our gifts, as You have accepted the service of Mary, the mother of Your Son Jesus Christ, who lives with You and in our midst, now and forever.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, Father in heaven, and to praise the work of Your mercy. You chose Mary from among all humans and blessed her before all women. The dawn of salvation shines in her. She bore Christ, the sun of righteousness. Through him we bless Your mercy now and forever, joining the choirs of angels and saints in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

22 July: Saint Mary of Magdala

Collect

God, our salvation, Your Son chose Mary of Magdala to be the first to proclaim his resurrection to the disciples. Give us the courage to bear witness to Him, Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of life and salvation, accept our gifts, as Your Son has accepted the gifts of the women on his way, Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, all-merciful Father, and to glorify You with all creation. For today we see Your holy city, our home, the heavenly Jerusalem, where our sisters and brothers brought to perfection praise You forever. To it we are on our way in faith and walk to the end of Your promise with confidence. Therefore we magnify You in the fellowship of Your saints, joining the choirs of angels in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

25 July: Saint James the Greater, Apostle

Collect

God, glorified in Your saints, James was the first apostle to seal the testimony to Christ with his blood. Grant to Your church the courage to confess the faith, and may Your kingdom come. This we ask through Him, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, today we honor James, who was the first apostle to have drunk the cup of suffering. Accept our gifts as signs of our devotion, and preserve us in the faith in Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank and praise You, holy Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ. After his resurrection he sent his apostles to proclaim the good news and to teach all peoples. He promised to be present all the days until the end of time. Therefore we magnify Your holy name, joining the angels and saints and all Christians in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

6 August: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Collect

God, Father of all light, on the holy mountain You revealed, in Your beloved Son and before chosen witnesses, our future glory. May in the darkness of this age shine Your light to us, Jesus Christ, Your image and our brother, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God, accept our gifts and show us Your glory, as it shone to the disciples in Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, Father in heaven, through Your beloved Son Jesus Christ. In him You have shone upon us to give the light of the knowledge of Your glory in his face. Therefore we magnify You, joining the choirs of angels and saints in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

15 August: The Dormition of Mary

Collect

Eternal God, on the day when Mary, Mother of God, fell asleep, we thank You for the great things You have done for her. When our own way comes to an end, receive us into Your kingdom, that, in fellowship with Mary, we may praise and magnify You through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Great God, we bring our gifts before You and praise Your mercy. Show strength with Your arm and fill the hungry with Your gifts through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, Father in heaven, and to praise the work of Your mercy. You chose Mary from among all humans and blessed her before all women. The dawn of salvation shines in her. She bore Christ, the sun of righteousness. Through him we bless Your mercy now and forever, joining the choirs of angels and saints in sing / saying the praise of Your glory:

24 August: Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Collect

God of our forebears, the apostle Bartholomew believed and proclaimed Your word. May Your church persevere in the faith of the apostles and faithfully proclaim what they bore witness to unto death. This we ask You, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Faithful God, accept our gifts and prayers. May we be faithful to Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank and praise You, holy Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ. After his resurrection he sent his apostles to proclaim the good news and to teach all peoples. He promised to be present all the days until the end of time. Therefore we magnify Your holy name, joining the angels and saints and all Christians in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

8 September: The Birth of Mary

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, You blessed those who hear the word of God and obey it. Strengthen our faith, that, like Mary, we may do Your will. To You, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be praise and glory, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Great God, we bring our gifts before You and praise Your mercy. Show strength with Your arm and fill the hungry with Your gifts through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, Father in heaven, and to praise the work of Your mercy. You chose Mary from among all humans and blessed her before all women. The dawn of salvation shines in her. She bore Christ, the sun of righteousness. Through him we bless Your mercy now and forever, joining the choirs of angels and saints in sing / saying the praise of Your glory:

14 September: Feast of the Holy Cross

Collect

Compassionate God, You gave Your Son to the trouble of the world, into the hard hands of the self-righteous. On the cross He brought salvation and life through his death. Give us open hearts for his love, that we may be borne by it and cling to You, whether we live or die. This we ask You through Him, Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God, we bring these gifts before You as the memorial of the passion of Your Son. Through his death, the pillory of the cross has become the sign of hope. To You be glory and praise and honor, now and forever.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, all-merciful Father, and to praise You with all creation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He was lifted up from the earth to the cross to draw all people to himself. Through his passion and his death he became the author of salvation for the entire creation. Therefore we praise You with all angels and saints and proclaim Your glory:

21 September: Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Collect

Merciful God, Your Son called Matthew to be an apostle and evangelist. He continues to call people today who proclaim his message. Open us for his call and free us from greed and egoism that we may follow Him, Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our Father, we come before You with our prayers and gifts. You founded and strengthened the faith of the church by the preaching of the apostles. Nourish us with the word of truth and strengthen us with the bread of life through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank and praise You, holy Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ. After his resurrection he sent his apostles to proclaim the good news and to teach all peoples. He promised to be present all the days until the end of time. Therefore we magnify Your holy name, joining the angels and saints and all Christians in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

29 September: Saint Michael, the Archangel, and All Angels

Collect

God, greater than all powers and dominions, in a wonderful order You ordain the ministry of angels and mortals to finish Your work. We ask You: Show Your power in our lives, that, in good and bad times, we may know that You are close to and help. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, the cherubim and seraphim praise You. Accept the signs of our thank. May our praise be joined to the song of angels surrounding Your throne. To You be glory forever.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to bless and thank You, God our Father. You send Your heavenly messengers to repel the powers of darkness; You preserve Your church through the ministry of Your angels. We join our voices with theirs, confessing / say without end:

First Sunday in October: Harvest Thanksgiving

Collect

God, creator of the world, You entrusted the earth to us and bless our human efforts. May we gratefully and joyfully accept Your loving-kindness, be worthy of Your gifts and share with those who suffer. This we ask You through Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, giver of all good things, in gratitude we bring gifts from the fruit of the earth and of our labour before You. We bring bread and wine to celebrate the supper, which Your Son has commanded us, and we pray: Accept us in these gifts and all the world with its weal and woe, through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right to joyfully thank You, great God. For our Lord Jesus Christ has instituted this celebration as the memorial of his love, his death and his incorruptible life. He has given us a sign of the new and everlasting covenant and promised that it would find its fulfilment in the coming kingdom. Therefore we praise You with Your angels and saints and proclaim Your glory:

18 October: Saint Luke, Evangelist

Collect

Jesus Christ, Your evangelist Luke made known Your love to the poor and sick and reported of the faithfulness of the women who accompanied You on Your way. May we see Your face in the little and oppressed ones and give You glory, who, with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, are with us all the days and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Faithful God, we glorify You, for Your power has been made perfect in the weakness of Your messengers. Accept us with our gifts and prayers through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank and praise You, holy Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ. After his resurrection he sent his apostles to proclaim the good news and to teach all peoples. He promised to be present all the days until the end of time. Therefore we magnify Your holy name, joining the angels and saints and all Christians in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

28 October: Saint Simon and Saint Jude Thaddeus, Apostles

Collect

God, at all times You call people to Your service. We thank You that, by the message of the apostles, You have led us to know Your Son. Send us messengers who proclaim Your good message. This we ask You, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Faithful God, we glorify You, for Your power has been made perfect in the weakness of Your apostles. Accept us with our gifts and prayers through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank and praise You, holy Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ. After his resurrection he sent his apostles to proclaim the good news and to teach all peoples. He promised to be present all the days until the end of time. Therefore we magnify Your holy name, joining the angels and saints and all Christians in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

1 November: All Saints

Collect

Holy and eternal God, You accepted us into the communion of Your saints who, at all times and in all places, glorified Your name. May we know with gratitude that we have been joined to an endless choir of those who believe, bound together in the confession of You and in the joy that we will see You face to face. We ask this through Him, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy and strong God, we give You thanks for Your saints. Accept our gifts and help us to follow Christ, who lives with You forever.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, all-merciful Father, and to glorify You with all creation. For today we see Your holy city, our home, the heavenly Jerusalem, where our sisters and brothers brought to perfection praise You forever. To it we are on our way in faith and walk to the end of Your promise with confidence. Therefore we magnify You in the fellowship of Your saints, joining the choirs of angels in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

