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Notes for Use

- (1) A sentence printed in bold type indicates that the part of a service is to be sang or said by a congregation or by both a congregation and a presider.
- (2) At the end of a prayer or such, normally “Amen” is said by all. If there is a period before “Amen,” the presider does not say it. If there is no period before “Amen,” it is said only by those who said or sang the prayer.

About the Translation

- This translation is a faithful translation to the original Japanese Prayer Book of the NSKK. Therefore, the translation may seem to be not smooth or different from ordinary English texts. If such makes this translation difficult for practical use, minor changes may be made with the consultation of the diocesan bishop.
- Some liturgical texts, such as the creeds and the Lord’s Prayer, are taken from *Praying Together* of the English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC), an ecumenical body which discusses common English liturgical texts among denominations. Some texts that the ELLC does not provide are mainly taken from *the Book of Common Prayer* of the US-based Episcopal Church, which has been declared as being in public domain.
- English wordings and spellings follow the educational guidelines of the Ministry of Education.

The Holy Communion

Holy Communion is a celebration of thanks and praise established by Lord Jesus Christ, and accepted by the Church as a gift from the Lord. Each time that we celebrate Holy Communion, we commemorate the sacrifice of his death on the cross, his resurrection, his ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit, until that day when he comes again; we are nurtured by the life of Christ and proclaim the Lord's works of salvation. Celebrating Holy Communion, first on Easter Day, on other Sundays and at other times, we do so believing firmly in his works, repenting of those thoughts, words, and deeds which are contrary to his works, and with hearts full of love, thanks and praise.

The Entrance

The entrance is made commemorating the Lord's sacrifice made once for all on the cross, and his love that continues to this day.

The Word

God speaks to us and we respond with faith. We find encouragement in, and act in response to, God's word, making it a foundation for our worship, our faith and our daily lives.

The Prayers of Intercession

Having heard God's word, we offer intercessions as our duty as God's holy priesthood. We pray that all people will become people of God and that all in the Church may offer themselves to God and become witnesses to God's word and

to God's mercy.

The Confession

At Holy Communion, we repent, with open and repentant hearts.

The Peace and the Offertory

We exchange a sign of the peace that comes through the resurrected Christ, in the hope of unity of the Church throughout the world. The bread and wine that are to be used in Holy Communion, and the offerings are offered at the altar.

The Thanksgiving and Consecration

The prayer of thanks and praise and the words used by the Lord himself at the last supper continue to be used by the church as a prayer of thanksgiving and consecration.

The Communion

The breaking of one bread, which is then shared, is a sign that we are united with Christ, that the Church is united, and that we believe that all people may be united in the Lord.

Holy Communion is the work of all God's people. Where "priest" is indicated as presider this means the bishop or priest serving as celebrant of Holy Communion. The main presider of worship is the Diocesan Bishop, who presides at Holy Communion and preaches a sermon. A priest joins with the bishop in the prayer of thanksgiving and consecration and assists in the

distribution.

If, among those wishing to take Communion, there is a person who is clearly guilty of a grievous sin, or who has harmed a neighbor in word or deed and is thus no longer in fellowship with the people of God, the priest shall ask that person to repent and right the wrong that they have committed, or to show clearly a desire to right that wrong in the future. Should that person refuse, they shall be refused communion. Similarly, if there are people who have a grudge against one another, they shall be refused communion according to the above rule. However, if one of these people forgives the damage against them, and clearly wishes to make amends for the damage they have caused, wishing to return to fellowship with others, the priest will allow that person to take communion even if others involved refuse to accept that person's attempts to make amends. Those who refuse to forgive and return to harmonious relations however will be refused communion. The priest will report to the bishop within two weeks of such a situation arising.

When someone is attending a church of which they are not a member (for example during a trip) they ideally should give notice to the priest of that church in advance of attending Communion.

The Entrance

All stand.

Here a hymn may be sung. An entrance anthem, or Words of Scripture (p.91) according to the church calendar, or other appropriate Scripture may also be used.

Priest Come, Lord Jesus Christ.

People **Show yourself to us as once you revealed your risen self to the disciples, among whom you stood after your resurrection.**

Here the Priest says the following prayer.

The Prayer of Penitence and Absolution (p.90) may be used beforehand. If used here, The Confession (p.16) is not used.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

One of the following three texts is said or sung.

[I]

Priest Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit:

People **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
for ever. Amen.**

[II]

Each verse may be repeated three times.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

or

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

[III]

Priest Praise God the Father almighty,

People **Praise the Son Lord Jesus Christ,**

Priest Praise the Holy Spirit who dwells among us,

People **As it is now and will be for ever. Amen**

On Sundays and other Holy Days, except on days in Advent and

Lent, all sing or say the following anthem together.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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 sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

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.

