Collects and Post Communions
for Sundays, Principal Holy Days
and Festivals

Notes

1 Normally on any occasion only one Collect is used.

2 The Collect for each Sunday is used on the following weekdays,
except where other provision is made.

3 At Evening Prayer on Saturdays other than Easter Eve, Christmas
Eve or Principal Feasts or Festivals, the Collect appointed for the
ensuing Sunday shall be used. When Evening Prayer on the day
before a Festival makes use of the lessons relating to that Festival,
the Collect of that Festival shall be used.

4 Where a Collect ends ‘Through Jesus Christ ... now and for ever’,
the minister may use the shorter ending, ‘Through Jesus Christ
our Lord’, to which the people respond ‘Amen’, and omit the longer
Trinitarian ending. The longer ending is to be preferred at
Holy Communion.

For Rules, see pages 525–534 of Common Worship: Services and
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The First Sunday of Advent

Collect

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 for ever.

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

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.

The Second Sunday of Advent

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 for ever.

Post Communion

Father in heaven,
who sent your 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 comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**The Third Sunday of Advent**

**Collect**

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

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**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Collect**

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our 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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

Eternal God, for whom we wait,
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life:
keep us ever watchful,
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Christmas

25 December

Christmas Night

Principal Feast

Gold or White

Collect

Eternal God,
who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,
to see the radiance of 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 for ever.

Post Communion

God our Father,
in this night you have made known to us again
the coming 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 for ever.

The First Sunday of Christmas

White

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 for ever.
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.

The Second Sunday of Christmas

This provision is not used on weekdays after 5 January.

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 for ever.

Post Communion

All praise to you, almighty God and heavenly king, who sent your 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 for ever.

Epiphany

6 January

The Epiphany

Gold or White

Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 for ever.

Post Communion

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

The Baptism of Christ

Gold or White

The First Sunday of Epiphany

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your 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 for ever.
Post Communion

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

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

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 for ever.

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 all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Collect

Almighty God,
whose 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 for ever.

Post Communion

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illumined by your word and sacraments,
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, now and for ever.

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Collect

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 your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
**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 our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life:
strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Collect

O God,
you know us to be set
in the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
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 for ever.

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.

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 for ever.

Post Communion

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 for ever.
The Second Sunday before Lent

Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

Post Communion

God 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 at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Sunday next before Lent

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose 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 for ever.

Post Communion

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Ash Wednesday**

Principal Holy Day

**Lent Array**

**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 for ever.

This Collect may be used as the Post Communion on any day from the First Sunday of Lent until the Saturday after the Fourth Sunday of Lent instead of the Post Communion provided.

**Post Communion**

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be 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.

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**The First Sunday of Lent**

**Purple or Lent Array**

**Collect**

Almighty God, whose 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 is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
The Second Sunday of Lent

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 those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they 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 for ever.

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Third Sunday of Lent

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 for ever.

Post Communion

Lord God,
whose blessed Son our Saviour
gave his back to the smiters
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.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Collect

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.

Post Communion

Mothering Sunday may be celebrated in preference to the provision
for the Fourth Sunday of Lent.
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Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 for ever.

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us 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.

Palm Sunday

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 for ever.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.
**Collect**

God our Father,
you have invited us to share in the supper
which your Son gave to his Church
to proclaim his death until he comes:
may he nourish us by his presence,
and unite us in his love;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**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 for ever.

**Collect**

Almighty 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 for ever.

**Collect**

Grant, Lord,
that we who are baptized into the death
of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
may continually put to death our evil desires
and be buried with him;
and that through the grave and gate of death
we may pass to our joyful resurrection;
through his merits,
who died and was buried and rose again for us,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Collect

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

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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Second Sunday of Easter

Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

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;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
The Fourth Sunday of Easter  White

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter  White

Collect

This provision is not used on or after Ascension Day.

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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 for ever.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter  White

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

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

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom; confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Day of Pentecost

Red

Principal Feast

Whit Sunday

This provision is not used on the weekdays after the Day of Pentecost.

Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

White

Sunday after Ascension Day

Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
The Weekdays after the Day of Pentecost  Green

Collect

O Lord, from whom all good things come:  
grant to us your humble servants,  
that by your holy inspiration  
we may think those things that are good,  
and by your merciful guiding may perform 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 for ever.

Post Communion

Gracious God, lover of all,  
in this sacrament  
we are one family in Christ your Son,  
one in the sharing of his body and blood  
and one in the communion of his Spirit:  
help us to grow in love for one another  
and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.  
We make our prayer through your Son our Saviour.

Trinity Sunday  Gold or Principal Feast  White

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;  
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 for ever.

Post Communion

All praise to you, our God and Father,  
for you have fed us with the bread of heaven  
and quenched our thirst from the true vine:  
hear our prayer that, being grafted into Christ,  
we may grow together in unity  
and feast with him in his kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion  White

Collect

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 fruits of your redemption;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.
Collect

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Second Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Eternal God, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
The Seventh Sunday after Trinity  

Collect

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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 for ever.

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves  
the power of his death and passion  
that, in his saving cup,  
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity  

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Holy Father,  
who gathered us here around the table of your Son  
to share this meal with the whole household of God:  
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,  
gather people of every race and language  
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.
The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,you are always more ready to hearthan we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraidand giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,who is alive and reigns with you,in the unity of the Holy Spirit,one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

God of all mercy,in this eucharist you have set aside our sinsand given us your healing:grant that we who are made whole in Christmay bring that healing to this broken world,in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,that we, running the way of your commandments,may receive your gracious promises,and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;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 for ever.

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage,you have willed that the gate of mercyshould stand open for those who trust in you:look upon us with your favourthat we who follow the path of your willmay never wander from the way of life;through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God,whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in 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 for ever.

Post Communion

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

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;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 for ever.

Post Communion

God our creator,you feed your children with the true manna,the living bread from heaven:let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimageuntil we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;through Jesus Christ our Lord.
The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 for ever.

Post Communion

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 for ever.

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.
The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 for ever.

Post Communion

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

Collect

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit’s gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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 for ever.

Post Communion

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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 for ever.

