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READINGS + PRAYERS FOR SUNDAYS + HOLY DAYS FROM ADVENT

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The First Sunday of Advent.

The first Candle of Advent is lit with these words:-

Reader: We wait for your loving kindness O Lord.

Answer. In the midst of your temple.

Reader: Blessed is the king, who comes to us in the name of the Lord,

Answer Peace in heaven and glory in the highest. Amen

Reader: Heavenly Father we are searching and waiting for the light of
Jesus the Word, give us strength to wait in love for His coming

Answer. Blessed be God forever.

Advent Collect.

Almighty God our heavenly Father, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of your holiness, that we longing for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ may rejoice in his light and truth who with you Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns God forever. **Amen.**

This Collect may be used as the Post Communion on any day from second Sunday of Advent until Christmas Eve instead of the collect provided.

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

Readings: Jeremiah 33; 14 - 16.

‘Behold, the days are coming,’ says the Lord, ‘that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David. A Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In those days Judah will be saved, And Jerusalem will dwell safely. This is the name by which she will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.’

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 3; 9 - 13. [Prayer for the Church.]

What thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God, night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith?

Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Be watchful and ready for you know not the time of the Son of man’s coming says the Lord.]

The Gospel. Luke 21; 25 - 36. [Second Coming of the Son of Man.]

“ There will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

Then Jesus spoke to them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass

away till all things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and the cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. It will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Peace for use during Advent:

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Amen.

Offertory Prayer

O Lord Christ only Son of the Father, the living bread of heaven who loves mankind, bless and hallow this bread and chalice for the healing of our souls and bodies, that we holding fast to things heavenly may on earth faithfully serve and honour you world without end. **Amen.**

Post Communion.

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin, but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Second Sunday of Advent

The two Candles of Advent are lit with these words:-

Reader: I call to you O Lord:

Answer. Come quickly to me.

Reader: Hear my voice when I cry to you.

Answer. Let my prayer rise to you as incense. [Ps.14].

Reader: Of old you spoke by the mouths of the prophets, but in our day you speak through your only begotten Son.

Answer. Blessed be God forever.

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Readings: Jeremiah 33; 14 - 16.

‘Behold, the days are coming,’ says the Lord, ‘that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David. A Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In those days Judah will be saved, And Jerusalem will dwell safely. This is the name by which she will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.’

Reading: Philippians 1; 3 - 5 + 9 - 11. [Thankfulness and Prayer.]

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now.... I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

[Prepare the way of the Lord make straight his paths, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.]

The Gospel. Luke 3; 1 - 6. [The Forerunner prepares the Way.]

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. John went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying:

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight. Every valley shall be filled And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough ways smooth; 6And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

Peace for use during Advent:

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, to receive your Son Jesus Christ in this Blessed Sacrament that when he comes again as judge and savior, we may again be ready to receive him, as our true Lord and our God, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, forever. **Amen.**

Post Communion.

Father in heaven, who sent thy Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he returns in glory,, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Third Sunday of Advent

The three Candles of Advent are lit with these words:-

Reader: We call to you O Lord. Hear our voice and come quickly.

Answer. Let our prayer come before you as incense.

Reader: and the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice.,

Answer Let our prayer come before you as incense. Amen.

Reader: Your prophet John the Baptist a witness to truth and a
light

to the Lamb of God your beloved Son,

Ans. Answer. Blessed be God forever.

Collect

O God for whom we watch and wait, John the Baptist came to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to follow the example of the prophet, to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to

suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings: Zephaniah 3; 14 - 20. [Joy in God's Faithfulness.]

Sing, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away your judgments; He has cast out your enemy. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; You shall see disaster no more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak. The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

"I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly, Who are among you, To whom its reproach is a burden. Behold, at that time

I will deal with all who afflict you; I will save the lame, And gather those who were driven out; I will appoint them for praise and fame In every land where they were put to shame. At that time I will bring you back, Even at the time I gather you; For I will give you fame and praise Among all the peoples of the earth, When I return your captives before your eyes," Says the Lord.

Philippians 4; 4 - 7.

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand..Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Lift up your heads and see your redemption draws nigh.]

The Gospel. Luke 3; 7 - 18. [The Baptist proclaims repentance.]

John said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

The people asked him, saying, "What shall we do then?" He answered and said to them, "He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise." Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than what is appointed for you." Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, "And what shall we do?" He said to them, "Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages." Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire." With many other exhortations he preached to the people.

Peace for use during Advent:

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Offertory Prayer.

Blessed are you O God, to you belong praise and glory forever. Your prophet John the Baptist was a witness to your truth as revealed by the Holy Spirit. He proclaimed Jesus as the Christ and "Lamb of God". Let us your servants, offer this Holy Eucharist rejoicing in the light of Jesus our Emmanuel and be his witnesses, for He is King of the ages. **Amen.**

Post Communion.

Stir up your power, O Lord, Jesus Christ, may we who have been baptized in your name and shared in these holy mysteries be ready for the celebration of your Holy Nativity for you are the Emmanuel and light of the world. **Amen.**

The Fourth Sunday of Advent.

The four Candles of Advent are lit with these words:-

Reader: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.

Answer. My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

Reader: He looks upon his lowly servant.,

Answer From this day all generations will call me blessed.

Reader: Through the child bearing of blessed Mary, light, healing and love shines out in the dark world.

Answer. Blessed be God forever.

Collect: Almighty and redeemer God, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary

to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as

Saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge;

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now

and forever. **Amen.**

Readings: Micah 5. 1- 5a. [The Coming Messiah]

Gather yourself in troops, O daughter of troops; He has laid siege against us; they will strike the judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek. "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me, The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting." Therefore He shall give them up, until the time that she who is in labour has given birth; then the remnant of His brethren shall return to the children of Israel. And He shall stand and feed His flock In the strength of the Lord, In the majesty of the name of the Lord His God; and they shall abide, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth; and this One shall be peace.

Hebrews 10; 5 - 10.

Christ's Death Fulfills God's Will. Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come; in the volume of the book it is written of Me, to do Your will, O God.' Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the law), then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second. By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The acclamation with the response before the Gospel.

Let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light, and walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ,
[Rom 13; 12-13]

The Gospel. Luke 1; 39 -45. [Mary Visits Elizabeth.]

Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. It happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? Indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord."

Peace for use during Advent:

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Amen.

Offertory Prayer .

We beseech the Almighty God, that as we approach the glorious nativity of thy Son, so we may also by thy mercy, obtain with gladness his reward of everlasting life. **Amen.**

Post Communion.

Eternal God, this day we have recalled the Blessed Virgin Mary, who waited for the birth of thy Son, so we now wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christmas Eve.

The Christmas Candle to recall the Lord's nativity is lit with these words:-

Reader: Unto you a child is born, unto you a king is given.

Answer. And the government shall be upon his shoulder.

Reader: and his name will be called, wonderful, counsellor Mighty God,

Answer The everlasting Father and prince of peace.

Reader: Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth

Answer. He alone is Holy, he alone is the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

Collect:

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our human nature upon himself and to 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 the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 62 ; 1 - 5.. [Zion's Salvation.]

For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord will name. You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; For the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a virgin, So

shall your sons marry you; And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So shall your God rejoice over you.

Acts13; 16 - 26.

Then Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said, “Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen: The God of this people Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He brought them out of it. Now for a time of about forty years He put up with their ways in the wilderness. And when He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He distributed their land to them by allotment. “After that He gave them judges for about four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. But afterward they asked for a king; so God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. When He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’ From this man’s seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Saviour, Jesus after John had first preached, before His coming, the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. As John was finishing his course, he said, ‘Who do you think I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes One after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to loose.’ “Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. [I bring good tidings of great joy for all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. **Alleluia.**

The Gospel. Matthew 1; 1 - 17. [The Genealogy of Jesus Christ.]

The genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse,

and Jesse begot David the king.

David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon. After they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations.

Peace: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. [Isaiah 9.6]

Offertory Prayer .

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to approach this Eucharist in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our lives and prayers of heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. **Amen.**

Post Communion.

Eternal God and Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Christmas Night.

Collect: Eternal God, who enlightened this most holy night to shine with

the brightness of your one true light,: grant us, who have known the mystery of that light on earth, may also attain to the fruition of the heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Readings: Isaiah 9; 2 - 4+ 6 - 7.

The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined. You have multiplied the nation And increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil.For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Titus 3; 4 - 7.