The Collect

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Here the collect assigned for the day is used.

The Word

Here the Priest may use Words of Scripture (p.91) according to the church calendar, or other appropriate Scripture.

Priest Let us hear these Words of Scripture.

All sit.

The Old Testament

The Reader or Presider may read the Old Testament.

Before the reading, the reader says: "The Old Testament reading is from the Book of _____, beginning at chapter __, verse _" After the reading, the reader says: "Here ends the Old Testament reading."

At readings other than from the Old Testament, "Old Testament" shall be removed from the above sentences.

After the Old Testament, the Epistle, and/or the Gospel, the Priest may say the following: “Let us reflect on the Words we have heard and keep silence.”

Before the Epistle, a Psalm appropriate for the day may be used here.

The Epistle

The Reader or Presider sings or reads the Epistle.

Before the reading, the reader says: “The Epistle reading is from _____, beginning at chapter __, verse __.” After the reading, the reader says: “Here ends the Epistle reading.”

Then all stand. Here a gradual anthem or a hymn may be used. During the first eight days of Easter, Christ our Passover (not included in this translation) may be used.

The Gospel

After the following response, the Deacon or the Priest sings or reads the Gospel. All face the Gospel Book.

Reader **The Lord be with you.**

People **And also with you.**

Reader **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint _____, beginning at chapter**

_ , verse _ . Glory to the Lord.

People **Glory be to the Lord.**

After the reading of the Gospel, the following is sung or said.

Reader Give thanks to the Lord.

People **We give thanks to the Lord.**

*** The Sermon**

Before or after the sermon, the Priest gives notice of upcoming Holy Days, Penitential Days, and the days the Eucharist is celebrated, teachings of the Bishop, banns of marriage, and other information.

The Nicene Creed

On Sundays and other Holy Days, all stand and sing or say the following.

The Apostles' Creed (p.89) may be used instead of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

All stand.

The Deacon says the following. The Priest or a lay leader may also say the following.

Deacon Let us pray for all people and for the Church throughout the World trusting in the words and acts of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Here the Deacon may say, "Let us pray in silence for _____," and offer specific items for petition or thanksgiving. Items for petition or thanksgiving may also be offered by the congregation. In place of silence, appropriate prayers from the prayer book may be used.

After “especially _____”, appropriate names may be offered.

Deacon O God, strengthen your whole Church (especially _____) that we may do the works of your Son. Guide your clergy and your people (especially _____, our Bishop). Lord, unite in your truth and love all who confess your name, that we may live daily to proclaim your glory in all the world.

People **O Lord, graciously hear us.**

Silence may be observed after each response.

Deacon O God, give wisdom to all the peoples of the world (especially _____) and guide all peoples in the way of righteousness and peace. Give them the heart to respect each other, so that they may seek the common good.

People **O Lord, graciously hear us.**

Deacon O God, we commend to your keeping ourselves and each other, our families, and all our friends and neighbors (especially _____). Give us grace, Lord God, that together we may know you and serve you, and live in love for one another.

People **O Lord, graciously hear us.**

Deacon O God, have compassion on those who are in trouble, sorrow, sickness, need, or any other adversity (especially _____). Give them your strength, build them up in courage and hope, and lead us all into the joy of your salvation.

People **O Lord, graciously hear us.**

Deacon O God, look upon all those who have departed this life (especially _____); fulfill your loving will for them. We praise your Name, Lord God, for the blessing of faithful witnesses in each generation, and we pray that we, keeping fellowship with them, may be brought to share in the glory of your eternal kingdom.

People **O Lord, we ask all these things through your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Confession

If the confessional prayer has been used in the beginning of this service, the following Confession is not used.

Deacon or Priest So that we may offer ourselves and present gifts acceptable to the Lord and

reverently celebrate this Sacrament our Lord has ordained, let us confess our sins.

If the Communal Confession (not included in this translation) is used, it should be said here.

The people kneel.

Priest I confess to God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, before the whole company of heaven and you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed. I humbly ask God to have mercy on me, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

People **May the Almighty God have mercy on you, and forgive you all your sins.**

Priest Amen.

People **We confess to God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, before the whole company of heaven and you, our priest, that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed. We humbly ask God to have mercy on us, and you, our priest, to pray for us to the Lord our**

God.

The following is said by Bishop, if present.

Priest May God Almighty have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins, give you grace and strength, and bring you to new life acceptable to God.

People **Amen.**

All stand.

The Holy Communion

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us greet one another in peace.

All exchange greetings, saying, "The peace of the Lord be with you."

The Offertory

Here the following is sung or said.

Deacon or Priest Let us offer our gifts to the Lord,
rendering him the glory which is proper to his
Name.