2 November: All Souls

Collect

God of all life, we believe and confess that You raised Your Son as the firstborn of the dead. Strengthen our hope that You will also raise our sisters and brothers to eternal life. This we ask You, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious and righteous God, look with kindness on our gifts and hear our prayer. With all who have gone before us, lead us to the glory of Your Son, who lives and works with You, now and forever.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to thank You, the living God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. For he is the salvation of the world, the life of the mortals, the resurrection of the dead. Through him heaven and earth, angels and humans bless You, joining their voices in sing / saying the praise of Your glory:

7 November: Saint Willibrord, First Archbishop of Utrecht

Collect

Glorious God, friend of mortals, You called Willibrord to be a messenger of Your light. Illuminate our hearts that in our times we may proclaim Your mighty acts and gladly witness to Your message, to Jesus Christ, Your Son, our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives in our midst, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of our salvation, we bring our gifts on the feast day of Saint Willibrord and ask You: keep us in the faith through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, all-merciful Father, and to glorify You with all creation. For today we see Your holy city, our home, the heavenly Jerusalem, where our sisters and brothers brought to perfection praise You forever. To it we are on our way in faith and walk to the end of Your promise with confidence. Therefore we magnify You in the fellowship of Your saints, joining the choirs of angels in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

30 November: Saint Andrew, Apostle

Collect

God, friend of mortals, Andrew followed the call of Your Son without hesitation and brought his brother Simon Peter with Him. Give us the strength to follow Jesus Christ unreservedly and to lead others to Him. This we ask You through Him, our Lord Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of our fathers and mothers, may the meal which we celebrate with these gifts strengthen us on our way to You, through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank and praise You, holy Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ. After his resurrection he sent his apostles to proclaim the good news and to teach all peoples. He promised to be present all the days until the end of time. Therefore we magnify Your holy name, joining the angels and saints and all Christians in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

21 December: Saint Thomas, Apostle

Collect

Eternal God, hidden and yet close, You led Your apostle Thomas to faith in the resurrection of Your Son. Preserve our faith when we doubt, that, like Him, we may confess Christ as our Lord and God, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Living God, accept our gifts and keep in us the hope in the life of the world to come through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank and praise You, holy Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ. After his resurrection he sent his apostles to proclaim the good news and to teach all peoples. He promised to be present all the days until the end of time. Therefore we magnify Your holy name, joining the angels and saints and all Christians in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

26 December: Saint Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr

Collect

God of mercy and love, on this day we honor the first martyr of the church. Grant that, by loving our enemies, we may follow the example of Saint Stephen who, while dying, prayed for those who persecuted Him. This we ask You through Him, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God and Father of all, accept these gifts as signs of our readiness. May we, like Stephen, serve You and our fellow humans with singleness of heart through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, all-merciful Father, and to glorify You with all creation. For today we see Your holy city, our home, the heavenly Jerusalem, where our sisters and brothers brought to perfection praise You forever. To it we are on our way in faith and walk to the end of Your promise with confidence. Therefore we magnify You in the fellowship of Your saints, joining the choirs of angels in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

27 December: Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist

Collect

Loving God, You called the evangelist John to proclaim the incarnation of Your eternal Word. In great love He accompanied Your Son until under the cross. We ask You: Fill us with Your love. May Christ grow in us that we, with our minds illumined and our hearts filled with love, grasp what You have done to us. Through Him we praise You in the Holy Spirit, now and all days and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Father of light, accept all we bring before You today. May we share in Your wisdom and love through Your incarnate Word, Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank and praise You, holy Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ. After his resurrection he sent his apostles to proclaim the good news and to teach all peoples. He promised to be present all the days until the end of time. Therefore we magnify Your holy name, joining the angels and saints and all Christians in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