If there are twenty-three Sundays after Trinity, the provision for the Third Sunday before Lent (page 85) is used on the Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.
The Fourth Sunday before Advent  

Collect

Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love
in the hearts of the saints:
grant to us the same faith and power of love,
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may be sustained by their example
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

1 November  

All Saints' Day  

Principal Feast

Collect

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

In years when Remembrance Sunday is observed on the Second Sunday before Advent, the Collect and Post Communion for the Third Sunday before Advent may be used on Remembrance Sunday, and the Collect and Post Communion for the Second Sunday before Advent may be used on the Third Sunday before Advent.
Festivals

The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

1 January

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

Post Communion

Eternal God, whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour: grant that we who have shared in this sacrament of our salvation may live out our years in the power of the Name above all other names, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Post Communion may be used as the Collect at Morning and Evening Prayer during this week.

The Conversion of Paul

25 January

Collect

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your 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 for ever.
Post Communion
of Apostles and Evangelists

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion
of Apostles and Evangelists

Heavenly Father,
whose Son grew in wisdom and stature
in the home of Joseph the carpenter of Nazareth
and on the wood of the cross
perfected the work of the world’s salvation:
help us, strengthened by this sacrament of his passion,
to count the wisdom of the world as foolishness,
and to walk with him in simplicity and trust;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

25 March

The Annunciation of Our Lord
Principal Feast
Gold or White

Collect

We beseech you, O Lord,
pour your grace into our hearts,
that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ
by the message of an angel,
so by his cross and passion
we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

19 March

Joseph of Nazareth
White

Collect

God our Father,
who from the family of your servant David
raised up Joseph the carpenter
to be the guardian of your incarnate Son
and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
give us grace to follow him
in faithful obedience to your commands;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
23 April

George

Martyr, Patron of England, c.304

Collect

God of hosts,
who so kindled the flame of love
in the heart of your servant George
that he bore witness to the risen Lord
by his life and by his death:
give us the same faith and power of love
that we who rejoice in his triumphs
may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

Eternal God,
who gave us this holy meal
in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross
and the victory of your martyr George:
by our communion with Christ
in his saving death and resurrection,
give us with all your saints the courage to conquer evil
and so to share the fruit of the tree of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

God our redeemer,
whose Church was strengthened
by the blood of your martyr George:
so bind us, in life and death, to Christ's sacrifice
that our lives, broken and offered with his,
may carry his death and proclaim his resurrection in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

25 April

Mark

Evangelist

Collect

Almighty God,
who enlightened your holy Church
through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark:
grant that we, being firmly grounded
in the truth of the gospel,
may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Apostles and Evangelists is used
(page 124).

1 May

Philip and James

Apostles

Collect

Almighty Father,
whom truly to know is eternal life:
teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ
as the way, the truth, and the life;
that we may follow the steps
of your holy apostles Philip and James,
and walk steadfastly in the way that leads to your 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 for ever.

Post Communion

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(page 124).
Festivals

14 May

Collect

Almighty God,
who in the place of the traitor Judas
chose your faithful servant Matthias
to be of the number of the Twelve:
preserve your Church from false apostles
and, by the ministry of faithful pastors and teachers,
keep us steadfast in your 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 for ever.

Post Communion

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31 May

The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Collect

Mighty God,
by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary
and greeted her as the mother of the Lord:
look with favour on your lowly servants
that, with Mary, we may magnify your holy name
and rejoice to acclaim her Son our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

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11 June

Barnabas

Collect

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts,
who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas
and gave him grace to encourage others:
help us, by his example,
to be generous in our judgments
and unselfish in our service;
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 for ever.
24 June  

**The Birth of John the Baptist**  

**White**

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
by whose providence your servant John the Baptist  
was wonderfully born,  
and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour  
by the preaching of repentance:  
lead us to repent according to his preaching  
and, after his example,  
constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice,  
and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake;  
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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

Merciful Lord,  
whose prophet John the Baptist  
proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world:  
grant that we who in this sacrament  
have known your forgiveness and your life-giving love  
may ever tell of your mercy and your peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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29 June  

**Peter and Paul**  

**Red**

**Apostles**

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul  
glorified you in their death as in their life:  
grant that your Church,  
inspired by their teaching and example,  
and made one by your Spirit,  
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

or, where Peter is celebrated alone

Almighty God,  
who inspired your apostle Saint Peter  
to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:  
build up your Church upon this rock,  
that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth  
and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Apostles and Evangelists is used  
(page 124).
3 July

**Thomas** Red

**Apostle**

**Collect**

Almighty and eternal God,
who, for the firmer foundation of our faith,
allowed your holy apostle Thomas
to doubt the resurrection of your Son
till word and sight convinced him:
grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe
and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Apostles and Evangelists is used
(page 124).

22 July

**Mary Magdalene** White

**Collect**

Almighty God,
whose Son restored Mary Magdalene
to health of mind and body
and called her to be a witness to his resurrection:
forbear our sins and heal us by your grace,
that we may serve you in the power of his risen life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Apostles and Evangelists is used
(page 124).

25 July

**James** Red

**Apostle**

**Collect**

Merciful God,
whose holy apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he had,
was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ
and followed him even to death:
help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,
to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay;
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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Apostles and Evangelists is used
(page 124).
6 August  The Transfiguration of Our Lord  Gold or White

Collect

Father in heaven,
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured
before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,
and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross
that in the world to come we may see him as he is;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

15 August  The Blessed Virgin Mary  White

Collect

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

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(page 124).

24 August  Bartholomew  Red

Apostle

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace
truly to believe and to preach your word:
grant that your Church
may love that word which he believed
and may faithfully preach and receive the same;
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 for ever.
Holy Cross Day

Collect

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

Post Communion

Faithful God,
whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree
and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes:
give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for he is our salvation, our life and our hope,
who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.

Matthew

Apostle and Evangelist

Collect

O Almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain
and the possessive love of riches
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Apostles and Evangelists is used
(page 124).

29 September

Michael and All Angels

Collect

Everlasting God,
you have ordained and constituted
the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:
grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven;
so, at your command,
they may help and defend us on earth;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**30 November**

**Collect**

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Saint Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ and brought his brother with him: call us by your holy word, and give us grace to follow you without delay and to tell the good news of your kingdom; 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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Apostles and Evangelists is used (page 124).