*Here Offertory Sentences, or appropriate words from today's
Old Testament, Epistle, or Gospel readings may be used. Or a
hymn may be sung.*

The people's offerings are collected here.

*Representatives of the people bring bread, wine, and the
offerings to the Priest. At the offering, the Priest uses the
following prayer. The people's words may be sung.*

*The words in () should be omitted when there is no collection
of offerings.*

Priest Almighty God the Father, accept (this collection
and) these offerings that they may be used for
your holy work.

People **All things come from you, O Lord, and we
offer to you only what we have received from
you.Amen.**

(1 Chronicles 29:14)

The people kneel.

The Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Priest uses one of the two Thanksgiving and Consecration Prayers which follow.

[1]

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest Holy Father, almighty and eternal God, it is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give thanks and praise to the Lord, through your Son Jesus Christ. For the Son is the Father's living Word; through the Son the Father has created all things from the beginning, and formed us in the Father's own image.

The Father made the Son to be born in humanity. Through the Son's death upon the cross and the resurrection, the Father has freed us from the slavery of sin, and exalted the Son to his right

hand on high.

The Father has sent upon us the Holy Spirit, and made us his people to stand before him. He also made us a royal priesthood called to serve the Lord and all people.

The Proper Preface is used here.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

All sing or say the following.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Then all may sing or say the following.

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

Priest Accept our thanks and praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

following his example and obeying his command, we celebrate this sacrament. By your Word and the Holy Spirit, bless and sanctify the Lord's gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us his holy body and blood;

On the night that the Lord Jesus was handed over, he took bread and gave thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup and gave thanks; he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from this cup, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

All **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Priest Heavenly Father, with this bread and this cup, we remember your Son's sacrifice of himself once

for all upon the cross, we proclaim his glorious resurrection and ascension, and we celebrate this feast until his coming again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this sacrifice of our thanks and praise presented at your heavenly altar; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by the Holy Spirit, inspire us with your love, unite us in the church which is the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and together with the whole company of heaven, may we for ever praise your holy name.

All

To him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen. (Eph 3:20, 21)

A period of silence may be kept here.

The service continues with the Communion (p.27).

[II]

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest We offer our thanks to you, O Father, through your beloved Son Jesus Christ; for in these last days you sent him into the world to be our Savior and Redeemer, and the messenger of your will. He is your living Word, of one being with you; through your Word, O Father, all things were created and declared to be good.

From heaven you sent your Son to the womb of the Virgin Mary, where he took on human flesh, was born of the Holy Spirit and of her, and presented as your Son. In fulfillment of your will, O Father, the Son gained a holy people for you, and to release from suffering all who put their trust in the Father, your Son stretched out his hands and endured suffering, destroyed death, broke the bonds of the devil, and rose to new life to reveal his victory.

The Proper Preface is used here.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

All sing or say the following.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Then all may sing or say the following.

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

Priest O Father, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness: Send down your Holy Spirit over this bread and this wine, which you gave us, and make them to be for us the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

At the time he was willingly handed over to suffering, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given

for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup and gave thanks; he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from this cup, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

All **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Priest Remembering the death, resurrection, and ascension of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks, O Father, for allowing us to stand before you and serve you as priests, and offer you this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us as we share in your holy gifts, draw all your people living and dead into one body, and fill us with your Spirit. Strengthen our faith in truth, and with all your saints we may glorify and praise you through your Son Jesus Christ.

All **All glory and honor be yours in the fellowship
of your holy Church, Almighty God the
Father, who is with the Holy Spirit, through
our Lord Christ, now and for ever.**

Amen.

A period of silence may be kept here.

The Communion

The Priest sings or says the following.

Priest **As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are
confident to say.**

All sing or say the Lord's Prayer.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

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

Then all sing or say the following.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Priest breaks the bread, saying:

Priest When we break the bread

People **We partake of the Body of Christ.** (1 Corinthians
10:16)

Priest For there is one bread

People **We who are many are one body.** (1 Corinthians 10:17)

All may say the following prayer.

**We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold
and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to
gather the crumbs that fall from your table. But you are
the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of
your Son Jesus Christ, and drink his blood, that our**

sinful bodies and souls may be cleansed by the precious Body and Blood of Christ, and that we may evermore dwell in Christ, and Christ evermore in us. Amen.

Then all may sing or say the following.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The Priest and the communicants take the communion. The communion is given to each communicant saying the following words, and the communicant responds, saying “Amen.”

**The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is given for you.
Amen.**

**The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is shed for you.
Amen.**

An anthem or hymn(s) may be sung during the Communion. Appropriate words from the Old Testament, the Epistle, or the Gospel may be used for an anthem. If there are not enough consecrated elements, then use the

Additional Thanksgiving and Consecration (p.35). When consecrated elements remain, they shall be consumed with appropriate respect. Then the Priest says:

Priest Let us pray.