When the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. [I bring good tidings of great joy for all people, for there is born a saviour who is Christ the Lord.] **Alleluia.**

The Gospel. Luke 2 ; 1 - 14.

It came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and

lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Peace: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. [Isaiah 9.6]

Offertory Prayer

O Lord our heavenly Father, accept on this joyful night, these gifts, may we be made in the image of our Saviour by our communion with him who raises our lives to You through the Holy Spirit, for he is king of kings and lord of lords forever and ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion

God our Father, in this holy night we have drawn near with gladness to the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and forever. **Amen.**

Christmas Day.

The liturgy may begin with the white candles of Christmas.

Reader: Unto you a child is born, unto you a king is given.

Answer. And the government shall be upon his shoulder.

Reader: and his name will be called, wonderful, counselor mighty God,

Answer The everlasting Father and prince of peace.

Reader: Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on

earth.

**Aer. Answer . He alone is Holy, he alone is the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia.**

Collect:

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

Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 52; 7 - 10.

How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Your watchmen shall lift up their voices, With their voices they shall sing together; For they shall see eye to eye When the Lord brings back Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, You waste places of Jerusalem! For the Lord has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has made bare His holy arm In the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see The salvation of our God.

Hebrews 1; 1 - 6.

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"? But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him."

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. [To us a child is born to us a son is given and his name will be the prince of peace.] **Alleluia.**

The Gospel. Luke 2; 15 - 20.

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. When they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

Peace: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. [Isaiah 9.6]

Offertory Prayer .

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to approach this Holy Eucharist in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our lives and prayers of heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our true and eternal God. **Amen.**

Post Communion.

Eternal God and Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The First Sunday of Christmas. **If the Holy Family is observed on this Sunday.**

The Christmas Candle is lit with these words:-

Reader: Unto you a child is born, unto you a king is given.

Answer. And the government shall be upon his shoulder.

Reader: and his name will be called, wonderful, counselor mighty God,

Answer The everlasting Father and prince of peace.

Reader: Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on

earth

Answer. He alone is Holy, he alone is the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

Collect:

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; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Readings: 1 John 3; 1 + 2 and 18 - 24.

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.....

My little children let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. By this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. Whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. [The love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. **Alleluia.**

The Gospel. Luke 2; 41 - 52. [The Boy Jesus Amazes the Scholars.]

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. When He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. When they had

finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. Joseph and His mother did not know it; but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. When they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. When they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Peace: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. [Isaiah 9.6]

Offertory Prayer .

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to approach this Eucharist in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our lives and prayers of heartfelt praise as we worship the eternal and perfect unity of the Triune God. **Amen.**

Post Communion.

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church 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.

The Feast of the Holy Family.

If the Holy Family is observed on December 31st.

Collect 1. The Holy Family.

O Lord our heavenly Father, your blessed Son was subject to Mary and Joseph and shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home, give us grace to live as the holy family, united in love and obedience and

bring us at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Collect 2. The Christian Family.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people, and send down a blessing upon all Christian parents, grant them the spirit of wisdom and understanding and give our children the spirit of discipline and reverence, binding each together as an image of the Holy family of Nazareth through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Readings: Colossians 3; 12 - 21

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

Husbands love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. [The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. To all who received him he gave power to become children of God.]
Alleluia.

The Gospel. St Matthew 2; 13 -15 + 19 -23.

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." When he arose,

he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Peace: Our Saviour is the Prince of Peace of the increase of his government and of his peace there will be no end . **[Isaiah 9.6 +7]**
Offertory prayer.

O Lord, grant that as we commemorate the revealing of thy beloved Son to the world as a child, keep us, who now with thanksgiving offer our gifts and our bodies and souls, united with him and ascend in him to that heavenly communion in his Kingdom. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Almighty God and heavenly Father, look upon the offering of thy Church, no longer gold, Frankincense and myrrh, but the bread and wine that becomes for us the most pure body and precious blood of Christ our true God. **Amen.**

The Holy Name and Circumcision of Christ. | **This day is normally observed on January 1st.**

The Christmas Candle is lit with these words:-

Reader: Sing praises all you servants of the Lord.

Answer. O praise the name of the Lord.

Reader: Let the name of the Lord be blessed from this time and forever.,

Answer From the rising of the Sun to its setting the Lord's name be praised.

Collect.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was circumcised in obedience to the law for our sake and given the Name that is above every name: 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; who lives and reigns with, **Amen.**

Readings: Galatians 4; 4-7.

When the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

An acclamation before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. [Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.] **Alleluia.** **[Col. 3; 17]**

The Gospel. Luke 2. 15 - 21.

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.

And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

Peace: His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Mighty God the Prince of Peace.

Offertory prayer.

O Lord, graciously accept our prayers and oblations, at the opening of this New Year, and that we being cleansed by these heavenly mysteries, may obtain great mercy and the fulfillment of all our desires. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Almighty and Everlasting God, your incarnate Son was given the title Lord and Saviour: grant that we who have shared in this sacrament of our salvation may live out our lives in this world in the power of the Name, Jesus the Christ, the name above every other name, through whom we make these and all our prayers. . **Amen.**

The Second Sunday of Christmas.

The Christmas Candle is lit with these words from Psalm 113

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Reader: Unto you a child is born, unto you a king is given.

Answer. **And the government shall be upon his shoulder.**

Reader: And his name will be called, wonderful, counsellor mighty God,

Answer. **The everlasting Father and prince of peace.**

Reader: He alone is Holy, he alone is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Answer. **Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.**

Collect. Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever..

Readings: Ephesians 1; 3 - 14.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of

sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth--in Him. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. [The grace of God has dawned upon the World with healing for mankind.] **Alleluia.**

The Gospel. John 1; 1 - 18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.' "and of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. The law was given through Moses, but grace and truth

came through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

Peace: God is love and those who live in love, live in God and God lives in them.

Offertory Prayer God our Father, in love you sent your Son that the world may have life: may these gifts become Holy and life giving for us to seek him who opens the way to truth and the promise of eternity. **Amen.**

Post Communion.

All praise to thee, Almighty God and heavenly king, who sent thy Son into the world to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin: grant that, as we are born again in him, so he may continually dwell in us and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Epiphany of Christ.

The Epiphany Sundays begin with these words:-

Reader: Arise shine for your light has come.

Answer. and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

[Isa 60.1]

Reader: From the rising of the Sun to its setting,

Answer my name is great among the nations, says the Lord. . **[Mal; 1;11]**

Reader: Let us give thanks to God the Father for the gift of Jesus, the Word made flesh, manifesting glory and truth to the world. **Amen.**

Let us

Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested the only - begotten Son to the gentiles: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of your glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Readings: Ephesians 3; 1 - 12.

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles-- if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, how that by

revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. [We have seen his star and come to worship him.] **Alleluia.**

The Gospel. Matthew 2; 1 - 12.

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him, and when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the

star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Peace: Our Saviour is the Prince of Peace of the increase of his government and of his peace there will be no end. **[Isaiah 9.6 +7]**

Offertory Prayer.

Almighty God and heavenly Father, look upon the offerings of your people, no longer gold frankincense and myrrh, but the bread and wine that will become for us the most pure body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Post Communion. Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we, who with the wise men have been drawn by thy light, discern the glory of thy presence in thy blessed Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Alternative Post Communion.

Father guide us with thy light, and help us who receive Christ at this Eucharist to welcome him as our Lord forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism of Christ. [Midweek.]

The Epiphany Sundays begin with these words:-

Reader: Blessed are you Lord God, King of the universe.

Answer. I heard a voice from heaven saying behold I make all things new.

Reader: I am the Alpha and Omega the beginning and the end.

Answer I will give freely from the fountain the water of life. **[Rev. 21.]**

Reader: O God kindle in our hearts the radiant light of your grace, that as the coming of our savior which enlightened the world may also be manifested and shine forth in our hearts. **Amen.**

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your dearly beloved Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Readings: Acts. 10; 34 - 39.

In Caesarea Peter speaking said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ--He is Lord of all-- that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him, and we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. [A voice came from heaven saying this is my son; listen to him.] **Alleluia.**

The Gospel. Matthew 3; 13 - end

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by John who tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Peace: Our Saviour is the Prince of Peace of the increase of his government and of his peace there will be no end. **[Isaiah 9.6 +7]**

Offertory Prayer .

