

Other Feasts and Holy Days

The Naming of Jesus

1 January

Year A,B,C

Sentence of the Day

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

Acts 4:12

Collects of the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Psalm 8

Numbers 6:22-27

Galatians 4:4-7 *or* Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 2:15-21

Post Communion Sentence

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

Matthew 1:21

New Year's Day

Year A,B,C

Sentence of the Day

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

Acts 4:12

Collects of the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Psalm 8

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Revelation 21:1-6a

Matthew 25:31-46

The Conversion of Saint Paul

25 January

Year ABC

Sentence for the Day

I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what he has entrusted to me.

2 Timothy 1:12

Collects for the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Psalm 67

Psalm 67

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Acts 9:1-22

Acts 9:1-22

Galatians 1:11-16a

Matthew 19: 27-30

Matthew 19:27-30

Post Communion Sentence

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

Galatians 2:20

The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

2 February

Year ABC

Sentence for the Day

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

Ephesians 4:23-24

Collect for the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Psalm 24: (1-6) 7-10

Malachi 3:1-5

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

Post Communion Sentence

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

Psalm 48:9,10

Holy Innocents

16 February (alternative date)

Years ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

Jeremiah 31:13

Collects of the Day

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

Amen

Loving Jesus, let the tears of Rachel express our desolation,
let her weep for battered babies and clinical deformity,
weep for human cruelty and ignorance and arrogance.

Loving Jesus, may we weep with her,

may we see what we are doing,

what is happening to us;

help us repair it soon.

Praise to you our God; you answer prayer.

Amen

Readings

Psalm 124

Jeremiah 31:15-17

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

Matthew 2:13-18

Post Communion Sentence

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

Revelation 14:4

Saint Matthias the Apostle

24 February

Year ABC

Sentence for the Day

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

John 15:16

Collects for the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Psalm 15	Psalm 15
Isaiah 22: 15-25	Acts 1: 15-26
Acts 1: 15-26	1 Corinthians 4: 1-7
John 15:9-17	John 15: 9-17

Post Communion Sentence

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

Acts 1:22

The Annunciation of our Saviour to the Blessed Virgin Mary

25 March
Year ABC

Sentence for the Day

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

Luke 1:38

Collect for the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Psalm 40:5-11

Isaiah 7:10-14

Hebrews 10:4-10

Luke 1:26-38

Post Communion Sentence

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

Luke 1:48,49 (adapted)

Saint Mark the Evangelist
Year ABC

26 April

Sentence for the Day

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

Mark 16:15

Collect for the Day

Almighty God,

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Psalm 119:9-16

Proverbs 15:28-33 *or* Acts 15:35-41

Ephesians 4:7-16

Mark 13:5-13

Post Communion Sentence

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

Mark 16:7

Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles

1 May

Year ABC

Sentence for the Day

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

John 14:13

Collect for the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Psalm 119:1-8

Isaiah 30:15-21

Ephesians 1:3-10

John 14:1-14

Post Communion Sentence

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

Psalm 89:5

Saint John the Evangelist

6 May (alternative date)

Year ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

1 John 1:2

Collect of the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Ps 117

Exodus 33:7-11a

1 John 1: 1-5

John 21: 19b-25

Post Communion Sentence

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

John 13:23

The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

31 May

Years ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

Luke 1:52,53

Collect of the Day

Everloving God,

by your grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary
and hailed her as the mother of the Lord.

Fill us with your grace,

that we may acclaim her Son as our Saviour
and rejoice in our fellowship with him;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

God of the humble and expectant,

you bless those who believe when you promise;

help us, like Mary and Elizabeth,

simply to delight

in the good things you prepare for us,

to say, 'Yes'.

Praise to you our God; you answer prayer.

Amen

Readings

Psalm 113

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Romans 12:9-16b

Luke 1:39-49 (50-56)

Post Communion Sentence

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

Luke 1:45

Saint Barnabas the Apostle

11 June

Year ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

Acts 11:23

Collect of the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Reading

Ps 112

Job 29:11-16

Acts 11:19-30

John 15:12-17

Ps 112

Acts 11:19-30

Galatians 2:1-10

John 15:12-17

Post Communion Sentence

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

Acts 11:24

Saint John the Baptist

24 June

Year ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

John 1:6,7

Collect of the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Psalm 85:7-13

Isaiah 40:1-11

Act 13:14b-26 *or* Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 1:57-66,80

Post Communion Sentence

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

Luke 1:76,77

**Saint Peter and Saint Paul
Apostles, Martyrs**

29 June

Year ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

Ephesians 4:11,12

Collects of the Day

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

Amen

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

Hear this prayer for your love's sake.