All say the following prayer.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding the people who shared in these holy mysteries with the precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. By this, the Lord revealed more and more that we are incorporated into the Body of your Son and heirs of his kingdom. Through the Son, we offer our hearts and our bodies as a living sacrifice to you, our Heavenly Father. Send us out into the world by your Spirit and make us to do your holy will. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Priest (or the Bishop, if present) blesses the People, saying the following.

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

All stand and use the following response.

Priest Alleluia! Let us go forth with the Lord.

People **Alleluia! In the Name of the Lord. Amen.**

Before the blessing, general or seasonal words (p.32ff) may be said.

General

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, and allow you to know and love God more deeply.

Advent

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, and scatter the darkness from before your path.

Christmas

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered earthly and heavenly things into one, fill you with the joy and peace of Christ.

Epiphany

Christ the Son of God fill your hearts with the good news of his kingdom.

From Ash Wednesday until the day before Sunday next before Easter

The grace of the Lord Christ cleanse you, enable you to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him.

From the Sunday next before Easter until Holy Saturday

Christ the savior who was crucified draw you to himself, forgive your sin, and give you a firm support for faith and hope.

Easter

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will for ever.

Ascension

Christ our ascended King make you more faithful and patient to follow him, that you may reign with the Lord in heavenly glory

Pentecost

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God.

Trinity Sunday

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend the Church on every side, and guide you to the way of truth and peace.

Saints' Days

God give you grace and strengthen you to follow the example of his saints in their faith and hope and love.

Additional Thanksgiving and Consecration

In case the consecrated elements are exhausted during the communion, use one of the following prayers to consecrate both kinds.

[1]

Priest

Accept our thanks and praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; we follow his example and obey his command, we now celebrate this sacrament.

By your Word and the Holy Spirit, bless and sanctify the Lord's gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us his holy body and blood; On the night that the Lord Jesus was handed over, he took bread and gave thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup and gave thanks; he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from this cup, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink

it, in remembrance of me.” **Amen.**

[II]

Priest

Most precious Father, source of all that is holy:
Send down your Holy Spirit over this bread and
this wine, which you gave us, and make them to
be for us the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus
Christ.

At the time he was willingly handed over to
suffering, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave
thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples,
saying, “Take, eat; this is my body which is given
for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup and gave thanks; he
gave it to them, saying, “Drink from this cup, all
of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink
it, in remembrance of me.” **Amen.**

Offertory Sentences and Proper Prefaces

General

The following Offertory Sentences may be used.

Offertory Sentence

I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord. (Ps 27:9)
Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Act 20:35)
Christ was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. (1Ti 3:16)

Advent

The following Offertory Sentence and Proper Preface may be used.

They can be used on the feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.

Offertory Sentence

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you. (Zec 9:9)

Proper Preface

Especially, we give you thanks because you sent your only Son to bring salvation to humanity; when he shall come again in glory to judge the world, he may renew everything. (Therefore ...

Christmas

The following are used for eight days from the day. Then they may be used until the day before Epiphany, or on the feasts of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, the Annunciation of Our Lord to Saint Mary, and Saint Mary, Mother of Our Lord.

Offertory Sentence

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; all shout for joy before the Lord when he comes. (*Ps 96:11-12*)

Proper Preface

Especially, you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh from the Virgin Mary his mother; that being himself without sin, he might make us clean from all sin. (Therefore ...

Epiphany

The following may be used during the Epiphany Season. And they may be used on the feasts of Saint Joseph and the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Offertory Sentence

All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your Name. Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me. (*Ps 66:3,15*)

Proper Preface

Especially, your only Son Jesus Christ took our flesh upon himself and showed his glory; that he brings us out of darkness and confusion into the marvelous light of the Lord. (Therefore...

From Ash Wednesday until the day before the Sunday next before Easter

The following Offertory Sentence and Proper Preface may be used.

Offertory Sentence

Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord,

your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. (*Joe 2:13*)

Proper Preface

Especially, Jesus Christ our Lord, who fasted forty days and forty nights and afterwards suffered hunger, overcame the temptation by the devil; when we are tempted, by his righteousness go boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace and strength.

From the Sunday next before Easter until Wednesday before Easter

The following Offertory Sentence and Proper Preface may be used.

Offertory Sentence

Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed; I looked for sympathy, but there was none; for comforters, but I could find no one. (*Ps 69:20*)

Proper Preface

Especially, our Lord Jesus Christ became human, and humbled himself and became obedient until his death, even

death on a cross; that is, when he is lifted up from the earth, he will draw all people to himself. (Therefore...