28 December: The Children of Bethlehem, Martyrs

Collect

Father in heaven, with the children of Bethlehem receive all into the arms of Your mercy who innocent are handed over to death. Frustrate the evil in this world, and establish among us the kingdom of Your justice, Your love and Your peace through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Righteous God, accept the gifts which we bring before You. Preserve us from cruelty and indifference to the suffering of innocent. May we be advocates of the weak and exploited through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank and praise You, holy Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ. He built his church through the ministry of prophets and apostles, of martyrs and evangelists. They glorified his name by the witness of their lives. Therefore bless You, joining the choirs in heaven and all Christians on earth in sing / saying the praise of Your glory:

At the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church

Collect

God, creator of heaven and earth, year after year we celebrate (in joy) the blessing of this house, thanking You for the communion with all who have worshiped here and still do. Fill those who seek You here, with Your joy and peace in the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You lives in our midst, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Father in heaven, accept the prayers of Your people, and grant that all who celebrate the Eucharist may be built up as living stones of Your church through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, holy God, whom heaven and earth cannot contain. For Your glory this house was built in which You gather Your pilgrim church to show it an image of Your presence and to give the grace of Your communion. You build a temple for Yourself from living stones. From all places You call us as Your people and join us to the body of Your Son. Here You direct our eyes to the heavenly Jerusalem and give us the hope to behold Your everlasting peace. Therefore we praise You in Your church, joining the choirs of angels and saints in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

Commemorations of Martyrs

Collect

Faithful God, You have given Saint N. the courage to confess Jesus Christ and to witness to this faith unto death. Make us ready, by giving an account for the hope which is in us, to follow Your Son who in the unity of the Holy spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Righteous God, accept the gifts which we bring before You. Preserve us from cruelty and indifference to the suffering of innocent. May we be advocates of the weak and exploited through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank and praise You, holy Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ. He built his church through the ministry of prophets and apostles, of martyrs and evangelists. They glorified his name by the witness of their lives. Therefore bless You, joining the choirs in heaven and all Christians on earth in sing / saying the praise of Your glory:

Commemorations of Holy Men and Women

Collect

God, our Father, You alone are the Holy One, and no-one is good without Your help. Grant that, like Saint N., we may live according to Your will and reach the goal which You mean to give us. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works, now and forever.

Collect

God, inscrutable wisdom, You have poured out Your Spirit upon Your daughters and sons and in visions made known to them Your greatness and loving-kindness. We thank You at the feast of Saint N. that You have filled her/him with the spirit of counsel, of might and piety, and with love to You and her/his neighbors. We ask You that we, by also following Your Son, may know the joy that lasts through Him, Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives in our midst, now and forever.

Select Prayer and Preface from Ordinary Time

At the Synod and for Other Meetings

Collect

God, source of all wisdom, be close to those who have gathered to consider the renewal and mission of Your church. Teach us in all things first to seek Your glory. May we know what is right, and give us the courage to do so. This we ask You through Him, Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives in our midst, now and forever.

Collect

God and Father, Your Son has promised to be in the midst of us when we gather together in his name. Pour out Your Spirit over us; bless what we discuss and resolve; give us to consider what is necessary, and to do what serves Your glory. This we ask You through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works, now and forever

Collect

God, our Father, You have called us into the universal fellowship of Your church. Send us the Spirit of wisdom, truth, and peace. May we know what You expect of us, and make us ready to accomplish with one mind what we have recognized as Your commission. This we ask You, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life, now and forever.

Select Prayer and Preface from Ordinary Time

For Peace

Collect

God of peace, it is Your will to reconcile everything in heaven and on earth. May the plan of Your great love dawn upon our acts of destruction and our pain, and give peace to Your church, peace among the people, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, lives in our midst, now and forever.

Select Prayer and Preface from Ordinary Time

Mission and Expansion of the Faith

Collect

God of all peoples and periods, You have sent Your Son into the world as a light for the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel. We ask You to glorify Your name among the people, and lead all coming to the faith to Your eternal kingdom of justice and love through Him, Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives in our midst, now and forever.