Almighty God and heavenly Father, look upon the offerings of thy church, no longer gold frankincense and myrrh, but the bread and wine that will become for us the most pure body and blood of our saviour Jesus Christ.

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity, who opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus thy beloved Son: by the power of thy Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or this Post Communion

Almighty God our Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son, shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help thy Church 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.**

First Sunday of the Epiphany [The Baptism].

The Epiphany Sundays begin with these words:-

Reader: Blessed are you Lord God, King of the universe.

Answer. **I heard a voice from heaven saying behold I make all things new.**

Reader: I am the Alpha and Omega the beginning and the end.

Answer **I will give freely from the fountain the water of life. [Rev. 21.]**

Reader: O God kindle in our hearts the radiant light of your grace, that
as the coming of our saviour enlightened the world he
may also
be manifested and shine in our hearts. **Amen**

Collect. Heavenly Father, at the Jordan River you revealed Jesus as your “Beloved Son”: may we recognize him as the Saviour and know we are your adopted children in Jesus Christ our Lord, through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Readings: Acts 19; 1 -7.

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. Finding some disciples he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." Paul said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. Now the men were about twelve in all.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. [I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God, says the Baptist. **Alleluia.**

The Gospel. Mark 1; 4 - 11.

John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey, and he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. Then a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Peace: Our Saviour is the Prince of Peace of the increase of his government and of his peace there will be no end. **[Isaiah 9.6 +7]**

Offertory Prayer . Grant O Lord, that as we commemorate the revealing of the beloved Son Jesus Christ to the world, keep us

who offer our gifts and our souls and bodies, may be united with him who gave himself for us. **Amen**

Post Communion

Lord God of all time, who opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father, in the baptism of Jesus “the beloved Son”: by the power of the Holy Spirit complete your loving purpose in those who have received the water of baptism; the new creation; in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Second Sunday of Epiphany. [The first sign at Cana.]

The Epiphany Sundays begin with these words:-

Reader: Blessed are you Lord God, King of the universe.

Answer. **From the rising of the sun to its setting, let your name be proclaimed among the nations. [Mal 1;11.]**

Reader: Christ calls us out of darkness into his glorious light,

Answer **To be a kingdom of priests to our God.**

Reader: O God kindle in our hearts the radiant light of your grace, that as the coming of our saviour enlightened the world he may also be manifested and shine forth in our hearts.

Collect

Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is

alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Readings: 1 Corinthians 12; 1 - 11. [Spiritual Gifts:]

Concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. There are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. [We have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.] **Alleluia. [John 1;14]**

The Gospel. John 2; 1 - 11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." Now there were set there six water pots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.

Jesus said to them, "Fill the water pots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was

made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!" This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

Peace: Our Saviour is the Prince of Peace of the increase of his government and of his peace there will be no end.

Offertory Prayer.

Defend us On Lord, for we are your servants who seek to be joined to those things that are heavenly, offering our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion.

Almighty Father, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world, may your church be illumined by your holy word and sacraments, and shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, God now and for ever. **Amen**

The Third Sunday of Epiphany. [God's call.]

The Epiphany Sundays begin with these words:-

Reader: Blessed are you Lord God, King of the universe.

Answer. From the rising of the sun to its setting, let your name be proclaimed among the nations. [Mal 1;11.]

Reader: Christ calls us out of darkness into his glorious light,

Answer To be a kingdom of priests to our God.

Reader: O God kindle in our hearts the radiant light of your grace, that as the coming of our saviour enlightened the world, He may also be manifested and shine forth in our hearts. **Amen.**

Collect.

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Readings: 1 Corinthians 12; 12 - 31. [Unity and Diversity in One Body.]

As the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, all have been made to drink into one Spirit. In fact the body is not one member but many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? If the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. If they were all one member, where would the body be?

Indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. Those members of the body which we think to be less honourable, on these we bestow greater honour; and our unrepresentable parts have greater modesty, but our representable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honour to that part which lacks it, that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the best gifts. Yet I show you a more excellent way.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. [Follow me and I will make you fishers of men says the Lord.] **Alleluia.**

The Gospel. Luke 4; 14 - 21. [The ministry begins.]

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went throughout the surrounding region. He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”* [Isaiah 49; 8-9 and 61;1-2].

Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. Then He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Peace: Our Saviour is the Prince of Peace of the increase of his government and of his peace there will be no end. [Isaiah 9.6 +7]

Offertory Prayer . Eternal Father, our beginning and our end: may this holy Eucharist bring all who follow Christ in this life to your glory, hidden through past ages but made known in Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion. God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us, the light of your glory may shine in throughout the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany.[The Exorcist]

The Epiphany Sundays begin with these words:-

Reader: Blessed are you Lord God, King of the universe.

Answer. From the rising of the sun to its setting, let your

**name be
proclaimed among the nations. [Mal 1;11.]**

Reader: Christ calls us out of darkness into his glorious light,

Answer **To be a kingdom of priests to our God.**

Reader: O God kindle in our hearts the radiant light of your grace that as the coming of our saviour enlightened the world he may also be manifested and shine forth in our hearts. **Amen.**

Collect.

O God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all thy people, and reveal the knowledge of thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Readings: 1 Corinthians 13; 1 - 13. [Caritas is the Greatest Gift.]

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not charity, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. Though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not charity, it profits me nothing. Charity suffers long and is kind; charity does not envy; charity does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. charity never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. We know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then, that which is in part will be done away.

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus cast out spirits and healed the sick with a word. **Alleluia.** [Matt.6;16.]

The Gospel. Luke 4; 21 - 30.

Jesus began to say, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth, saying, "Is this not Joseph's son?" He said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.' " Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

Peace: Our Saviour is the Prince of Peace of the increase of his government and of his peace there will be no end.

Offertory Prayer . Defend us O God, for we are your servants who in this Blessed Sacrament proclaim the mystery of your love: help us so to live all our days as signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Post Communion. Almighty God our heavenly Father you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple **When served on Sunday as Candlemas.**

Candlemas Sunday begins with these words:-

Reader: Blessed are you Lord God, King of the universe.

Answer. Amen.

Reader: With joy with Simeon and Anna we welcome Christ the world's true light into our lives.

Reader: O God kindle in our hearts the radiant light of your grace, that as

the coming of our saviour enlightened the world, he may also be

manifested and shine forth in our hearts. **Amen**

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our mortal flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, and reflect the glory of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Readings: Hebrews 2; 14 - 18. RSV.

Since the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partakes of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. For surely it is not with angels that he is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. for because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. [Today Simeon proclaims Christ, the light of the nations and glory of Israel.] **Alleluia.**

The candle of Christ is lit and held for the Gospel. Luke 2; 22 - 40.

When the days of Mary's purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Jesus to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the

Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." There was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him, and it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: "*Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.*"

Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "*Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.*"

Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day. Coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. The Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

Peace: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. [Isaiah 9.6]

Offertory Prayer.

Almighty God and heavenly Father, accept these gifts thy church's offering with joy, in the faith of your only Son the light of the nations who offered himself as the lamb without blemish for the life of the world. **Amen.**

Post Communion on Candlemas Sunday ends with these words:-

Reader: O Lord, the hope of Simeon and Anna was graciously fulfilled, they lived to welcome the Messiah; may we, who have received these gifts beyond all words, prepare to meet the same Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, unto the ages of ages.

The lighted Candle is held during the Nunc Dimittis after which extinguished until Easter Day:

Reader God the Father delivers us from the dominions of darkness. [**Col.1**]

Answer: Christ the image of God the firstborn of all creation,

Reader He is the head of his body the Church and through him all things are reconciled.

All say aloud the NUNC DIMITTIS

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation; Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :

and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end.

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. [The Charge.]

The Epiphany Sundays begin with these words:-

Reader: Not unto us O Lord, not unto us,

Answer. But unto thy name give the glory”.

Reader: Every good thing is from above. From the Father of lights, with

whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

Answer He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be the first fruit of his creation.

Reader: O God kindle in our hearts the radiant light of your grace, that as the coming of our saviour enlightened the world, he may also be manifested and shine forth in our hearts. **Amen.**

Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15; 1 - 11. [Faith in the Risen Christ.]

Brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you, and unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, and because I persecuted the church of God, not worthy to be called an apostle,. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, if it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. [Follow me and I will make you fishers of men. **[Matt.4;19.] Alleluia.**

The Gospel. Luke 5; 1 - 11. [Four Fishermen called to be Disciples.]