Holy Thursday

The following Offertory Sentence and Proper Preface may be used.

Offertory Sentence

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. (*1Co 11:26*)

Proper Preface

Especially, our Lord Jesus Christ loved his own who were in the world; he loved them to the end. On the night that the Lord was handed over, he sat at the table with the disciples, and instituted this Sacrament, that through his suffering we receive his grace, and by his resurrection we live anew and share in his divinity.

Easter Day

The following is used for eight days from the day. Then they may be used until the day before Pentecost.

Offertory Sentence

In fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. Alleluia! (1Co 15:20)

Proper Preface

Especially, we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; He is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Ascension Day

The following may used from the day until the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Then they may be used until the day before Pentecost.

Offertory Sentence

The Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere.

Alleluia! (*Mar 16:19,20*)

Proper Preface

Especially, we give you thanks for the Ascension of your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious Resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Pentecost

The following may be used on any Sundays unappointed.

Offertory Sentence

Send forth your strength, O God; establish, O God, what you have wrought for us. Kings shall bring gifts to you, for your temple's sake at Jerusalem. Alleluia. (*Ps 68:28,29*)

Proper Preface

Especially, after our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven and was seated at the right hand of the Father, he sent forth upon the universal Church the Holy Spirit; that through his

glorious power the everlasting gospel might go forth into all the world. The Spirit leads us out of darkness and confusion into the marvelous light, that we truly know the Father and his Son Jesus Christ.

Trinity Sunday

The following may be used on the feast of Saint Michael and All Angels.

Offertory Sentence

Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come. (Rev 4:8)

Proper Preface

With your Son and the Holy Spirit, you are one Lord; you are not in one Person, but in the Trinity of Persons. We believe in the glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality.

Apostles' or Evangelists' Days

The following Offertory Sentence and Proper Preface may be used.

Offertory Sentence

Those who lead many to righteousness shall shine like the stars forever and ever. (*Dan 12:3*)

Proper Preface

Especially, we thank you for by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord having called Saint _____ to be an apostle (an evangelist), that we may keep the doctrine which they taught and boldly preach the Gospel to all peoples.

Saints' Days

The following Offertory Sentence and Proper Preface may be used.

They may be used on the feast of Saint Mary Magdalene.

Offertory Sentence

All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you. (*Ps 145:10*)

Proper Preface

By your saints, you, our Lord, have given us the good example of godly life and assured us the hope of our calling which we keep, that we may be surrounded by a great cloud

of witnesses, may run with perseverance the race of faith, until we may receive the eternal crown of glory with the Lord.

Consecration or Memorial Day of a Church

The following Offertory Sentence and Proper Preface may be used.

Offertory Sentence

Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple. *(Ps 65:4)*

Proper Preface

The holiness of the Lord is great; even heaven and earth cannot contain the Lord. But the Lord granted to sanctify this house for worship, that the grace is given to those who believe.

Memorial Service

The following Offertory Sentence and Proper Preface may be used.

Offertory Sentence

Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord. Yes, says the Spirit, they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them. (*Rev 14:13*)

Proper Preface

Especially, you have given us hope of the resurrection to eternal life through your Son Jesus Christ; even when we mourn our mortal nature, we are consoled by the promise of eternal life, that the life of the one who believes is changed, not ended; our earthly tent is perishable, but the Lord prepares an eternal dwelling place for us. (Therefore...

The Collects

The Collect, Old Testament, Epistle, and Gospel readings for Sundays are used from the eve of the day through the week, unless otherwise specified.

If the collect is terminated by “through Jesus Christ our Lord” or equivalent, it can be replaced by “through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.”

First Sunday of Advent

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

Second Sunday of Advent

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,

that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Third Sunday of Advent

O Lord, stir up your power, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

This collect is used until the morning of the day next before Christmas.

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

The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day

This collect is used until the morning of December 31st, except Sunday.

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Sunday after Christmas

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Naming of our Lord Jesus

This collect is used until the morning of the day next before Epiphany.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was circumcised and given the Name that is the sign of our salvation: give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit, and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Second Sunday after Christmas

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help us to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Epiphany

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Magi: Lead all the peoples of the earth, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Sunday after Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord Jesus

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River

Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Almighty God, who revealed in the incarnation of your Son, the eternal Word, the way of truth: Grant that we may entrust our lives to him, on whom is built the whole salvation of humankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and grant us your peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves; that, when he comes again with glory and power, we may be made like him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Almighty and everlasting God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole all people and nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

O God, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing, love is the bond of peace and of all virtue, and whoever lives without love is accounted dead before you: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts this greatest gift; hear us through your only Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is for all humankind the way, the truth, and life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sunday next before Lent