Select Prayer and Preface from Ordinary Time

Unity of Faith

Collect

God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, before He suffered Your Son prayed that all may be one. May we become one with Him as He is one with You. Gather all under the one shepherd, Jesus, our brother and Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, giver of all good things, we bring bread and wine for the supper as Your Son has commanded us. As this bread has been brought together from many grains, and the wine from many grapes, so gather Your church from the ends of the earth to be one people through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

We bless You, Father in heaven, and thank You through our Lord Jesus Christ. In him You led us to the knowledge of truth and made us members of his body through one faith and one baptism. Through him You poured out Your Holy Spirit on all the peoples that he might do great things with his gifts. He lives in the hearts of the faithful, he permeates and guides the whole church and works its unity in Christ. Therefore we bless Your mercy now and forever, joining the choirs of angels in sing / saying the praise of Your glory:

For Celebrating Confirmation

Collect

God of our life, anoint us with the oil of gladness and pour out Your Spirit upon us. Strengthen us through Him in faith, encourage us to follow Jesus, and gather us in the fellowship of Your people through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God, hear our prayer and accept these gifts as tokens of our readiness to open ourselves for Your Holy Spirit through Christ, our brother and Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to praise You, eternal God and Father, always and everywhere through our Lord Jesus Christ. You have called the Church from among all peoples and have kept it by Your Holy Spirit up to the day of today. You do not cease to call all of us to the unity of the Spirit. Therefore we praise Your mercy now and forever, joining the choirs of angels in praising Your glory:

For a Wedding

Collect

God of life, You have gathered us before Your altar to celebrate this wedding. Preserve the couple N. and N. and all of us from expecting happiness only from ourselves. Grant that in the midst of this world, we may look to Jesus who is our way and our end and who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of love, we ask You to accept our thanks which we offer on the wedding day of the couple N. and N. May they always know to be a gift for each other through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, all-merciful Father, and to praise You with all creation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He did the first of his signs at the wedding at Cana; in the water become wine he shows us Your power to save. He gives us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet and reveals himself to

Wedding Anniversary

Collect

God of loving-kindness, Your goodness knows no end. We thank You for all the help which You have given to this marriage. We ask You that N. and N. may continue to grow in love and together reach the goal of their lives, You, the eternal God, who with Your Son and the Holy Spirit rules and governs all creation, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Glorious God, graciously accept these gifts as tokens of our gratitude. Bring our human desire for happiness on earth and in heaven to fulfilment through Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, all-merciful Father, and to praise You with all creation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He did the first of his signs at the wedding at Cana; in the water become wine he shows us Your power to save. He gives us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet and reveals himself to

At a Funeral

Collect

Father of mercy, You are our light and our life. Through the death and resurrection of Your Son You have taken the hopelessness of death from us. Take N. up in Your grace and raise her/him to fullness of life which Your Son has promised us, Jesus Christ, our hope, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life, now and forever.

Collect

God and Father, You do not wish that one of Your human creatures perish. Much more than us seeking You, You are always seeking us. Hear our prayer for N. Do not regard her/his sins but the good that she/he has done. This we ask You through Jesus Christ, our hope, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life, now and forever.

Collect

God of all consolation, we are helpless in the face of the death of N. and do not understand. It is hard for us to see Your justice and wisdom in it. We ask You to take N. up into Your peace, and to give us strength and consolation in this hour of trial through Jesus Christ, the Crucified and Risen One, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Living God, You have given Your Son as our bread and our life beyond death. May we find strength and consolation in this hour, as with this bread and wine we celebrate the memorial of his passion and confess his resurrection, until He comes in glory, Christ, our Lord.