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**26 December**

**Collect**

Gracious Father, who gave the first martyr Stephen grace to pray for those who took up stones against him: grant that in all our sufferings for the truth we may learn to love even our enemies and to seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt, looking up to heaven to him who was crucified for us, Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Apostles and Evangelists is used (page 124).
Post Communion

Merciful Lord,
we thank you for the signs of your mercy
revealed in birth and death:
save us by the coming of your Son,
and give us joy in honouring Stephen,
first martyr of the new Israel;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect

John White
Apostle and Evangelist

27 December

Collect

Merciful Lord,
cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:
that, being enlightened by the teaching
of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John,
we may so walk in the light of your truth
that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that the Word made flesh
proclaimed by your apostle John
may, by the celebration of these holy mysteries,
ever abide and live within us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

28 December

The Holy Innocents Red

Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose children suffered at the hands of Herod,
though they had done no wrong:
by the suffering of your Son
and by the innocence of our lives
frustrate all evil designs
and establish your reign of justice 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 for ever.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
in your humility you have stooped to share our human life
with the most defenceless of your children:
may we who have received these gifts of your passion
rejoice in celebrating the witness of the Holy Innocents
to the purity of your sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross;
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.
Collect

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication
of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship you here:
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to you;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

Father in heaven,
whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace,
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage
that, fed with the living bread of heaven,
and united in the body of your Son,
we may be the temple of your presence,
the place of your glory on earth,
and a sign of your peace in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Basil the Great
and Gregory of Nazianzus
Bishops, Teachers of the Faith, 379 and 389

Collect

Lord God,
whose servants Basil and Gregory
proclaimed the mystery of your Word made flesh,
to build up your Church in wisdom and strength:
grant that we may rejoice in his presence among us,
and so be brought with them to know the power
of your unending love;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).
12 January

Aelred of Hexham
Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167

Collect
Almighty God,
who endowed Aelred the abbot with the gift of Christian friendship and the wisdom to lead others in the way of holiness:
grant to your people that same spirit of mutual affection, so that, in loving one another, we may know the love of Christ and rejoice in the eternal possession of your supreme goodness;
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 for ever.

Post Communion
The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 208).

17 January

Antony of Egypt
Hermit, Abbot, 356

Collect
Most gracious God, who called your servant Antony to sell all that he had and to serve you in the solitude of the desert: by his example may we learn to deny ourselves and to love you before all things; 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 for ever.

Post Communion
The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 208).

13 January

Hilary
Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367

Collect
Everlasting God, whose servant Hilary steadfastly confessed your Son Jesus Christ to be both human and divine: grant us his gentle courtesy to bring to all the message of redemption in the incarnate Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion
The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).

19 January

Wulfstan
Bishop of Worcester, 1095

Collect
Lord God, who raised up Wulfstan to be a bishop among your people and a leader of your Church: help us, after his example, to live simply, to work diligently and to make your kingdom known; 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 for ever.

Post Communion
The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 207).
21 January

Agnes Red
Child Martyr at Rome, 304

Collect
Eternal God, shepherd of your sheep,
whose child Agnes was strengthened to bear witness
in her living and her dying
to the true love of her redeemer:
grant us the power to understand, with all your saints,
what is the breadth and length and height and depth
and to know the love that surpasses knowledge,
even Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit;
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion
One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).

24 January

Francis de Sales White
Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622

Collect
Holy God,
who called your bishop Francis de Sales
to bring many to Christ through his devout life
and to renew your Church with patience and understanding:
grant that we, by word and example,
reflect your gentleness and love to all we meet;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit;
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion
The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).

26 January

Timothy and Titus White
Companions of Paul

Collect
Heavenly Father,
who sent your apostle Paul to preach the gospel,
and gave him Timothy and Titus
to be his companions in faith:
grant that our fellowship in the Holy Spirit
may bear witness to the name of Jesus,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion
The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).

28 January

Thomas Aquinas White
Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274

Collect
Eternal God,
who enriched your Church with the learning and holiness
of your servant Thomas Aquinas:
give to all who seek you
a humble mind and a pure heart
that they may know your Son Jesus Christ
as the way, the truth and the life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion
The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).
30 January

**Charles**

King of kings and Lord of lords,
whose faithful servant Charles
prayed for those who persecuted him
and died in the living hope of your eternal kingdom:
grant us by your grace so to follow his example
that we may love and bless our enemies,
through the intercession of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).

3 February

**Anskar**

Archbishop of Hamburg,
Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865

Collect

God of grace and might,
who sent your servant Anskar
to spread the gospel to the Nordic peoples:
raise up, we pray, in our generation
messengers of your good news
and heralds of your kingdom
that the world may come to know
the immeasurable riches of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).

14 February

**Cyril and Methodius**

Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885

Collect

Lord of all,
who gave to your servants Cyril and Methodius
the gift of tongues to proclaim the gospel to the Slavs:
make your whole Church one as you are one
that all Christians may honour one another,
and east and west acknowledge
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
and you, the God and Father of all;
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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).

17 February

**Janani Luwum**

Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977

Collect

God of truth,
whose servant Janani Luwum walked in the light,
and in his death defied the powers of darkness:
free us from fear of those who kill the body,
that we too may walk as children of light,
through him who overcame darkness by the power of the cross,
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).
23 February

Polycarp
Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c.155
Red

Collect

Almighty God,
who gave to your servant Polycarp
boldness to confess the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ
before the rulers of this world
and courage to die for his faith:
grant that we also may be ready
to give an answer for the faith that is in us
and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).

1 March

David
Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601
White

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your servant David
to be a faithful and wise steward of your mysteries
for the people of Wales:
in your mercy, grant that,
following his purity of life and zeal for the gospel of Christ,
we may with him receive the crown of everlasting life;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 207).

27 February

George Herbert
Priest, Poet, 1633
White

Collect

King of glory, king of peace,
who called your servant George Herbert
from the pursuit of worldly honours
to be a priest in the temple of his God and king:
grant us also the grace to offer ourselves
with singleness of heart in humble obedience to your service;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Pastors is used (page 207).

2 March

Chad
Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672
White

Collect

Almighty God,
from the first fruits of the English nation who turned to Christ,
you called your servant Chad
to be an evangelist and bishop of his own people:
give us grace so to follow his peaceable nature,
humble spirit and prayerful life,
that we may truly commend to others
the faith which we ourselves profess;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).
7 March

**Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions**

*Martyrs at Carthage, 203*

**Collect**

Holy God, who gave great courage to Perpetua, Felicity and their companions: grant that we may be worthy to climb the ladder of sacrifice and be received into the garden of 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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).