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

First Day of Lent (Ash Wednesday)

This collect, old testament, epistle, and gospel readings are used on ordinary days until the Saturday of the week.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, That we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Sunday in Lent

O Lord, who had your Son Jesus Christ fast forty days in the wilderness: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey your commands in righteousness, and true holiness, to your honor and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Second Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in

ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Third Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, look upon the heartfelt desires of your servants who call to you, and stretch out your mighty hand to be our defense against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ came as our great High Priest, and by his blood he has entered into the holy place to complete the eternal redemption once for all. Grant that we, by the blood of Christ who offered himself to you, may serve you cleansed in conscience from all evil doings that bring us to death. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sunday next before Easter (Palm Sunday)

This collect is used until the evening of Wednesday of the week.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take our nature upon his being, and he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross. Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday)

Almighty and everlasting Father, we give thanks to you for

leaving us a memorial of the passion of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ in this wonderful Sacrament: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption and make our lives as its manifestation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Holy Friday (Passion Day)

On this day, the service can be terminated after the collect, the old testament, the epistle, and the gospel. The morning service and/or the litany can be used beforehand. This collect is used in the morning of the day, and only the first collect is used for the morning service and the evening service.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our

supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for each and every member of your holy Church, that all of us, in our different vocations and ministries, may truly and humbly serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Merciful God, you created every living thing and hate nothing that you have made, and you take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but would rather they should turn from their ways and live; Have mercy upon all those whose hearts are hardened against belief in the crucified Christ. Take from them all ignorance and contempt of your Word; and so bring them home, blessed Lord, that they may be saved and be made one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Holy Saturday

Services of the day are done according to those on the Holy Friday. This collect is used in the morning of the day.

O Lord, Grant that as we are baptized into the death of your blessed Son Jesus Christ, so by continually putting to death

our sinful desires we may be buried with him: and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; by the grace of your Son Jesus Christ who died, was buried, and rose again for us. **Amen.**

Easter Day

One of the following collects is used from the morning of the day.

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honor, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who through the resurrection of your only-begotten Son overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the

Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Third Sunday of Easter

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Graciously open the eyes of our faith, so that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the good shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant: make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing

in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, to know you truly is the way to eternal life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

This collect is used until Wednesday morning.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely be fixed in that place where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Ascension Day

This collect is used until Saturday morning.

Almighty God, Grant, we pray, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind ascend there, and continually dwell with him, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Seventh Sunday of Easter (The Sunday after Ascension Day)

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Day of Pentecost

One of the following collects is used. This collect is used on the eve of the day and on the day, then on the following weekdays the collect of the closest proper Sunday to the Day of Pentecost is used.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift of Spirit throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Trinity Sunday: The First Sunday after Pentecost

This collect is used on the eve of the day and on the day, then on the following weekdays the collect of the closest proper Sunday to this day.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to

acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and to worship one God in the Trinity: Keep us steadfast in this faith, and help us to overcome all adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Proper 1

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through our weakness we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 2

O Lord, who makes us to have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, help and govern us, and set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 3

O Lord, you have given us a true desire to pray. Mercifully

hear our supplication to you that, through your almighty power, we may be defended in all dangers and comforted in all troubles; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 4

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through earthly things, that we lose not the things eternal; hear this, heavenly Father, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 5

Almighty God, grant that the course of this world may be peaceably governed by your providence; and that your Church may joyfully serve you in confidence and serenity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 6

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all

things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 7

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 8

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things which come from our flesh, and instead make us to bear fruit of good works according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 9

O Lord, without you, we cannot do any good works; grant to us, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we may be enabled to live according to

your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 10

O Lord, Let your merciful ears be open to the prayers of your humble servants; that they may obtain their petitions, guide them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 11

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 12

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask; through the merits and mediation of your Son

Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Proper 13

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may faithfully and diligently serve you in the world, truly put our trust in your heavenly promises, and run without stumbling to enter your kingdom; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 14

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 15

O Lord, keep your Church with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 16

O Lord, your Church cannot continue in safety without your help; with your continual mercy cleanse and defend it, and protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 17

Merciful God, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 18

O Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 19

O God, because without your grace, we are unable to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 20

Almighty and merciful God, in your goodness keep us, we pray, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in mind and body, may accomplish with willingness of hearts those things which belong to your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Proper 21

Merciful Lord, grant, we beseech you to your people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 22

O Lord, keep your household the Church in your steadfast grace, that through your protection we may be free from all adversities and be devoutly given to serve you in good works, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 23

O God, our refuge and strength, who is the author of all godliness; be ready, we ask you, to hear the devout prayers of your Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may be able to obtain, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 24