As the multitude pressed about Jesus to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land, and He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

Peace: Our Saviour is the Prince of Peace of the increase of his government and of his peace there will be no end. **[Isaiah 9.6 +7]**

Offertory Prayer.

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life; that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom,

where he is alive and reigns, now and forever.. **Amen**

Post Communion.

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany.

The final Epiphany Sundays begin with these words:-

Reader: Blessed are you Lord God, King of the universe.

Answer. **Let your name be proclaimed among the nations.**

Reader: Christ calls us out of darkness into his glorious light,

Answer **To be a kingdom of priests to our God.**

Reader: O God watch over your Church and keep her safe, to place all her

hope and on you our God and Father and your Son Our Saviour,

the healer of the world. **Amen.**

Collect.

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service: strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Reading: 1Corinthians 15; 12 - 20. RSV [Preach the Risen Christ.]

If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ, whom if he did not raise and if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. ['He, who receives me, receives him who sent me'] **Alleluia.**

The Gospel. Luke 6; 17 - 22. [Healer and Teacher.]

Jesus came and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him to be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all. Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said:

**“Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled.
Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.
Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you,
and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man’s sake.**

Peace: Our Saviour is the Prince of Peace of the increase of his government and of his peace there will be no end. **[Isaiah 9.6 +7]**

Offertory Prayer.

Almighty Father, cleanse and heal us, and may we be made worthy for the indwelling presence of our blessed Saviour, who we shall receive in this communion, the sacrament of our eternal life. **Amen.**

Post Communion

God of truth, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life: strengthen our faith send us out into the world to live and work as his ambassadors to his praise and glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany.

[Septuagesima]

Third Sunday before Lent.

The Three Sundays before Lent begin with these words:-

Reader: Blessed are you Lord God, King of the universe.

Answer. **Let your name be proclaimed among the nations.**

Reader: Christ calls us out of darkness into his glorious light,

Answer **To be a kingdom of priests to our God.**

Reader: Let us pray to God to watch over the Church and keep her safe,

to place all her hope and on you our God and Father
and your

divine Son Our Saviour, the healer of the world. **Amen**

Collect.

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command

and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and evermore. **Amen**

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15; 20 - 26. [Christ's resurrection is central.]

In fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive, each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "All things are put in subjection under him," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things under him, that God may be everything to everyone.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia [Jesus says, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.] **Alleluia.**

The Gospel. Luke 6; 20 - 26. [St. Luke's Beatitudes.]

Jesus lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said:
“Blessed are you poor, For yours is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled.
Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.
Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you,
And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of
Man’s sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! for indeed your
reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to
the prophets.

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your
consolation. Woe to you who are full, For you shall hunger.
Woe to you who laugh now, For you shall mourn and weep. Woe
to you when all men speak well of you, for so did their fathers to
the false prophets.

Peace: Christ is our peace, he reconciled us to God in his body
by the cross. We gather in his name and share his peace.

Amen.

Lenten Offertory Prayer .

**Lord God, we acknowledge that Christ Jesus is your only
begotten Son, who lived and died in this world to save
sinners. We believe also that at this altar we will share in
his most pure body, and his most precious blood.
Therefore we pray: have mercy upon us, forgive our
offences and count us worthy to partake in this most pure
mystery, and never lose sight of Jesus who leads us in the
faith and brings us to perfection. Amen.**

Post Communion.

O Lord our God and our creator, by your gift the tree of life was
set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at
the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished in
this sacrament on earth be transformed by the glory of the
Saviour’s cross and enjoy the joy of eternity; through Jesus Christ
our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, unto the ages of ages. **Amen**

Second Sunday before Lent [sexagesima.]

The final Pre Lent Sundays begin with these words:-

Reader: Blessed are you Lord God, King of the universe.

Answer. **Let your name be proclaimed among the nations.**

Reader: Christ calls us out of darkness into his glorious light,

Answer **To be a kingdom of priests to our God.**

Reader: Let us pray- O God watch over your Church and keep her safe,

placing all her hope and on you our God and Father and your

Son Our Saviour, healer of the world. **Amen.**

Collect

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service: strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Reading: Revelation 4. [The Throne Room of Heaven.]

I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. From the throne proceeded lightning, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty who was and is and is to come!"

Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the

twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honour and power; for You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. [Jesus cast out spirits and healed the sick with a word. [Matt.6;16.] **Alleluia.**

The Gospel. Luke 8; 22 - 25. [Wind and Wave Obey Jesus.]

Jesus got into a boat with His disciples, saying to them, "Let us cross over to the other side of the lake." And they launched out. But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy. And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!"

Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was calm. But He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, "Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!"

Peace: Christ is our peace, he reconciled us to God in his body by the cross. We gather in his name and share his peace..

Lenten Offertory Prayer .

Lord God, we acknowledge that Christ Jesus is your only begotten Son, who lived and died in this world to save sinners. We believe also that at this altar we will share in his most pure body, and his most precious blood.

Therefore we pray: have mercy upon us, forgive our offences and count us worthy to partake in this most pure mystery, and never lose sight of Jesus who leads us in the faith and brings us to perfection. Amen.

Post Communion

God of truth, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life: strengthen our faith send us out into the

world to live and work as his ambassadors to his praise and glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sunday before Lent. [Quinquagesima] **[The Transfiguration.]**

The final Epiphany Sundays begin with these words:-

Reader: Blessed is he who fault is taken away.

Answer. I turn to you O Lord in time of trouble.

Reader: You fill me with the joy of your salvation.

Answer Be glad in the Lord and rejoice you who are just.

Reader: Let us pray- O God we believe that in your loving plan, Jesus Christ became flesh and changed the course of human history, may we live as his followers to come into your presence. **Amen.**

Collect; Almighty God and heavenly Father, your Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Readings: 2 Corinthians 3; 12 - 18.

Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech, unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains in place in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. [The Lord is gracious and merciful and his compassion is over all that He has made.] **Alleluia.**
[Psalm. 145; 8.]

The Gospel. St Luke 9; 28 - 36. [Jesus Transfigured on the Mount.]

lit came to pass, that Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray, as He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening, and behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His death which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" not knowing what he said.

While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

Peace: Christ is our peace, he reconciled us to God in his body by the cross. We gather in his name and share his peace..

Offertory Prayer.

Almighty God, creator of heaven and the earth, you made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your people; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and forever. **Amen**

Post Communion

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LENT

Ash Wednesday.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of God Holy Spirit : **Amen.**

Reader: Jesus said, “those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance”.

Priest. **Let us pause for reflection before saying together.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us and for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let the absolution be given.

May the Almighty and merciful God, grant unto you pardon absolution and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Priest blesses the ashes. O God our Father, you create us from the dust of the earth, may these ashes which we now bless in your name ✠ be for us a sign of our repentance and a symbol of our mortality. Grant that we who receive them on our foreheads may remain faithful to live with the risen Christ our saviour forever and ever. **Amen.**

We receive ashes in the form of the cross in the spirit of repentance and in readiness for the discipline of Lent and the approach of Pascha.

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[Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall

return, turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.]

The Mass continues with the collect for the day.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Readings: 2 Corinthians 5; 20 to 6; 10.

We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

We then, as workers together with Him, also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading, ,

[The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart he will not despise.]

The Gospel. St. Matthew 6; 1 - 6 + 16 - 18.

Jesus said; take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly. "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.....

"Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Peace: Lord Jesus, you said to your apostles I leave you peace my peace I give to you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of the Church and grant us faith and unity in your kingdom forever peace..

Offertory Prayer .

Grant Father, that by this offering of the most holy Eucharist, we may be made ready to enter the mystery of the death and resurrection of your Son our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

Post Communion

Almighty God, whose only Son is for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive these his

inestimable gifts, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Sunday of Lent.

Reader: The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.

Answer. A contrite heart O Lord, you will not despise.

Reader: Make our hearts clean O God. your salvation.

Answer And renew a right spirit within us.

Reader: Let us pray- that the spirit of Lent may be observed and the Christian Church renewed. That we by reading and meditation on the word of God in faith and penitence may receive forgiveness and peace.

Collect

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Readings: Romans 10; 7 - 13. (NRSV-C). [The righteousness of God.]

“Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

[Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand says the Lord.]
The Gospel. St Luke 4; 1 - 13. [The Temptations of Christ.]

Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." But Jesus answered him, saying, "*It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'*" Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, '*You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.*' "

Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. For it is written: '*He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,*' and, '*In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*' "

And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, '*You shall not tempt the Lord your God.*' " Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

Peace: Lord Jesus, you said to your apostles I leave you peace my peace I give to you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of the Church and grant us faith and unity in your kingdom forever peace..

Lenten Offertory Prayer .

Lord God, we acknowledge that Christ Jesus is your only begotten Son, who lived and died in this world to save sinners. We believe also that at this altar we will share in his most pure body, and his most precious blood. Therefore we pray: have mercy upon us, forgive our offences and count us worthy to partake in this most pure

mystery, and never lose sight of Jesus who leads us in the faith and brings us to perfection. Amen.

Post Communion

Almighty God, who renews us with the living bread from heaven; teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Second Sunday of Lent.

Reader: The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.

Answer. A contrite heart O Lord, you will not despise.

Reader: Make our hearts clean O God. your salvation.

Answer And renew a right spirit within us.

Reader: Let us pray- that the spirit of Lent may be observed and the Christian

Church renewed. That we by reading and meditation on the word of God in

faith and penitence may receive forgiveness and peace. **Amen**

Collect. Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ, may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Readings: Philippians 3; 17 to 4;1. (NRSV-C).

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart he will not despise.]

The Gospel. Luke 13; 31 - 35. [Jesus Laments over Jerusalem.]

Some Pharisees came, saying to Him, "Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You." But Jesus said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.'

Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'

Peace: Lord Jesus, you said to your apostles I leave you peace my peace I give to you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of the Church and grant us faith and unity in your kingdom forever peace.

Lenten Offertory Prayer .

Lord God, we acknowledge that Christ Jesus is your only begotten Son, who lived and died in this world to save sinners. We believe also that at this altar we will share in his most pure body, and his most precious blood. Therefore we pray: have mercy upon us, forgive our offences and count us worthy to partake in this most pure mystery, and never lose sight of Jesus who leads us in the faith and brings us to perfection. Amen.

Post Communion

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Third Sunday in Lent.

Reader: The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.

Answer. A contrite heart O Lord, you will not despise.

Reader: Make our hearts clean O God. your salvation.

Answer And renew a right spirit within us.

Reader: We pray that the spirit of Lent may be observed and the Christian

Church renewed. That we by reflection on the word of God may

receive forgiveness and peace. **Amen.**

Collect.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Readings: 1 Corinthians 10 ; 1 - 13. [Warnings from History.]

I do not want you to be unaware, brethren that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. They drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.

We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

[The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart he will not despise.]

The Gospel. Luke 13; 1 - 9. [Repent or Perish.]

There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

He also spoke this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.' "

Peace: Lord Jesus, you said to your apostles I leave you peace my peace I give to you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of the Church and grant us faith and unity in your kingdom forever peace.

Lenten Offertory Prayer .

Lord God, we acknowledge that Christ Jesus is your only begotten Son, who lived and died in this world to save sinners. We believe also that at this altar we will share in

his most pure body, and his most precious blood. Therefore we pray: have mercy upon us, forgive our offences and count us worthy to partake in this most pure mystery, and never lose sight of Jesus who leads us in the faith and brings us to perfection. **Amen.**

Post Communion

*Heavenly Father by your mercy we have been partakers of these sacred mysteries, grant we pray that by the same mercy we may defended against all our enemies. Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen***

The Fourth Sunday in Lent.

Reader: Rend you hearts and not your garments and turn to God;

Answer. He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.

Reader: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

Answer A broken and contrite heart O God you will not despise.

Reader: Let us pray- that the observance of Lent may further us in the knowledge of the mystery of Christ and show his mind in conduct worthy of our calling. **Amen.** **[From**

the Galsian Sacramentary.]

Collect.

Almighty God, grant that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, may by the comfort of your grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5; 16 - 21.

We regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for

Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

[The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart he will not despise.]

The Gospel. Luke 15; 1 - 3 and 11 - 32. [The Parable of the Lost Son.]

The tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Jesus to hear Him. And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them." So He spoke this parable to them, saying:.....

"A certain man had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. Not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.

But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet, and bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

"Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one

of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.'

"And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.' "

Peace: Lord Jesus, you said to your apostles I leave you peace my peace I give to you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of the Church and grant us faith and unity in your kingdom forever peace..

Lenten Offertory Prayer .

Lord God, we acknowledge that Christ Jesus is your only begotten Son, who lived and died in this world to save sinners. We believe also that at this altar we will share in his most pure body, and his most precious blood. Therefore we pray: have mercy upon us, forgive our offences and count us worthy to partake in this most pure mystery, and never lose sight of Jesus who leads us in the faith and brings us to perfection. Amen.

Post Communion

Holy Father, your Son Jesus Christ, has taught us that what we do for the least of our brethren we do also for you; give us the will to be the servant of others as he was the servant of all, and gave up his life, dying for us, We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.....

Mothering Sunday.

Mothering Sunday may be celebrated in place of the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

Reader: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

Answer. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant.

Reader: For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. .

Answer He who is mighty has done great things for me, holy is His name

Reader: And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation. **Amen.**

Collect

Almighty God your Son Jesus Christ, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, with the blessed virgin Mary and St Joseph and by his death on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our family life that in joy and in sorrow we may know your ever present power to bind together and to heal; by your only Son , who we worship with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Readings: Proverbs 31;1 + 10 - 14 + 26-30. A Mother's teaching to a king. (10) A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the merchant ships bringing her food from far away.

(26) She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

2 Timothy 1; 2 - 7.

To Timothy, a beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy,

when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also. Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

[The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and they are life says the Lord.]

The Gospel. St. John 19; 25 - 27.

There stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

Peace: Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called.

Lenten Offertory Prayer .

Lord God, we acknowledge that Christ Jesus is your only begotten Son, who lived and died in this world to save sinners. We believe also that at this altar we will share in his most pure body, and his most precious blood. Therefore we pray: have mercy upon us, forgive our offences and count us worthy to partake in this most pure mystery, and never lose sight of Jesus who leads us in the faith and brings us to perfection. Amen.

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast, so we are fed in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Passion Sunday, Fifth Sunday in Lent.

Reader: Rend you hearts and not your garments and turn to

God;

Answer. He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.

Reader: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

Answer A broken and contrite heart O God you will not despise.

Reader: Let us pray- that the observance of Lent may further us in the knowledge of the mystery of Christ and show his mind in conduct worthy of our calling. **Amen.** [From the **Galsian Sacramentary.**]

Collect.

Almighty God, look with mercy upon your Church called to live and follow your dear Son, that by your great goodness we may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body, mind and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings: Jeremiah 31; 31 - 34. [AV]

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Readings: Philippians 3; 4 - 14. [Pressing toward the Goal.]

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

[Be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of eternal life says the Lord.]

The Gospel. St. John 12; 1 - 8. [The Anointing at Bethany.]

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always."

Peace: Lord Jesus, you said to your apostles I leave you peace my peace I give to you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of the Church and grant us faith and unity in your kingdom forever peace.

Lenten Offertory Prayer .

Lord God, we acknowledge that Christ Jesus is your only begotten Son, who lived and died in this world to save sinners. We believe also that at this altar we will share in his most pure body, and his most precious blood. Therefore we pray: have mercy upon us, forgive our offences and count us worthy to partake in this most pure mystery, and never lose sight of Jesus who leads us in the faith and brings us to perfection. Amen.

Post Communion

Lord God, your blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the tormenters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Palm Sunday

Preparation.

Reader: Hosanna to the Son of David.

Answer. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Reader: Behold your King comes to you O Zion, meek and lowly sitting
on an ass.

Answer Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice.

Reader: Your throne is of God, it endures forever and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous scepter.

Answer You have loved right and hated evil and God has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows. Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Celebrant: In Lent the Church prepared for the celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection. Now throughout the world we

come again to go with Christ in faith and love as he enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die and rise again for us.

Palms or branches may be blessed:

Almighty God as Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah, to suffer and die, may these branches be blessed as signs of his trampling of death for those who follow him in the way to eternal life, in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Or this Prayer: Almighty God, we draw near to the gentle Redeemer riding into Jerusalem on a gentle beast on a path strewn with branches and palms of triumph. Receive the homage from the lips those who follow Jesus in the way to eternal life. May the branches we hold be signs of his trampling of death and our lives bring forth the fruit of his perfection in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen. {Gothic Missal}**

The Reading: Luke !9; 29 - 40.