8 March

**Edward King**

*Bishop of Lincoln, 1910*

**Collect**

God of peace, who gave such grace to your servant Edward King that whomever he met he drew to Christ: fill us, we pray, with tender sympathy and joyful faith, that we also may win others to know the love that passes knowledge; through him who is the shepherd and guardian of our souls, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 207).

17 March

**Patrick**

*Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460*

**Collect**

Almighty God, who in your providence chose your servant Patrick to be the apostle of the Irish people: keep alive in us the fire of the faith he kindled and strengthen us in our pilgrimage towards the light of everlasting life; 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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).

20 March

**Cuthbert**

*Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687*

**Collect**

Almighty God, who called your servant Cuthbert from following the flock to follow your Son and to be a shepherd of your people: in your mercy, grant that we, following his example, may bring those who are lost home to your fold; 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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).
21 March

**Thomas Cranmer**
Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556

**Collect**

Father of all mercies, who through the work of your servant Thomas Cranmer renewed the worship of your Church and through his death revealed your strength in human weakness: by your grace strengthen us to worship you in spirit and in truth and so to come to the joys of your everlasting kingdom through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).

19 April

**Alphege**
Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012

**Collect**

Merciful God, who raised up your servant Alphege to be a pastor of your people and gave him grace to suffer for justice and true religion: grant that we who celebrate his martyrdom may know the power of the risen Christ in our hearts and share his peace in lives offered to your service; 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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).

10 April

**William Law**
Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761

**Collect**

Almighty God, who called your servant William Law to a devout and holy life: grant that by your spirit of love and through faithfulness in prayer we may find the way to divine knowledge and so come to see the hidden things of God; 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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).

21 April

**Anselm**
Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1109

**Collect**

Eternal God, who gave great gifts to your servant Anselm as a pastor and teacher: grant that we, like him, may desire you with our whole heart and, so desiring, may seek you and, seeking, may find you; 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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).
29 April

Catherine of Siena

Teacher of the Faith, 1380

Collect

God of compassion,
who gave your servant Catherine of Siena
a wondrous love of the passion of Christ:
grant that your people may be united to him in his majesty
and rejoice for ever in the revelation of his glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).

4 May

English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era

Collect

Merciful God,
who, when your Church on earth was torn apart
by the ravages of sin,
raised up men and women in this land
who witnessed to their faith with courage and constancy:
give to your Church that peace which is your will,
and grant that those who have been divided on earth
may be reconciled in heaven
and share together in the vision of your 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 for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).

2 May

Athanasius

Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373

Collect

Ever-living God,
whose servant Athanasius testified
to the mystery of the Word made flesh for our salvation:
help us, with all your saints,
to contend for the truth
and to grow into the likeness 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 for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).
8 May

Julian of Norwich

Spiritual Writer, c.1417

Collect

Most holy God, the ground of our beseeching,
who through your servant Julian
revealed the wonders of your love:
grant that as we are created in your nature
and restored by your grace,
our wills may be so made one with yours
that we may come to see you face to face
and gaze on you for ever;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 208).

20 May

Alcuin of York

Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804

Collect

God of wisdom, eternal light,
who shone in the heart of your servant Alcuin,
revealing to him your power and pity:
scatter the darkness of our ignorance
that, with all our heart and mind and strength,
we may seek your face
and be brought with all your saints
to your holy presence;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 208).

19 May

Dunstan

Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988

Collect

Almighty God,
who raised up Dunstan to be a true shepherd of the flock,
a restorer of monastic life
and a faithful counsellor to those in authority:
give to all pastors the same gifts of your Holy Spirit
that they may be true servants of Christ and of all his people;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 207).

24 May

John and Charles Wesley

Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788

Collect

God of mercy,
who inspired John and Charles Wesley with zeal for your gospel:
grant to all people boldness to proclaim your word
and a heart ever to rejoice in singing your praises;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Pastors is used (page 207).
25 May

**The Venerable Bede**  
Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735

**Collect**

God our maker,
whose Son Jesus Christ gave to your servant Bede

*grace to drink in with joy the word*

that leads us to know you and to love you:

*in your goodness*

grant that we also may come at length to you,
the source of all wisdom,
and stand before your face;
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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 208).

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26 May  

**Augustine of Canterbury**  
First Archbishop of Canterbury, 605

**Collect**

Almighty God,
whose servant Augustine was sent as the apostle

*of the English people:*

grant that as he laboured in the Spirit

*to preach Christ's gospel in this land,*

so all who hear the good news

*may strive to make your truth known in all the world;*

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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 207).

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30 May

**Josephine Butler**  
Social Reformer, 1906

**Collect**

God of compassion and love,
by whose grace your servant Josephine Butler

followed in the way of your Son

in caring for those in need:
help us like her to work with strength

*for the restoration of all to the dignity*

*and freedom of those created in your image:*

through Jesus Christ our Saviour,

*who is alive and reigns with you,*

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

God our redeemer,
who inspired Josephine Butler to witness to your love

*and to work for the coming of your kingdom*

may we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven,

*be fired by your Spirit to proclaim the gospel in our daily living*

*and never to rest content until your kingdom come,*

*on earth as it is in heaven;*

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Or another Post Communion of 'Any Saint' (pages 211–212) is used.*
1 June

Justin

Martyr at Rome, c.165

Collect

God our redeemer, who through the folly of the cross taught your martyr Justin the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ: remove from us every kind of error that we, like him, may be firmly grounded in the faith, and make your name known to all peoples; 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 for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).

8 June

Thomas Ken

Bishop of Bath and Wells, Nonjuror, Hymn Writer, 1711

Collect

O God, from whom all blessings flow, by whose providence we are kept and by whose grace we are directed: help us, through the example of your servant Thomas Ken, faithfully to keep your word, humbly to accept adversity and steadfastly to worship you; 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 for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).

5 June

Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton

Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr, 754

Collect

God our redeemer, who called your servant Boniface to preach the gospel among the German people and to build up your Church in holiness: grant that we may preserve in our hearts that faith which he taught with his words and sealed with his blood, and profess it in lives dedicated to your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).

9 June

Columba

Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597

Collect

Almighty God, who filled the heart of Columba with the joy of the Holy Spirit and with deep love for those in his care: may your pilgrim people follow him, strong in faith, sustained by hope, and one in the love that binds us to you; 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 for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).
16 June Richard White
Bishop of Chichester, 1253

Collect

Most merciful redeemer,
who gave to your bishop Richard a love of learning,
a zeal for souls and a devotion to the poor:
grant that, encouraged by his example,
we may know you more clearly,
    love you more dearly,
    and follow you more nearly,
day by day,
who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are alive and reign,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 207).