O Lord, absolve your people from their offenses, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Proper 25

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to be the servant of others as he was the servant of all, and gave up his life and died for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Proper 26

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of pure life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his immeasurable work, and with all our strength to follow daily in his blessed steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 27

Almighty God, whose sovereign purpose none can defy: Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of the world, knowing that your kingdom shall come and your will be done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 28

O Lord, stir up the wills of your faithful people; that they, joyfully bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by your fullness of grace be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proper 29

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord

of lords: Mercifully grant that by your grace the peoples of the earth may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Feasts

Saint Andrew the Apostle

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your Holy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to tell the good news of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Saint Thomas the Apostle

Almighty and everlasting God, for the firmer foundation of the Gospel, you allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son. Grant us a true faith in which we perfectly and without doubt believe in your Son Jesus Christ, and, witnessing his Holy Name, we may be worthy to look upon him when he comes again in glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Saint Stephen, the First Martyr

Heavenly Father, grant that whenever we suffer here on

earth for the testimony of your way, we may learn to love and forgive our persecutors by the example of our Lord Jesus and your first Martyr Saint Stephen. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who stands at the right hand of God to comfort all those who suffer for your name, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

Merciful Lord, we ask you to cast your bright beams of light upon your Church, that being enlightened by the doctrine of your blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John, it may so walk in the light of your truth that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Holy Innocents

Almighty God, we remember the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by King Herod. Receive, we pray, into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims; and by your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

O God, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we ask you, that we may always remember his miraculous conversion, and give thanks for it by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Almighty and everlasting God, whose only Son Jesus Christ was, in accordance with the Law, presented in the Temple and acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations: grant that in him we may be presented to you and in the world may reflect his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Saint Matthias the Apostle

Almighty God, who chose your faithful servant Matthias to take the place of the traitor Judas and be numbered among the Twelve: Grant that your Church, being always preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Saint Joseph

Almighty God, who from the family of your servant David raised up Joseph to be the spouse of the Virgin Mary and the guardian of your incarnate Son: Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his courage to follow your commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Annunciation of Our Lord to Saint Mary

O Lord, As the angel announced to the Virgin Mary, we have known that your Son Jesus Christ was given flesh and took upon himself our human nature: Pour your grace into our hearts that we may, by his cross and passion, be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Saint Mark the Evangelist

Almighty God, by Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We

thank you for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in the truth of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles

Almighty God, to know you truly is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that following the steps of your holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Saint Barnabas the Apostle

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us that it is more blessed to give than to receive: help us by the example of your apostle Barnabas to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service, so that we may constantly reflect your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and was sent to baptize with the baptism of repentance to prepare the way of Christ: Grant that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and, following his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the sake of truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles

The first two collects or only the third one may be used.

Almighty God, who by your Son Jesus Christ called your Apostle Saint Peter, and commanded him earnestly to feed your sheep: We pray for all pastors, that they may diligently preach your holy Word, and for your people, that they may obediently follow, and so receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, who has put many people of all nations into your Church through the preaching of your Apostle Saint Paul; grant us, we pray, that we, who venerate this holy apostle

and remember his martyrdom, may overcome every suffering and devoutly proclaim your Holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who gives us grace to remember the martyrdom of your blessed apostles Saints Peter and Paul: Grant that your household the Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Saint Mary Magdalene

Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be a witness to his resurrection:

Mercifully grant that by your grace we may be forgiven and healed from all our infirmities and serve you in the power of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Saint James the Apostle

O merciful God, your holy Apostle Saint James was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and without delay followed him, leaving his father and all that he had; so we, forsaking all desires of the world and the flesh, may be evermore ready with willingness to follow your holy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King of Glory in his beauty; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Saint Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Almighty God, you have chosen the Virgin Mary as the mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives

and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Saint Bartholomew the Apostle

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Almighty God, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ having called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: Give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Saint Michael and All Angels

Eternal God, by your providence you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully

grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Saint Luke the Evangelist

Almighty God, by your Son you have called Luke the physician to be an evangelist to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles

Almighty God, who built your Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone: Grant us, who remember Saints Simon and Jude, so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple for the testimony of the faith once our Lord taught the holy apostles; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All Saints' Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that on the last day we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Martyrs of Japan

Almighty God, whose mercy and power made the holy martyrs of Japan overcome their suffering and lead their lives in faith to the time of death: Grant that we, remembering their earthly lives and being thankful for your deeds, may hold fast the faith we profess; together with them, we too will receive the crown of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Establishment of Nippon Sei Ko Kai

The following collect is used when Holy Communion is celebrated on a weekday. On Sunday, other feast day, or First Day of Lent (Ash Wednesday) this collect is used after the

collect of the day.