Amen

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

Amen

Reading

Psalm 125

Zechariah 4:1-6a, 10b-14 *or* Acts 12:1-11

Acts 12:1-11 *or* 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

Matthew 16:13-19

Post Communion Sentence

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

Galatians 2:8 (adapted)

Saint Thomas, Apostle, Martyr

3 July (alternative date)

Years ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

John 20:29

Collects of the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Psalm 31:1-6

Habakkuk 2: 1-4

Ephesians 2: 19-22

John 20: 24-29

Post Communion Sentence

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

John 20:27

Saint Mary Magdalene

22 July

Years ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

John 20:17

Collects of the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Psalm 42:1-10

Song of Solomon 3:1-4

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

John 20:1-2, 11-18

Post Communion Sentence

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

John 16:33b

Saint James and Saint John, Apostles

25 July

Years ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

John 16:33b

Collects of the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

These collects may be used omitting the references to John.

Readings

Psalm 126

Jeremiah 45: 1-5

2 Corinthians 4: 7-15

Matthew 20: 20:28

Post Communion Sentence

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

Matthew 20:23

Saint Stephen, the first Christian Martyr

3 August (alternative date)

Years ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

Acts 7:56

Collects of the Day

Merciful God,

give us grace in all our sufferings for the truth

to follow the example

of your martyr Stephen,

that we also may look to him who was crucified

and pray for those who persecute us;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen

Jesus,

your glory is not in power alone

but even more in suffering and death;

may Stephen's vision

crown our resolution and keep us true;

for the glory of your holy name.

Amen

Readings

Psalm 119:161-168

2 Chronicles 24:20-22 *or* Acts 7:51-60

Acts 7:51-60 *or* Galatians 2:16b-20

Matthew 10:17-22

Post Communion Sentence

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

Acts 6:8

The Transfiguration of the Beloved Son

6 August

Sentence of the Day

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

Psalm 27:4,5

Collects of the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Psalm 97

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Peter 1: 16-19

Luke 9:28b-36

Saint Mary, the Mother of Jesus

15 August

Year ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

Luke 1:28a

Collect of the Day

God of love,

you chose the blessed virgin Mary

to be the mother of your only Son;

grant that we who have been redeemed by his blood,

may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom;

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Jesus, your birth is wonderful

and your mother is the most beloved woman of all time.

Help all of us who believe in you

to honour each other equally,

whatever our gender,

whatever our ability,

whatever our social state may be;

to the honour of your holy name.

Amen

Readings

Psalm 45:10-end

Isaiah 61:10-11 *or* Revelation 11:19 – 12:6,10

Galatians 4: 4-7

Luke 1:46-55

Post Communion Sentence

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

Luke 1:28,35

Saint Bartholomew (Nathanael), Apostle

24 August

Years ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Collects of the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Psalm 145:1-7

Isaiah 43:8-13 *or* Acts 5: 12-16

Acts 5: 12-16 *or* 1 Cor 4: 9-15

Luke 22: 24-30

Post Communion Sentence

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

John 1:47

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

1 September

Years ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

Psalm 25:5

Collects of the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Psalm 126; 145

Sirach 44:1-15 *or* Proverbs 8:1-13

1 Corinthians 3:11-17

Matthew 5:1-12

Post Communion Sentence

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

1 Peter 2: 4-6 (adapted)

Holy Cross Day

14 September

Years ABC

Sentence

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

Galatians 6:14

Collects

Almighty God,
in the passion of your blessed Son
you made an instrument of shameful death
to be for us the means of life;
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ
that we may gladly suffer for his sake,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Psalm 98:1-5 *or* Psalm 78: 1-2, 34-38

Numbers 21:4b-9

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

John 3:13-17

Post Communion Sentence

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

John 12.32

Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist
21 September
Years ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

Matthew 28:19-20

Collect of the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Psalm 119:65-72