22 June Alban Red
First Martyr of Britain, c.250

Collect

Eternal Father,
when the gospel of Christ first came to our land
you gloriously confirmed the faith of Alban
by making him the first to win a martyr’s crown:
grant that, following his example,
in the fellowship of the saints
we may worship you, the living God,
and give true witness to Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).

23 June Etheldreda White
Abbess of Ely, c.678

Collect

Eternal God,
who bestowed such grace upon your servant Etheldreda
that she gave herself wholly to the life of prayer
    and to the service of your true religion:
grant that we, like her,
may so live our lives on earth seeking your kingdom
    that by your guiding
we may be joined to the glorious fellowship of your saints;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used
(page 208).

28 June Irenæus White
Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, c.200

Collect

God of peace,
who through the ministry of your servant Irenæus
strengthened the true faith
    and brought harmony to your Church:
keep us steadfast in your true religion,
    and renew us in faith and love,
that we may always walk in the way that leads to eternal life;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).
11 July

**Benedict of Nursia**

Abbot of Monte Cassino,
Father of Western Monasticism c.550

**Collect**

Eternal God, who made Benedict a wise master in the school of your service and a guide to many called into community to follow the rule of Christ: grant that we may put your love before all else and seek with joy the way of your commandments; 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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 208).

14 July

**John Keble**

Priest, Tractarian, Poet, 1866

**Collect**

Father of the eternal Word, in whose encompassing love all things in peace and order move: grant that, as your servant John Keble adored you in all creation, so we may have a humble heart of love for the mysteries of your Church and know your love to be new every morning, in Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Pastors is used (page 207).

15 July

**Swithun**

Bishop of Winchester, c.862

**Collect**

Almighty God, by whose grace we celebrate again the feast of your servant Swithun: grant that, as he governed with gentleness the people committed to his care, so we, rejoicing in our Christian inheritance, may always seek to build up your Church in unity and love; 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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 207).

19 July

**Gregory and Macrina**

Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess, Teachers of the Faith, c.394 and c.379

**Collect**

Lord of eternity, creator of all things, in your Son Jesus Christ you open for us the way to resurrection that we may enjoy your bountiful goodness: may we who celebrate your servants Gregory and Macrina press onwards in faith to your boundless love and ever wonder at the miracle of your presence among us; 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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).
26 July

**Anne and Joachim**
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Collect**

Lord God of Israel,
who bestowed such grace on Anne and Joachim
that their daughter Mary grew up obedient to your word
and made ready to be the mother of your Son:
help us to commit ourselves in all things to your keeping
and grant us the salvation you promised to your people;
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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name,
your servants Anne and Joachim revealed your goodness
in a life of tranquillity and service:
grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table
may like them know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge
and be filled with all your fullness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or another Post Communion for ‘Any Saint’ (pages 211–212) is used.

29 July

**Mary, Martha and Lazarus**
Companions of Our Lord

**Collect**

God our Father,
whose Son enjoyed the love of his friends,
Mary, Martha and Lazarus,
in learning, argument and hospitality:
may we so rejoice in your love
that the world may come to know
the depths of your wisdom, the wonder of your compassion,
and your power to bring life out of death;
through the merits of Jesus Christ,
our friend and brother,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name,
your servants Mary, Martha and Lazarus revealed your goodness
in a life of tranquillity and service:
grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table
may like them know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge
and be filled with all your fullness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or another Post Communion for ‘Any Saint’ (pages 211–212) is used.
Collect

God our deliverer,
who sent your Son Jesus Christ
to set your people free from the slavery of sin:
grant that, as your servant William Wilberforce
   toiled against the sin of slavery,
so we may bring compassion to all
and work for the freedom of all the children of God;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

God our redeemer,
who inspired William Wilberforce to witness to your love
and to work for the coming of your kingdom
may we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven,
be fired by your Spirit to proclaim the gospel in our daily living
and never to rest content until your kingdom come,
on earth as it is in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or another Post Communion for ‘Any Saint’ (pages 211–212) is used.

Collect

Lord God almighty,
who so kindled the faith of King Oswald with your Spirit
that he set up the sign of the cross in his kingdom
and turned his people to the light of Christ:
grant that we, being fired by the same Spirit,
may always bear our cross before the world
and be found faithful servants of the gospel;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).

Collect

Almighty God,
whose servant Dominic grew in the knowledge of your truth
and formed an order of preachers to proclaim the faith of Christ:
by your grace give to all your people a love for your word
and a longing to share the gospel,
so that the whole world may come to know you
and your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used
(page 208).
9 August

Mary Sumner White
Founder of the Mothers’ Union, 1921

Collect

Faithful and loving God,
who called Mary Sumner to strive for the renewal of family life:
give us the gift of your Holy Spirit,
that through word, prayer and deed
your family may be strengthened and your people served;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name,
your servant Mary Sumner revealed your goodness
in a life of tranquillity and service:
grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table
may like her know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge
and be filled with all your fullness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or another Post Communion for ‘Any Saint’ (pages 211–212) is used.

10 August

Laurence Red
Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258

Collect

Almighty God,
who made Laurence a loving servant of your people
and a wise steward of the treasures of your Church:
fire us with his example to love as he loved
and to walk in the way that leads to eternal life;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).

11 August

Clare of Assisi White
Founder of the Minoresses (Poor Clares), 1253

Collect

God of peace,
who in the poverty of the blessed Clare
gave us a clear light to shine in the darkness of this world:
give us grace so to follow in her footsteps
that we may, at the last, rejoice with her in your eternal 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 for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used
(page 208).
**13 August**

**Jeremy Taylor**  
Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667

**Collect**

Holy and loving God,  
you dwell in the human heart  
and make us partakers of the divine nature  
in Christ our great high priest:  
help us who remember your servant Jeremy Taylor  
to put our trust in your heavenly promises  
and follow a holy life in virtue and true godliness;  
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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).

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**20 August**  

**Bernard**  
Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153

**Collect**

Merciful redeemer,  
who, by the life and preaching of your servant Bernard,  
rekindled the radiant light of your Church:  
grant us, in our generation,  
to be inflamed with the same spirit of discipline and love  
and ever to walk before you as children of light;  
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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).