Almighty God, you have illuminated this nation with the light of your Gospel, and called us to serve you in the one holy catholic and apostolic Church: Grant that we may ever give thanks to you for this great mercy by walking steadfastly in the way of true faith, and that all who proclaim your name may live as one in your Son, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Channing Moore Williams, The First Bishop of Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, you brought Bishop Williams to Japan to establish the bases of one holy, catholic and apostolic Church, and to let the light of the Gospel shine in this country: Give us, who remember and give thanks for him, a grace to follow his example of proclaiming only the Gospel, not the self; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Harvest Thanksgiving

Almighty and gracious God, we offer you our hearty thanks for your care in abundantly giving us the fruits of the earth

in their seasons. Give us the wisdom and power to use them rightly, to your glory, for fulfilling the needs of all people on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Mission

One of the following collects is used.

God of all nations, you have created us all in your image: Remember, Lord, those whose faith in you is known to you alone in your care. Bless your Church so that by its work, people may be delivered from unbelief and superstition, and come to believe in you; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

O God, you formed all people from the same flesh and blood, and made them to dwell in all parts of the world; and you sent your Son to the world so that peace may be proclaimed to those nearby and far away: Grant that the people of all nations may seek and find you; and make speed to complete your promise to pour out your Spirit upon all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, you so loved the world that you sent into it your only Son, and you wish for all people to be completely reconciled to you and live in holy communion with you: Grant us knowledge of your works, and the grace to give ourselves as witnesses to them, that we may aid in the fulfillment of your Kingdom, through our one and only great High Priest, your son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

O merciful God, you created every living thing and hate nothing that you have made, and you take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but would rather they should turn from their ways and live; Have mercy upon all those whose hearts are hardened against belief in you, give them grace to believe in your holy word that they may be made one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayer of Penitence and Absolution

(Taken from the Morning and Evening Prayer)

Officiant Let us kneel before God and examine ourselves,
and pray together for the forgiveness of our sins.

All kneel.

After the time of self examination, all say

Most merciful God the Father, we have done what we ought not to have done, and we have left undone what we out to have done, and we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us who are sinful. May we walk in newness of life, and obey your will, that we may show your glory. Through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen

Words of Scripture

General (Season after Pentecost)

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. *(Ps. 105:1, 2)*

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. *(John 4:24)*

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. *(Mat. 18:20)*

Be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *(Eph. 5:18-20)*

Advent

A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people

shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

(Isa. 40:3, 5)

It is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. *(Rom. 13:11, 12)*

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything. *(Phil. 4:5, 6)*

Christmas

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *(John 3:16)*

God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

(1Jo. 4:9)

The angel said, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah,

the Lord.” *(Luke 2:10, 11)*

Epiphany

For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. *(2Cor. 4:6)*

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. *(Ps. 96:2, 3)*

For the grace of God has appeared, training us to wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. *(Tit. 2:11-13)*

From Ash Wednesday to the day before Sunday next before Easter

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. *(Ps. 42:2)*

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. *(Eph. 6:10, 11)*

Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life,

to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. *(1Tim. 6:12)*

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. *(Ps. 51:17)*

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation and brings no regret. *(2Cor. 7:10)*

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. *(Heb. 12:1, 2)*

From Sunday next before Easter to Holy Friday (Passion Day, Good Friday)

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. *(1Pet. 2:24)*

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are

perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. *(1Cor. 1:18)*

Christ Jesus gave himself a ransom for all. *(1Tim. 2:6)*

Holy Saturday

We have been buried with Christ Jesus by baptism into death, we might no longer be enslaved to sin. *(Rom. 6:4, 6)*

Easter Day and Easter Season

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

(1Pet. 1:3)

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *(1Cor. 15:57)*

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

(Col. 3:1)

The Son sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand

of the Majesty on high. (*Heb. 1:3*)

To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever! (*Rev. 5:13*)

Pentecost

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.

(*Acts 1:8*)

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. It is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God. (*Rom. 8:14, 16*)

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. (*Rom. 5:5*)

Trinity Sunday

Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come. (*Rev. 4:8*)

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I

have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (*Mat. 28:19, 20*)

All Saints' Day

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (*Rev. 7:9, 10*)

Saints' Days (Other Feast Days)

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. (*Ps. 145:10*)

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. (*Dan. 12:3*)

Rogation Days, Harvest Thanksgiving

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and

those who live in it. *(Ps. 24:1)*

Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce. *(Pro. 3:9)*

For Mission

The first sentence of General (p.91) or the second sentence of Trinity Sunday (p.96)

Anniversary of the Establishment of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted. *(Ps. 80:14, 15)*

You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. *(Eph. 2:19, 20)*