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

At a Funeral

Prefaces

Of the Departed I

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to praise You, Father in heaven, through our Lord Jesus Christ. In him shines the hope that we will rise in glory. Even burdened by the fate of sure death, we are comforted by the promise of future immortality. For Your faithful, O God, life will be changed, not taken. And when the tent of our pilgrimage on earth decays, an eternal home is prepared for us in heaven. Therefore we join the angels and those made perfect in sing / saying the praise of Your glory:

Of the Departed II

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to thank You, the living God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. For he is the salvation of the world, the life of the mortals, the resurrection of the dead. Through him heaven and earth, angels and humans bless You, joining their voices in sing / saying the praise of Your glory

The Sundays in Ordinary Time

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Eternal God, direct our actions according to Your will and grant that we recognize Your beloved Son in our sisters and brothers, Him, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God, You Yourself magnify Your name among the peoples. Give us in this bread and wine the food of immortality through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Great God, You created us in Your image and likeness. Grant that we may turn to You with all our hearts and love our neighbors as Your Son has done before, Jesus Christ, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, You created bread and wine that we may find food and joy from Your gifts. May we find at this table the strength, the peace and the life which You promised through Christ, our Lord.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

God, our Father, our names have been written in Your palms. We put all our trust in You and Your mercy. Stay with us in temptation and need, and protect us through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God, we come to You with gifts and prayers, trusting in Your loving-kindness. Do not regard our sins and iniquities, but keep us in the fellowship with You in Christ, our Lord.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

God, lover of all You have created, it is Your joy to be among the humans. Give us a ready and sincere heart open for You and Your presence. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our Father, as often as we celebrate the memorial of the sacrifice of Christ, our salvation is rendered present among us. Grant that we fulfil the commandment of Your Son rightly through Him, Christ, our Lord.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Merciful God, You have spoken to us through Your Son. Make us meditate on Your word and ponder it in our hearts that we may speak and act according to Your law. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our Father, we have gathered around the table of Your Son. May we recognize in this holy meal what You will prepare for us at the end of time, and receive us into Your eternal dwelling place through Christ, our Lord.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

God, You created the world and do not abandon it from Your hands. Look upon our perplexities in the necessities of our times. Pour out Your Spirit on us and Your world and renew the face of the earth. This we ask You, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, giver of all good things, we offer You these gifts. Accept them as signs of our devotion and make them the sacrament of our redemption through Christ, our Lord.

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

God, You are for us like Father, our lives come from You and find their fulfilment in the light of Your face. Keep from us what may harm us, and grant us what Your salvation. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives in our midst, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our creator, we offer bread and wine. In them we bring our lives before Your face. Bless us and all Your creation through Christ, our Lord.

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

God, our creator, every good gift comes from You, the Father of lights. Fill us with Your spirit that we know what is right, and, with Your help, also do it. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God, in the celebration of these mysteries we do what Your Son has commanded us to do. Grant that we may praise and magnify You and, in doing so, receive Your salvation through Christ, our Lord.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

God, our hope and strength, without You we can do nothing. Help us that our thinking, speaking and doing may proceed from You and find their fulfilment in You. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, creator of the world, the grain from many ears and the grapes from many vines have been gathered for this bread and this wine. Gather in this way the peoples from all nations into the kingdom of Your peace through Christ, our Lord.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Holy God, grant that we have always reverence for Your name and love You from all our hearts. Guide us by Your hand and root us firmly in Your love. This we ask You, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Faithful God, Your Son calls us to his table and gathers us to the fellowship of his supper. Grant us what these gifts of bread and wine signify, the life that never dies, Christ, our Lord.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

God of our lives, in baptism You have made us children of light. Do not allow the darkness of unbelief to prevail over us. Keep us in the light of Your faithfulness, and let the sun of Your righteousness rise in this dark and unjust world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, author of all good things, You Yourself have given us the gifts which we offer You. Accept them as signs of our devotion, and give us the strength to live according to Your will, that we may witness to Your loving-kindness in our everyday lives through Christ, our Lord.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

God, our creator, in Your beloved Son You have shown us Your image of humanity and begun the renewal of all creation. Fill us with joy in the redemption and lead us into Your future. This we ask of You, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Our god, we have prepared the table for celebrating the holy meal. You Yourself enable us to do so worthily through Christ, our Lord.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