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**27 August**  

**Monica**  
Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

**Collect**

Faithful God,  
who strengthened Monica, the mother of Augustine, with wisdom,  
and through her patient endurance encouraged him  
to seek after you:  
give us the will to persist in prayer  
that those who stray from you may be brought to faith  
in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Or another Post Communion for ‘Any Saint’ (pages 211–212) is used.
28 August

**Augustine of Hippo**
Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430

**Collect**

Merciful Lord,
who turned Augustine from his sins
to be a faithful bishop and teacher:
grant that we may follow him in penitence and discipline
till our restless hearts find their rest in you;
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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).

29 August

**The Beheading of John the Baptist**

**Collect**

Almighty God,
who called your servant John the Baptist
to be the forerunner of your Son in birth and death:
strengthen us by your grace
that, as he suffered for the truth,
so we may boldly resist corruption and vice
and receive with him the unfading crown of 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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).

30 August

**John Bunyan**
Spiritual Writer, 1688

**Collect**

God of peace,
who called your servant John Bunyan
to be valiant for truth:
grant that as strangers and pilgrims
we may at the last rejoice with all Christian people
in your heavenly city;
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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).
31 August  
*Aidan*  
Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651  

**Collect**

Everlasting God,  
you sent the gentle bishop Aidan  
to proclaim the gospel in this land:  
grant us to live as he taught  
in simplicity, humility and love for the poor;  
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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).

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3 September  
*Gregory the Great*  
Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604  

**Collect**

Merciful Father,  
who chose your bishop Gregory  
to be a servant of the servants of God:  
grant that, like him, we may ever long to serve you  
by proclaiming your gospel to the nations,  
and may ever rejoice to sing your praises;  
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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).

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8 September  
*The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  

**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who stooped to raise fallen humanity  
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary:  
grant that we, who have seen your glory  
revealed in our human nature  
and your love made perfect in our weakness,  
may daily be renewed in your image  
and conformed to the pattern 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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

God most high,  
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption  
you visit us with your Holy Spirit  
and overshadow us by your power;  
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience  
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
13 September
John Chrysostom
Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407

Collect

God of truth and love,
who gave to your servant John Chrysostom
eloquence to declare your righteousness in the great congregation
and courage to bear reproach for the honour of your name:
mercifully grant to those who minister your word
such excellence in preaching
that all people may share with them
in the glory that shall be revealed;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).

16 September
Ninian
Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who called your servant Ninian to preach the gospel
to the people of northern Britain:
raise up in this and every land
heralds and evangelists of your kingdom,
that your Church may make known the immeasurable riches
of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).

15 September
Cyprian
Red
Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258

Collect

Holy God,
who brought Cyprian to faith in Christ,
made him a bishop in the Church
and crowned his witness with a martyr's death:
grant that, after his example,
we may love the Church and her teachings,
find your forgiveness within her fellowship
and so come to share the heavenly banquet
you have prepared for us;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).

17 September
Hildegard
White
Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179

Collect

Most glorious and holy God,
whose servant Hildegard, strong in the faith,
was caught up in the vision of your heavenly courts:
by the breath of your Spirit
open our eyes to glimpse your glory
and our lips to sing your praises with all the angels;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 208).
20 September  
**John Coleridge Patteson**  
Red  
First Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871

**Collect**

God of all tribes and peoples and tongues,  
who called your servant John Coleridge Patteson  
to witness in life and death to the gospel of Christ  
amongst the peoples of Melanesia:  
grant us to hear your call to service  
and to respond trustfully and joyfully  
to Jesus Christ our redeemer,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).

25 September  
**Lancelot Andrewes**  
White  
Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626

**Collect**

Lord God,  
who gave to Lancelot Andrewes many gifts of your Holy Spirit,  
making him a man of prayer and a pastor of your people:  
perfect in us that which is lacking in your gifts,  
—of faith, to increase it,  
—of hope, to establish it,  
—of love, to kindle it,  
that we may live in the light of your grace and 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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Martyrs is used (page 205).

27 September  
**Vincent de Paul**  
White  
Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660

**Collect**

Merciful God,  
whose servant Vincent de Paul,  
by his ministry of preaching and pastoral care,  
brought your love to the sick and the poor:  
give to all your people a heart of compassion  
that by word and action they may serve you  
in serving others in their need;  
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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Martyrs is used (page 205).

4 October  
**Francis of Assisi**  
White  
Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226

**Collect**

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself  
to the childlike and lowly of heart:  
grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis,  
we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness  
and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Martyrs is used (page 205).
6 October

William Tyndale
Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536

Collect

Lord, give to your people grace to hear and keep your word that, after the example of your servant William Tyndale, we may not only profess your gospel but also be ready to suffer and die for it, to the honour of your name; 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 for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).

12 October

Wilfrid of Ripon
Bishop, Missionary, 709

Collect

Almighty God, who called our forebears to the light of the gospel by the preaching of your servant Wilfrid: help us, who keep his life and labour in remembrance, to glorify your name by following the example of his zeal and perseverance; 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 for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).

10 October

Paulinus
Bishop of York, Missionary, 644

Collect

God our Saviour, who sent Paulinus to preach and to baptize, and so to build up your Church in this land: grant that, inspired by his example, we may tell all the world of your truth, that with him we may receive the reward you prepare for all your faithful servants; 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 for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).
13 October

Edward the Confessor
King of England, 1066

Collect

Sovereign God,
who set your servant Edward
  upon the throne of an earthly kingdom
and inspired him with zeal for the kingdom of heaven:
grant that we may so confess the faith of Christ
  by word and deed,
that we may, with all your saints, inherit your eternal 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 for ever.

Post Communion

God our redeemer,
who inspired Edward to witness to your love
and to work for the coming of your kingdom:
may we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven,
be fired by your Spirit to proclaim the gospel in our daily living
and never to rest content until your kingdom come,
on earth as it is in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or another Post Communion for 'Any Saint' (pages 211–212) is used.

15 October

Teresa of Avila
Teacher of the Faith, 1582

Collect

Merciful God,
who by your Spirit raised up your servant Teresa of Avila
to reveal to your Church the way of perfection:
grant that her teaching
may awaken in us a longing for holiness,
until we attain to the perfect union of love
in Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).