When Jesus drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples, saying, "Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you loosing it?' you shall say to him, 'Because the Lord has need of it.' So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them. As they were releasing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you loosing the colt?"

They said, "The Lord has need of him." Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. As He went, many spread their clothes on the road. Then, drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying: 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!' Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

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Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who with tender love towards mankind, sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; In your tender mercy grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings: Philippians 2; 5 - 11.

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

[I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.]

The Gospel. St Luke 22; 14 - 34. [Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper.]

When the hour had come, Jesus sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table. And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!"

Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing.

Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called 'benefactors.' But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.

"But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren." But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death." Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."

Peace: Lord Jesus, you said to your apostles I leave you peace my peace I give to you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of the Church and grant us faith and unity in your kingdom forever.

Offertory Prayer.

Almighty God, mercifully grant that these gifts we offer before your divine majesty, may give us grace to serve you in this life with all godliness that in the end we shall obtain everlasting joy, through..... **Amen.**

Post Communion.

Lord Jesus Christ, who in humility took the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation; give us the mind and will to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK.. C

The 10 Commandments.

1. God spoke these words, and said; I am the Lord thy God: Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

After each commandment we say; **Lord, have mercy.**

2. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

3. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his Name in vain.

4. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.(For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.)

5. Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

6. Thou shalt do no murder.

7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

8. Thou shalt not steal.

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts.

A Preface for Holy Week.

And now we give thanks that the obedient suffering and death of your beloved Son brings life to the whole world and moves our hearts to praise you for your glory, therefore.....

Collect for Monday [Adapted from Sarum missal.]

O God, whose beloved Son for our sake endured the cross to liberate mankind from the power of the enemy: grant us your servants that by the strength of the Holy Spirit, we may attain to

the glory of the resurrection through the same blessed Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The 10 Commandments may be used in preparation for the Mass.

Readings Philippians 2; 1 - 13. [Thankfulness and Prayer.]

“I Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.

This I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

I want you to know, brethren that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel, so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ.

The Gospel Acclamation:

We have Jesus Christ to plead our cause with the Father and he is just. He is the sacrifice who takes away not only our sins but the sins of the whole world.

The Gospel. Luke 22; 1 - 38. [The Plot to kill Jesus at Passover]

Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called Passover, and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill Him, for they feared the people.

Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them. And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. So he promised and sought opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of the multitude.

Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat." So they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare?" Jesus said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters. Then you shall say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"' ' Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready." So they went and found it just as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.

When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him, and He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

Then Jesus took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table, and truly the Son of Man goes, as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!"

The disciples began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing. Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest, and He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority

over them are called 'benefactors.' But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.

"But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials, and I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

Then the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

But Peter said, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death."

"I tell you, said Jesus, the cock shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me." Then He said to them all "When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?" So they said, "Nothing."

Then He said to them, "But now, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one. For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors.' For the things concerning Me have an end." They replied, "Lord, look, here are two swords." But Jesus said to them, "It is enough."

The Peace: You are the lost sheep who have been brought back to the Shepherd and Keeper of your souls. **1Peter 2; 19.**

Offertory Prayer.

Merciful Father, absolve your people who partake in these holy mysteries from their offences, 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 Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever world without end. **Amen**

Post Communion.

Merciful 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.**

TUESDAY - Theme Obedience.

Collect for Tuesday. [Adapted from the Gregorian Sacramentary].

Almighty and Ever living God, who for the sake of mankind, caused our blessed Saviour to assume flesh and taking the form of a servant,, endured the cross, that we might have in him a pattern of humility and holiness; graciously that we may be found fit to learn the lesson of his patience and to share the glory of his resurrection.

Readings. Colossians 2; 6 - 10. [The integrity in Christ]

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

The Gospel Acclamation.

Jesus Christ humbled himself and in obedience accepted even death on a cross.

The Gospel. Luke 22; 39 - 71. [The Passion begins.]

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives, as was his custom, and His disciples also followed Him. When He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow. Then He said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation."

While He was still speaking, behold, a multitude; and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus answered and said, "Permit even this." And He touched his ear and healed him.

Then Jesus said to the chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders who had come to Him, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs? When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

Having arrested Him, they led Him and brought Him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed at a distance. Now when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. A certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, "This man was also with Him." But he denied Him, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him." After a little while another saw him and said, "You also are of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" After about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, "Surely this fellow also was with Him, for he is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!"

Immediately, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who held Jesus mocked Him and beat Him. 64And having blindfolded Him, they struck Him on the face and asked Him, saying, "Prophecy! Who is the one who struck you?" And many other things they blasphemously spoke against Him. As soon as it was day, the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, came together and led Him into their council, saying, "If You are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will by no means believe; and if I also ask you, you will by no

means answer Me or let Me go. Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God.”

Then they all said, “Are You then the Son of God?”

So He said to them, “You rightly say that I am.”

And they said, “What further testimony do we need? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth.”

The Peace: You are the lost sheep who have been brought back to the Shepherd and Keeper of your souls. **1Peter 2; 19.**

Offertory Prayer.

O God our creator, the gracious gift of the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who prepare to be nourished at this table on earth may be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s cross and enjoy the eternal blessings your beloved Son has prepared for us. **Amen**

Post Communion.

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruit of your redemption, for you are alive and reign, now and forever.

Amen.

WEDNESDAY - Theme Service

Collect for Wednesday [Adapted from the Gregorian Sacramentary].

Ever living Holy Spirit and Comforter,, cleanse our consciences by your visitation we pray, that our Lord Jesus Christ when he comes, may find in us a dwelling place prepared for himself, who now lives with You and the Father in the unity of the Blessed Trinity, one God world without end. **Amen**

Readings. 1 Corinthians 1; 18 - 25. [Christ the Wisdom of God]

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.” Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

The Gospel Acclamation:

The son of man did not come to be served but to serve and give up his life as a ransom for many.

The Passion of the Lord from Luke 23; 1 - 47. [Jesus before Pilate.]

The whole multitude arose and led Jesus to Pilate, and they began to accuse Him, saying, “We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King.”

Then Pilate asked Him, saying, “Are You the King of the Jews?” He answered him and said, “It is as you say.” So Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no fault in this Man.” But they were the more fierce, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to this place.” When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a Galilean. As soon as he knew that He belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad; for he had desired for a long time to see Him, because he had heard many things about Him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by Him. Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him nothing. And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him.

Then Herod, with his men of war, treated Him with contempt and mocked Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate. That very day Pilate and Herod became friends with

each other, for previously they had been at enmity with each other.

Then Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, said to them, "You have brought this Man to me, as one who misleads the people. And indeed, having examined Him in your presence, I have found no fault in this Man concerning those things of which you accuse Him; no, neither did Herod, for I sent you back to him; and indeed nothing deserving of death has been done by Him. I will therefore chastise Him and release Him" (for it was necessary for him to release one to them at the feast). And they all cried out at once, saying, "Away with this Man, and release to us Barabbas" who had been thrown into prison for a certain rebellion made in the city, and for murder. Pilate, therefore, wishing to release Jesus, again called out to them. But they shouted, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Then he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let Him go." But they were insistent, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified. And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed. So Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested. And he released to them the one they requested, who for rebellion and murder had been thrown into prison; but he delivered Jesus to their will.

Now as they led Jesus away, and they laid hold of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and on him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus.

And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. But Jesus, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!' Then they will begin 'to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" ' For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?"

There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. And when they had come to the place called Calvary,

there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots. And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God."

The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself." An inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

One of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? We indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour, the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two, and Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'

" Having said this, He breathed His last. When the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, "Certainly this was a righteous Man!"

Offertory Prayer.

Eternal and ever loving Father, receive our gifts and help us and all your Church to live and speak the good news of your love that all humanity may be an offering to you for the sake of Jesus Christ our crucified saviour. **Amen**

Post Communion

Help us who have shared in these mysteries to take upon ourselves the burden of others and so by thy grace become the agents of thy transforming love through... **Amen.**

The Triduum. **Maundy Thursday** *White*

Preparation.

Reader: Jesus said “a new commandment I give to you that you love each

other as I have loved you.”

Answer. He said also, “unless I wash you, you have no part in me.”

Reader: Almighty God, look with mercy upon your Church called to live

and follow your dear Son, that by your great goodness we may

be governed and preserved evermore, both in body, mind and

soul;

Answer: The grace of our Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us. Amen.