God, our life find its meaning and fulfilment in You. You show the light of truth to those seeking and give support and confidence to those doubting. Pour out the fullness of the Spirit upon all who confess Your name that they may be a blessing for this world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, author of all things, You grant food and drink for our daily life. Accept as tokens of our gratitude what You have put into our hands, through Christ, our Lord.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Faithful God, You have called us into Your service. Strengthen us in faith, in hope and in love. May we live with open eyes and hearts and keep on the way of Your commandments. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God and Father, we bring before You the products of the earth and of our labour. Be with us in the power of Your Spirit when we celebrate the supper of Your Son, Christ, our Lord.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Holy God, the refuge of all who put their trust in You, without You nothing is righteous and nothing is holy. Guide us into the way of our life and help us so to use the passing goods that we may not lose the eternal ones. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Immortal God, You have given us bread and wine as food for our passing life. We bring these gifts before You; return them to us as the sacrament of immortality through Christ, our Lord.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

God, You create and guide our life. May we know Your love to be anew every day, until we see You as You are. We ask You this through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives in our midst, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God and Father, we come with gifts before You, trusting in Your loving-kindness. What we do in honor of You may become a blessing for all peoples through Christ, our Lord.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

All-merciful God, we may call You Father, for You have adopted us as Your children and given us the Spirit of Your Son. Grant that we may grow in this Spirit and, in the end, receive the promised heritage through Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives in our midst, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God, we prepare the table for the holy meal in Your honor. May the power of this meal be visible in our actions through Christ, our Lord.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Merciful God, what no eye has seen nor ear heard You have prepared for those You love You. Give us the strength to love You in all and above all, and so to receive the riches of Your promises which exceed everything what we can hope for. We ask You this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, You have fulfilled the many sacrifices of the first covenant in the one sacrifice of the new covenant. Bless our gifts and give to all people what we offer You in Your honor through Christ, our Lord.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

God, our Father, You bind all who believe in You on their ways together. Grant that we may love Your word and long for what You have promised, that in the changes of this life our hearts may be fixed where the lasting joys are. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Wonderful and merciful God, You have shown to the world Your love in the passion and death of Your Son. Open our eyes that in the sign of bread and wine, we may recognize the depth of his devotion. Make us follow Him on the way of obedience and love, Him, Christ, our Lord.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

God, creator of the world, every good thing comes from You. Plant in our hearts the love for You and bind us more and more to You. Give growth to what is good and holy, and preserve what You have worked. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, giver of all good things, we have nothing what You would not have given us; yet we come before You with gifts and prayers. Hear us through Christ, our Lord.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Holy God, You have adopted us as Your beloved children. Look on all who trust in You. Strengthen us in the faith and love and give us a share in Your life. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Glorious God, You have fed Your people in the desert with manna and made water to stream from the rock. You will feed us as well at the table of Your Son. Accept the gifts which we have prepared for this meal through Christ, our Lord.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

God, creator and ruler of all things, graciously look on us. Grant that we serve You with all our hearts and know the power of Your love. This we ask You, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come before You with bread and wine to celebrate the memorial of Your Son and to give You thanks. Be in our midst that our time may be illumined by the reflection of Your glory through Christ, our Lord.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Holy God, You have commanded Your people Israel to love You and the neighbors. Your Son has given us an example of this love to the end. Grant to us too the power to be faithful to this commandment, until we reach the goal of our lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives in our midst, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God and Father, we prepare bread and wine for the supper of Your Son. May all who gather around his table know the salvation which He has brought us, Christ, our Lord.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Great God, You reveal Your greatness and power chiefly in showing mercy and sparing. Accept us in Your loving-kindness even if guilt is burdening us. Grant that we may walk on the way of our life in hope and trust and reach the joy of Your glory. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Our God, the gifts which we have prepared are tokens of our devotion. As the bread and the cup will be sanctified in the power of Your Spirit, shape us more and more in the image of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and works with You, now and forever.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

God, source of our joy, in Your loving-kindness You give us more than we deserve and greater things than we request. Take away what may burden our consciences, and give us that peace which only Your mercy can give. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives in our midst, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Great God, accept our gifts, and what each one offers to Your glory, may be for the salvation of all through Christ, our Lord.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Great God, may Your grace precede our thinking and acting and follow us, that we may keep Your word in our hearts and be ready to do the good. This we ask You, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our salvation, You give us the peace and the strength to serve You with sincere hearts. May we honor You with these gifts and know the fellowship with Your Son and with each other. We ask this through Him, Christ, our Lord.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