17 October

Ignatius
Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c.107

Collect

Feed us, O Lord, with the living bread
and make us drink deep of the cup of salvation
that, following the teaching of your bishop Ignatius
and rejoicing in the faith
  with which he embraced a martyr's death,
we may be nourished for that eternal life
  for which he longed;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).
19 October

Henry Martyn
Translator of the Scriptures,
Missionary in India and Persia, 1812

Collect

Almighty God, who by your Holy Spirit gave Henry Martyn a longing to tell the good news of Christ and skill to translate the Scriptures: by the same Spirit give us grace to offer you our gifts, wherever you may lead, at whatever the cost; 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 for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).

26 October

Alfred the Great
King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899

Collect

God, our maker and redeemer, we pray you of your great mercy and by the power of your holy cross to guide us by your will and to shield us from our foes: that, after the example of your servant Alfred, we may inwardly love you above all things; 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 for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Missionaries is used (page 209).

29 October

James Hannington
Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, Martyr in Uganda, 1885

Collect

Most merciful God, who strengthened your Church by the steadfast courage of your martyr James Hannington: grant that we also, thankfully remembering his victory of faith, may overcome what is evil and glorify your holy name; 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 for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).
2 November

**Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**

**Collect**

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son’s saving passion and glorious resurrection that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; 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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ which we have celebrated in this eucharist bring us, with all the faithful departed, into the peace of your eternal home. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our rock and our salvation, to whom be glory for time and for eternity.

3 November

**Richard Hooker**

**Priest, Anglican Apologist, Teacher of the Faith, 1600**

**Collect**

God of peace, the bond of all love, who in your Son Jesus Christ have made the human race your inseparable dwelling place: after the example of your servant Richard Hooker, give grace to us your servants ever to rejoice in the true inheritance of your adopted children and to show forth your praises now and ever; 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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).

7 November

**Willibrord of York**

**Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739**

**Collect**

God, the Saviour of all, you sent your bishop Willibrord from this land to proclaim the good news to many peoples and confirm them in their faith: help us also to witness to your steadfast love by word and deed so that your Church may increase and grow strong in holiness; 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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 209).
8 November
The Saints and Martyrs
of England
White

Collect
God, whom the glorious company of the redeemed adore, assembled from all times and places of your dominion: we praise you for the saints of our own land and for the many lamps their holiness has lit; and we pray that we also may be numbered at last with those who have done your will and declared your righteousness; 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 for ever.

Post Communion
God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord.

10 November
Leo the Great
Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 461
White

Collect
God our Father, who made your servant Leo strong in the defence of the faith: fill your Church with the spirit of truth that, guided by humility and governed by love, she may prevail against the powers of evil; 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 for ever.

Post Communion
The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).

11 November
Martin of Tours
Bishop of Tours, c.397
White

Collect
God all powerful, who called Martin from the armies of this world to be a faithful soldier of Christ: give us grace to follow him in his love and compassion for the needy, and enable your Church to claim for all people their inheritance as children of God; 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 for ever.

Post Communion
The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 207).

13 November
Charles Simeon
Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836
White

Collect
Eternal God, who raised up Charles Simeon to preach the good news of Jesus Christ and inspire your people in service and mission: grant that we with all your Church may worship the Saviour, turn in sorrow from our sins and walk in the way of holiness; 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 for ever.

Post Communion
The Post Communion of Pastors is used (page 207).
**16 November**

**Margaret of Scotland**

Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist, Reformer of the Church, 1093

**Collect**

God, the ruler of all, who called your servant Margaret to an earthly throne and gave her zeal for your Church and love for your people that she might advance your heavenly kingdom mercifully grant that we who commemorate her example may be fruitful in good works and attain to the glorious crown of your saints; 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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

God our redeemer, who inspired Margaret to witness to your love and to work for the coming of your kingdom may we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven, be fired by your Spirit to proclaim the gospel in our daily living and never to rest content until your kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or another Post Communion for ‘Any Saint’ (pages 211–212) is used.

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**17 November**

**Hugh**

Bishop of Lincoln, 1200

**Collect**

O God, who endowed your servant Hugh with a wise and cheerful boldness and taught him to commend to earthly rulers the discipline of a holy life: give us grace like him to be bold in the service of the gospel, putting our confidence in Christ alone, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 207).
18 November

**Elizabeth of Hungary**
Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist, 1231

**Collect**

Lord God,
who taught Elizabeth of Hungary
to recognize and reverence Christ in the poor of this world:
by her example
strengthen us to love and serve the afflicted and the needy
and so to honour your Son, the servant king,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Faithful God,
who called Elizabeth of Hungary to serve you
and gave her joy in walking the path of holiness:
by this eucharist
    in which you renew within us the vision of your glory,
strengthen us all to follow the way of perfection
until we come to see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or another Post Communion for ‘Any Saint’ (pages 211–212) is used.

19 November

**Hilda**
Abbess of Whitby, 680

**Collect**

Eternal God,
who made the abbess Hilda to shine like a jewel in our land
and through her holiness and leadership
blessed your Church with new life and unity:
help us, like her, to yearn for the gospel of Christ
and to reconcile those who are divided;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 208).

20 November

**Edmund**
King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870

**Collect**

Eternal God,
whose servant Edmund kept faith to the end,
both with you and with his people,
and glorified you by his death:
grant us such steadfastness of faith
that, with the noble army of martyrs,
we may come to enjoy the fullness of the resurrection life;
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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).
Collect

Creator and Father of eternity,
whose martyr Clement bore witness with his blood
to the love he proclaimed and the gospel that he preached:
give us thankful hearts as we celebrate your faithfulness,
revealed to us in the lives of your saints,
and strengthen us in our pilgrimage as we follow your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).

Collect

God of hosts,
who called Ambrose from the governor’s throne
to be a bishop in your Church
and an intrepid champion of your faithful people:
mercifully grant that, as he did not fear to rebuke rulers,
so we, with like courage,
may contend for the faith we have received;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).
8 December

The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that we, who have seen your glory revealed in our human nature and your love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in your image and conformed to the pattern 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 for ever.

Post Communion

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

13 December

Lucy Martyr at Syracuse, 304

Collect

God our redeemer, who gave light to the world that was in darkness by the healing power of the Saviour's cross: shed that light on us, we pray, that with your martyr Lucy we may, by the purity of our lives, reflect the light of Christ and, by the merits of his passion, come to the light of everlasting life; 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 for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).