Celebrant: O God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end of his life and drank the bitter cup prepared for him. You invite us to share in the supper Christ gave to his Church proclaiming his death until he returns: may we who watch with him be nourished by his presence, and united in his love; for He is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant. Dear friends, the Christian world begins its great liturgical drama called The Paschal Triduum. Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday engaging with the most important events in our blessed saviour’s life before the day of His Resurrection. The setting for Maundy Thursday is the upper room where Jesus met for the Last Supper with his disciples; here he

washes the feet of his disciples before his betrayal, arrest and trial. The Church will provide an opportunity to prepare for Good Friday and Holy Saturday with additional prayers readings in the Watch. The liturgy may emphasize different themes; in its most basic form it may be a thanksgiving for the institution of the Holy Eucharist and may also in special circumstances re-enact the ceremony of foot washing. In each case we highlight the “mandatum” that Jesus gives “**to love one another**”. Maundy Thursday has also been the day upon which the bishop meets his people and clergy to renew vows and consecrate the three holy oils which are then taken to each of his separate communities. This may need to be transferred when circumstances require, to another day.

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MASS BEGINS NORMALLY WAY AND INCLUDES THE GLORIA.

The Collect of thanksgiving for the Holy Eucharist.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you ordained the sacrament of Holy Communion to be a pledge of your love, and a continual remembrance of your passion and resurrection: Grant that we who are partakers by faith with thanksgiving may grow together in unity and feast with you in your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns one God world without end.

Amen.

Alternative Collect when the foot washing is used.

O God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end of his life and drank the bitter cup prepared for him. You invite us to share in the supper Christ in humility gave to his Church in the upper room, proclaiming his death until he returns: may we who watch with him be nourished by his presence, and united in his love; for He is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** .

Readings: 1 Corinthians 11; 23 - 26. [Institution of the Lord's Supper.]

I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in

remembrance of Me.” In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.

Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

Alternative Reading: Ephesians 2; 13 - 18. [Christ Our Peace.]

In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the (Hebrew) law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

When there is the commemoration of the Last Supper only.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

[Praise to you O Christ King of eternal glory I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.]

The Gospel Luke 22; 14 - 23. [Jesus Institutes the Lord’s Supper.]

14When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. 15Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

17Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; 18for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

19And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

20Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. 21But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table. 22And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!"

23Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing.

When there is foot washing after the homily An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

[Praise to you O Christ King of eternal glory who says I give you a new commandment to love one another as I have loved you.]

The Gospel. St John 13; 1 - 17. [Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet.]

Before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end; And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this." Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you

have no part with Me.” Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.” For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, “You are not all clean.”

When He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. I have given you an example that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.....(St. John Chapter 13; 31 - 35 may follow).

Later Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come,’ so now I say to you. A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

After the Homily the ceremony of foot washing may take place as follows.

Peace: Lord Jesus, you said to your apostles I leave you peace my peace I give to you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of the Church and grant us faith and unity in your kingdom forever.

The celebrant removes vestments and wears the deacon’s stole.

While the ceremony takes place

The hymns “The God of love my Shepherd is”. EH93

“O happy band of pilgrims” NEH 418

Collect after foot washing.

Almighty God our heavenly Father, you anointed your beloved Son with the power of the Holy Spirit to bring to the world the blessing of your kingdom. Anoint your Church with the same Spirit by which the Lord Jesus at the last supper made himself the servant of others and washed his disciple's feet; we pray for Christ's spirit of humility, service and self sacrifice, that we may be the servants of mankind in His love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our true God. **Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, who at his final supper with his disciples, in humility took the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation; give us the mind and will to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

THE MAUNDY THURSDAY PROPER PREFACE IS USED WITH EUCHARIST PRAYER 1

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God as we, in union with the whole Church, remember the night in which Jesus Christ was betrayed while sitting with his disciples he instituted this sacred mystery of his body and blood, restoring us to become partakers in his divine nature.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying:

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mystery of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruit of your redemption, for you are alive and reign, now with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit unto the ages of ages .and forever. **Amen.**

The Blessing.

May Christ our Saviour come and dwell with us, that we may go forward with his light and love in our eyes and faith and hope in our hearts, and the blessing of God the Father Almighty, the Son and Holy Spirit.....

Good and Holy Friday.

Hangings removed: red for the liturgy

Collect

Almighty God and heavenly Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Readings: Exodus 12; 1 - 8. + 11.

Hebrews 10; 11 - 25. John 19; 1 - 37.

The Mass of the Pre sanctified may be used.

The Eve of Easter Sunday.

By tradition Mass in Church settings for the full liturgy is not normally Served but when the home is only available this order may be used.

Reader: God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon

Answer. **Let thy ways be known upon earth: thy saving grace among**

Reader: We glory in thy cross O Lord; and praise thee for thy resurrection,

Answer **For by virtue of thy cross joy has come into the world.**

Reader: Blessed is the king, who comes to us in the name of the Lord,

Answer **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest. Amen**

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, sent thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

EPISTLE. Romans 6; 2b - 11

How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also

should walk in newness of life.

If we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

[Jesus said, destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.]

GOSPEL. Mark 16; 1 - 8.

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint the body of Jesus. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. Entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. He said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. Go, tell His disciples, and Peter, that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Peace: Lord Jesus, you said to your apostles I leave you peace my peace I give you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of the Church and grant us faith and unity in your kingdom forever peace.

Offertory Prayer . [from Eastern Byzantine Rite].

Set our hearts on fire with love of thee O Christ our God, that in that flame we love thee with all our heart, with all our mind and with all our soul and with all our strength and our neighbours as ourselves and glorify thee our blessed Saviour unto the ages of ages.

Prayer of the Faithful.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy way known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. (for leaders of the state

who hold public office;) More especially we pray for the good estate of the Church Catholic; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. (for holiness of life for all in the sacred ministries;)

Finally we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those, who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; [*especially those for whom our prayers are desired;] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR EASTER EVE

The Lord be with you.

All. And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly right that with hearts and minds and voices we praise the unseen God our all powerful Father and his beloved Son Jesus, who by his blood paid the price of Adam's sin. We approach the Passover feast when Christ the true lamb is slain and whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

Pascha is the day when all Christians are washed clean and restored to grace and grow in holiness.

Holy Father we give thee thanks and praise through thy beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. For the wonder of thy care for us and thy boundless and merciful love for the gift of thy Son the living Word and Saviour thou hast sent to redeem us.

For our sake he opened wide his arms on the cross. By breaking the chains of death he put an end to death and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life. In this he fulfilled Thy will and won for thee a holy people, Bidding them to cleanse their minds and hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in spirit and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of life which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.....,

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim Thy great and glorious name, for evermore praising Thee and saying

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, Thou art holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. We Thy humble servants

give Thee thanks that we are made worthy to stand before Thee as a royal priesthood.

Now as Our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate this Eucharist the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, ✠ he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,;

Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance

[The celebrant repeating the Lord's own words over the bread and chalice lifts each into sight in turn.]

Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, ✠ he gave it to them, saying,

Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as often as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Lord by thy cross and resurrection you set us free.
You are the saviour of the world.**

The celebrant with hands extended continues:

Calling to mind Christ's death and resurrection, His ascension to Thy right hand and awaiting his coming in glory, we offer Thee this bread and this cup.

Hear us, O merciful Father, and in Thy goodness send the Holy Spirit upon us upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may become the + body and + blood of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and that we receiving the same may be strengthened and refreshed both in body and soul, and preserved unto everlasting life.

Grant that all who share this bread and this cup may become one body and one spirit in Christ.

Here we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee, humbly beseeching Thee that we, together with our Archbishop **N** and our Bishop **N** and all others who seek thy truth, and who share in this Holy Communion, may be filled with Thy grace and heavenly blessing.

Lord, we pray for Thy Church throughout the world, when heaven is wedded to earth and mankind is reconciled to God. Have mercy on us all; make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the virgin mother of God, with the Holy Apostles, and with all the saints and martyrs who have done Thy will throughout the ages.

May we praise Thee in union with them and give Thee glory through Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

The celebrant takes the chalice and the paten, and lifting them up saying:

Through Him,
with Him,
in Him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is Yours,
Almighty Father
forever and ever.

All: **Amen.**



Post Communion

Merciful Father, absolve thy people from their offences, that through thy boundless goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our fault we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever world without end. **Amen.**

Easter Day.