God, ruler of the universe, as You have revealed Yourself to Israel, make Yourself known to us too. Make us ready to follow Your law, and give us hearts that serve You in sincerity. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God and creator of the world, we offer bread and wine and prepare the supper of Your Son. As You now gather us around his table, so unite us with all Your saints at the supper of Your coming kingdom through Him, Christ, our Lord.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Glorious God, increase in us the faith, the hope and the love. Help us to listen to Your word, that we may attain what You have promised. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, we offer You bread and wine and ask You: gather us at Your table and strengthen us with Your power through Christ, our Lord.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

God, shepherd of Your people, it is Your gift and Your work if people serve You in sincerity. Take away from us what prevents us on our way to You, that we may go to find the joy which You have promised through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives in our midst, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God and Father, accept us with these gifts, and through the celebration of our redemption give us a share in Your salvation through Christ, our Lord.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

God, friend of humans, You have written us in Your palms. Keep from us what may hurt us, and take away what may oppress us, that with joyful hearts we may praise and magnify You through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son and our brother, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and works, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God and Father, it is only small things which we offer. In Your goodness grant us a share in the abundance of life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

God, the source of all good things, You alone are our Lord. Give us the knowledge that we will become free if we open our hearts to Your will, and that we will find the perfect joy if we remain faithful in Your service. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with You, now and forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, look with kindness upon Your people gathered for Your praise. Accept what we offer, and increase through this celebration our love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Prefaces for Ordinary Time

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Ordinary Preface, I

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, Father in heaven, and to praise You with all creation. For in You we live, we move and we have our existence. Each day anew we know the works of Your loving-kindness. In this life You already give us the Holy Spirit as pledge of eternal glory. Through him You raised Jesus from the dead and gave us the sure hope that the paschal mystery will be fulfilled in us. Therefore we join the praise of heaven, singing / saying with all Your creatures the hymn of joy:

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Ordinary Preface, II

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, Father in heaven, and to praise You with all creation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He suffered the darkness of this world and of death, but You raised him to new life. Therefore in him we are a new creation, overcome fear and prepare the way for his coming. Through him we bless Your mercy now and forever, joining the choirs of angels and saints in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Ordinary Preface, III

It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank You, Father in heaven, and to praise You with all creation through our Lord Jesus Christ. In living faith we remember his death, proclaim his resurrection and, full of hope and confidence, await his coming in glory. We praise You with all those made perfect, joining the hymn of Your angels:

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Ordinary Preface, IV

We thank You, Father in heaven, and to praise You through our Lord Jesus Christ. For he is the One who suffered death for all of us so that we may not perish in death. He is the One who died for all of us so that we may live with You forever. Through him those whom You redeemed bless You, joining the choirs of angels in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Ordinary Preface, V- God leads his church

We thank You, God our Father, for You called us to life. You do not abandon us on our way and hear us when we cry to You. You once led Your people Israel through the wilderness. Today You accompany the church in the power of Your Spirit. Your Son prepares us the road through this time to the joy of eternal life. Therefore we join all the angels and saints in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Ordinary Preface, VI- Jesus, our way

We thank You, holy and strong God. You direct the destiny of this world and care for each person. You gather us to be a fellowship that we listen to Your word and follow Your Son in faith. He is the way, on this way we come to You; he is the truth, it alone sets us free; he is the life and fills us with joy. Therefore we bless Your mercy now and forever, joining the choirs of angels and saints in singing / saying the praise of Your glory:

The Lord be with You.
Lift up Your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Ordinary Preface, VII - Jesus, the brother of all

We thank You, faithful God and Father, for Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. He had compassion for the poor and sick, the outcasts and sinners. He was a brother to those in need and despair. His life and message show us that You care for us humans like a good father. Therefore we bless Your loving-kindness and faithfulness, joining all the angels and saints in singing / saying the praise of Your glory.