Proverbs 3: 13-18

2 Corinthians 4: 1-6

Matthew 9:9-13

Post Communion Sentence

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

2 Corinthians 4:6

Saint Michael and All Angels
29 September
Years ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

Revelation 5:11

Collects of the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Psalm 103: 19-22

Genesis 28: 10-17 *or* Revelation 12:7-12a

Revelation 12:7-12a *or* Hebrews 1: 5-14

John 1: 47-51

Post Communion Sentence

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

Psalm 103:20

Saint Luke the Evangelist

18 October

Year ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

Isaiah 52:7

Collect of the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Psalm 147:1-7

Isaiah 35:3-6 *or* Acts 16:6-12a

2 Timothy 4:5-17

Luke 10:1-9

Post Communion Sentence

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

Luke 5:31

Saint James of Jerusalem, Brother of our Lord

23 October

Years ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

Psalm 133:1

Collects of the Day

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

Amen

God of revelation and reform,
we thank you for James
and his change from unbelief
to knowing Jesus, his brother, as Saviour,
and dying for his faith.

Grant that when we are wrong
we may trust you enough to change.
to the honour of your holy name.

Amen

Readings

Psalm 119:65-72

Genesis 33:1-11

Acts 15:12-22a

Matthew 13: 53-58

Post Communion Sentence

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

1 Corinthians 15:7

Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles

28 October

Year ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

1 Peter 2:9

Collects of the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Psalm 119:89-96

Isa 28:14-16

Ephesians 2:19-22

John 15:17-27

Post Communion Sentence

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

Jude 20

All Saints' Day

1 November

Sentence of the Day

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

Ephesians 1:18,19

Collects of the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Year A

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Revelation 7:9-17

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

Year B

Psalm 24

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 *or* Isaiah 25:6-9

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

Year C

Psalm 149

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

Post Communion Sentence

These are they who have put off mortal clothing and have put on the immortal, and have confessed the name of God; now they are being crowned, and receive palms. *2 Esdras 2:45*

All Souls

2 November

Sentence

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

1 Thessalonians 4:14

Collects of the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Psalm 23

Lamentations 3:17-26, 31-33

Romans 5: 5-11

John 5: 19-25

or Psalm 27: 1-6, 16-17

Wisdom 3:1-9

1 Peter 1: 3-9

John 6: 37-40

Post Communion Sentence

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

John 12.32

Saint Andrew, Apostle, Martyr

30 November

Year ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

John 6:9

Collects of the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Psalm 19:1-6

Isaiah 52: 7-10

Romans 10: 12-18

Matthew 4: 18-22

Post Communion Sentence

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

John 1:41,42

Saint Thomas, the Apostle
21 December or 3 July

Year ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

John 20:29

Collect of the Day

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

Amen

Christ our light,
like Thomas we need to see,
need to touch,
need to be sure before we believe.
When we don't know, help us to trust;
when we can't see, help us to keep on walking.
Hear this prayer for your name's sake.

Amen

Readings

Psalm 19:1-6

Isaiah 52:7-10

Romans 10:12-18

Matthew 4:18-22

Post Communion Sentence

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

John 20:27

Saint Stephen, the first Christian Martyr

26 December or 3 August

Year ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

Acts 7:56

Collect of the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Ps 119:161-168

2 Chronicles 24:20-22 *or* Acts 7:51-61

Acts 7:51-60 *or* Galatians 2:16b-20

Matthew 23:34-39

Post Communion Sentence

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

Acts 6:8

Saint John, the Evangelist
27 December or 6 May

Year ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

1 John 1:2

Collect of the Day

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

Amen

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

Amen

Readings

Psalm 117

Exodus 33:7-11a

1 John 1:1-5

John 21:19b-25

Post Communion Sentence

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

John 13.23

The Holy Innocents
28 December or 16 February

Year ABC

Sentence of the Day

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

Jeremiah 31:13

Collect of the Day

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

Amen

Loving Jesus, let the tears of Rachel express our desolation,
let her weep for battered babies and clinical deformity,
weep for human cruelty and ignorance and arrogance.

Loving Jesus, may we weep with her,
may we see what we are doing,
what is happening to us;
help us repair it soon.

Praise to you our God; you answer prayer.

Amen

Readings

Ps 124

Jeremiah 31:15-17

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

Matthew 2:13-18

Post Communion Sentence

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

Revelation 14:4