The Easter candle is lit with these words:-

Reader. May the light of Christ banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

THE EXULTET. Rejoice heavenly powers! Rejoice hosts of heaven, Rejoice ministers of God, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud for our mighty King's triumph! Rejoice, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing the end of gloom and darkness. Rejoice, O Mother Church, arrayed with the lightning of his glory, let our lives shout with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's peoples. Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed Alleluia. Standing in the awesome glory of this Holy day, let us invoke the mercy of Almighty God, that he, who has been pleased to number us, unworthy servants, among his people, for Christ the Morning star has risen, never again to set and lives forever and ever. **AMEN.**

Reader: O Lord to accept the prayers and offerings of your

people; and the beginning of our Paschal Mysteries, may be for us the wholesome remedy that guides us to the eternal life.

Collect. . Lord God 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 O Father and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and to the ages of ages.

Amen.

Reading: Colossians 3; 1 - 4.

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

All together Psalm of David. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia, Alleluia, [Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.] **Alleluia**

T The Gospel. John 20; 1 - 18. [The Empty Tomb.]

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. She ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. They both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the

tomb first. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. The disciples went away again to their own homes, but Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.' " Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

The Peace: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said Peace be with you and they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia the peace of the risen Christ be with us. **Alleluia**

Offertory Prayer. Set our hearts on fire with love of you O Christ our God, that as the Angels give praise in heaven, grant that we too may glorify you with a pure heart unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**

Post Communion. God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our

enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through the same Christ our Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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This collect for Easter is used every day for the week.

Alternative Collect.

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of thy 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 thee in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

[I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.]

Offertory Prayer for any Sunday after Easter.

Merciful Father, we offer thee our prayers that this holy sacrament of our redemption may support us in this present life and bring us to the joy of life everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever world without end. **Amen.**

Post Communion

God of Life, who for our redemption gave you only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through the same Christ our Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Second Sunday of Easter.

The Easter candle is lit with these words :-

Reader: May the light of Christ banish all darkness from our

hearts and
minds.

Rejoice, O Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of his glory, let our lives shout with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's peoples.

Collect

Almighty Father, who gave your only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant that we shall put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Readings Acts 5; 12 - 16. [Continuing Christ's Power in the Church.]

Through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. They were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly, and believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Second reading Revelation 1; 1- 8.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants, things which must shortly take place. He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw. Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. [I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.] **Alleluia.**

The Gospel. St John 20; 19 - 31

The same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." When He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." Thomas answered, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

The Peace: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said Peace be with you and they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia the peace of the risen Christ be with us. **Alleluia.**

Offertory Prayer

Accept O Lord, these gifts which in gladness the Church continually offers open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father

Post Communion

Almighty and ever living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; for He lives and reigns, with you and the Holy Spirit one God forever.

The Third Sunday of Easter.

The Easter candle is lit with these words :-

Reader: May the light of the risen Christ banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

Rejoice, O Mother Church rejoice, arrayed with the light of Christ's glory,

let our lives shout with joy, echoing the mighty song of all

God's peoples. Alleluia.

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the Risen Lord, filling them with boldness and new hope: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we also may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

. Amen.

The Readings Revelation 5; 1 - 14. [The victory of the Lamb of God.]

I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth."

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!" And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!" Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. [I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.] **Alleluia.**

The Gospel. St John 21; 1 - 19. [Jesus' last appearance to His Disciples.]

Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?" knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

When they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" and he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep.

Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish." This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

The Peace: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said Peace be with you and they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia the peace of the risen Christ be with us. **Alleluia.**

Offertory Prayer.

O lord we pray thee that this Holy Eucharist, may always be for us our greatest blessing and that we show this both in our inner souls and our outward lives for the glory of Christ and his Heavenly Kingdom. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Almighty God, after his resurrection your Son made himself known to his disciples at the lakeside and they recognized him and accepted his charge may this blessed sacrament of his continued presence enable us to be his true disciples and abide in him and he in us forever. **Amen.**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter.

[Pastoral Vocations day]

The Easter candle is lit with these words :-

Reader: May the light of the Risen Christ banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

Rejoice, O Mother Church rejoice, arrayed with the light of Christ's glory, let our lives shout with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's peoples. Alleluia.

Collect. Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life of the faithful, raise his Church to trust in him and live the life of godliness to overcome sin and death. May all your people may be gathered into Christ's one flock, by the

power of the Holy Spirit to the glory of the one God unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**

The Reading. Revelation 7; 9 - 17. [The Lamb of God shepherds his flock.]

I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen." Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. [I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.] **Alleluia.**

The Gospel. John 10; 22 - 30. [The Shepherd Knows His Sheep.]

It was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch. Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. My

sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one."

The Peace: Pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord with pure hearts. [2 Timothy 2;22.]
Alleluia.

Offertory Prayer .

O Lord our God who Son promised new birth to those who trust him, confirm our faith, that at this mystical supper we may receive grace to refrain from desiring only things earthly, and learn to love those things heavenly, we ask this in the name of Jesus our lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rose again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Fifth Sunday of Easter [The new creation.]

The Easter candle is lit with these words :-

Reader: May the light of Christ banish all darkness from our hearts
and minds.

Reply: **The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; Against such there is no law.**

Reader: Those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. **Alleluia.** **[Galatians 5; 22. + 25.]**

Collect. Adapted from St. Augustine

Almighty God let all the darkness of our souls vanish before the beams of your brightness; fill us with Holy love and open to us the treasures of your wisdom and glory; that makes all things

new in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Reading. Revelation 21; 1 - 6. [All Things Made New.]

I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away and there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God, He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son."

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. [By one Spirit we have been baptized into one body and have been made to drink of the Spirit.] **Alleluia. [1 Corinthians 12; 13.]**

The Gospel. John 13; 31 - 35. [The New Commandment.]

Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you. A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Peace: The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. **Alleluia.** **[James 3; 18.]**

Offertory Prayer .

O God who in this wonderful sacrament makes us partakers of the glorious Godhead; grant we pray, that we who are taught the knowledge of your truth may in our words and deeds walk worthily in the same, for the glory of Christ and his Heavenly Kingdom.

Post Communion

Almighty God, you alone order the unruly wills and affections of the disobedient; Grant to your people, that they may love your commands, and desire your promises; that so, among the sundry and many changes of the world, our hearts may surely be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Easter candle is lit with these words :-

Reader: May the light of Christ banish all darkness from our hearts

and minds.

Reply: Go forth with a voice of singing, declare to the end of the earth;

“The Lord has redeemed his people!” [Isaiah 48;

20.]

Collect

O Lord, from whom all good things come; you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Risen Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to a new life, so by his continual presence with us he may raise us to eternal joy; through the same Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, living and reigning with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Reading. Revelation 21 ; 10 - 14 +25. [The New Jerusalem.]

He carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve

angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ..But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. You will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning says the Lord. **Alleluia.**

The Gospel. John 14; 22 - 29. [The Gift of His Peace.]

Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

"These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

The Peace: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, **Alleluia.** [2 Peter 1; 2.]

Offertory Prayer .

Almighty and Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is love and joy made perfect, may we hunger and thirst for this divine life which

is the source of all goodness; for He lives and reigns, with you and the Holy Spirit one God forever.. **Amen.**

Preface before Ascension.

And now we give thanks for Our Lord's glorious resurrection, he did not leave us as orphans but offered the vision of glory he his Apostles and those who truly love and follow him; therefore with the choirs of heaven we ever sing..

Post Communion.

O Lord God, our Father in heaven, in your great love gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross for our redemption delivering us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through the same Christ our Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Ascension of the Lord

The Paschal candle is lit with these words :-

Reader: Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph! For the Lord Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth. **God has ascended with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises to our King!**

Collect.

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Reading. Acts 1; 1 - 11. [Luke's Prologue.]

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented

Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

Being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority, but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

An acclamation with the response before the Gospel reading,

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. [Go and teach all nations that I am with you always to the end of time, says the Lord;] **Alleluia.**

The Gospel. Luke 24; 44 - 53. [Jesus opens the scriptures.]

Jesus said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

The Peace: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, **Alleluia.** [2 Peter 1; 2.]

Offertory Prayer .

Accept O Lord we pray this offering in honour of the glorious ascension of your dear Son, who raised our human nature to the throne of heaven and in your mercy, grant that we being delivered from the perils of this present life, may attain in the end the life eternal, through the same Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who raised our humanity in Christ and fed us with the bread of heaven, mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly realm; where Christ Jesus is king forever.