14 December

John of the Cross Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591

Collect

O God, the judge of all, who gave your servant John of the Cross a warmth of nature, a strength of purpose and a mystical faith that sustained him even in the darkness: shed your light on all who love you and grant them union of body and soul in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 206).
29 December

Thomas Becket
Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170

Collect

Lord God, who gave grace to your servant Thomas Becket to put aside all earthly fear and be faithful even to death: grant that we, disregarding worldly esteem, may fight all wrong, uphold your rule, and serve you to our life's end; 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 for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 205).

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The Blessed Virgin Mary

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearng of blessed Mary; grant that we, who have seen your glory revealed in our human nature and your love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in your image and conformed to the pattern 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 for ever.

Post Communion

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Apostles and Evangelists

Collect

Almighty God, who built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone: so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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 for ever.

Post Communion

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Martyrs

Collect

Almighty God, by whose grace and power your holy martyr N triumphed over suffering and was faithful unto death: strengthen us with your grace, that we may endure reproach and persecution and faithfully bear witness to the name of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Eternal God, who gave us this holy meal in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross and the victory of your martyr N: by our communion with Christ in his saving death and resurrection, give us with all your saints the courage to conquer evil and so to share the fruit of the tree of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

God our redeemer, whose Church was strengthened by the blood of your martyr N: so bind us, in life and death, to Christ’s sacrifice that our lives, broken and offered with his, may carry his death and proclaim his resurrection in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Collect

Almighty God, who enlightened your Church by the teaching of your servant N: enrich it evermore with your heavenly grace and raise up faithful witnesses who, by their life and teaching, may proclaim the truth of your salvation; 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 for ever.

Post Communion

God of truth, whose Wisdom set her table and invited us to eat the bread and drink the wine of the kingdom: help us to lay aside all foolishness and to live and walk in the way of insight, that we may come with N to the eternal feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect

Eternal God, you called N to proclaim your glory in a life of prayer and pastoral zeal: keep the leaders of your Church faithful and bless your people through their ministry, that the Church may grow into the full stature 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 for ever.

or, for a bishop

Almighty God, the light of the faithful and shepherd of souls, who set your servant N to be a bishop in the Church, to feed your sheep by the word of Christ and to guide them by good example: give us grace to keep the faith of the Church and to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

God, shepherd of your people, whose servant N revealed the loving service of Christ in his/her ministry as a pastor of your people: by this eucharist in which we share awaken within us the love of Christ and keep us faithful to our Christian calling; through him who laid down his life for us, but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever.
Members of Religious Communities

Collect

Almighty God,
by whose grace N, kindled with the fire of your love,
became a burning and a shining light in the Church:
inflame us with the same spirit of discipline and love,
that we may ever walk before you as children of light;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

Merciful God,
who gave such grace to your servant N
that he/she served you with singleness of heart
and loved you above all things:
help us, whose communion with you
has been renewed in this sacrament,
to forsake all that holds us back from following Christ
and to grow into his likeness from glory to glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Missionaries

Collect

Everlasting God,
whose servant N carried the good news of your Son
to the people of … :
grant that we who commemorate his/her service
may know the hope of the gospel in our hearts
and manifest its light in all our ways;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal
the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share with N and all your saints
in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Collect (general)

Almighty Father,
you have built up your Church through the love and devotion of your saints: inspire us to follow the example of N, whom we commemorate today, that we in our generation may rejoice with him/her in the vision of your 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 for ever.

or (for Christian rulers)

Sovereign God, who called N to be a ruler among his/her people and gave him/her grace to be their servant: help us, following our Saviour Christ in the path of humble service, to see his kingdom set forward on earth and to enjoy its fullness in heaven; 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 for ever.

or (for those working with the poor and underprivileged)

Merciful God, you have compassion on all that you have made and your whole creation is enfolded in your love: help us to stand firm for your truth, to struggle against poverty, and to share your love with our neighbour, that with your servant N we may be instruments of your 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 for ever.

or (for men and women of learning)

God our Father, who gave wisdom and insight to your servant N to fathom the depths of your love and to understand your design for the world you have made: grant us the help of your Holy Spirit that we also may come to a full knowledge of your purposes revealed in your Son Jesus Christ, our wisdom and our life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or (for those whose holiness was revealed in marriage and family life)

Eternal God, whose love is revealed in the mystery of the Trinity: help us, like your servant N, to find in our human loving a mirror of your divine love and to see in all your children our brothers and sisters in Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Faithful God, who called N to serve you and gave him/her joy in walking the path of holiness: by this eucharist, in which you renew within us the vision of your glory, strengthen us all to follow the way of perfection until we come to see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)
God our redeemer, who inspired N to witness to your love and to work for the coming of your kingdom: may we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven, be fired by your Spirit to proclaim the gospel in our daily living and never to rest content until your kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name, your servant N revealed your goodness in a life of tranquillity and service: grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table may like him/her know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge and be filled with all your fullness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Special Occasions

For Collects and Post Communions for Holy Baptism see pages 26 and 53–61, Wholeness and Healing see pages 609 and 612, Marriage see pages 614 and 616 and Funeral see pages 618 and 622.

The Guidance of the Holy Spirit

Collect

God, who from of old taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Almighty God, you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church to lead us into all truth: bless with the Spirit’s grace and presence the members of this synod/PCC etc.; keep us/them steadfast in faith and united in love, that we/they may manifest your glory and prepare the way of your kingdom; 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 for ever.

Post Communion

God of power, whose Holy Spirit renews your people in the bread and wine we bless and share: may the boldness of the Spirit transform us, the gentleness of the Spirit lead us, and the gifts of the Spirit equip us to serve and worship you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Rogation Days  White

**Collect**

Almighty God,
whose will it is that the earth and the sea
    should bear fruit in due season:
bless the labours of those who work on land and sea,
grant us a good harvest
and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care;
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 for ever.

(or)

Almighty God and Father,
you have so ordered our life
    that we are dependent on one another:
prosper those engaged in commerce and industry
and direct their minds and hands
that they may rightly use your gifts in the service of others;
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 for ever.

(or)

God our Father,
you never cease the work you have begun
and prosper with your blessing all human labour:
make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts
that we may serve the common good,
maintain the fabric of our world
and seek that justice where all may share
    the good things you pour upon us;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

God our creator,
you give seed for us to sow and bread for us to eat:
as you have blessed the fruit of our labour in this eucharist,
so we ask you to give all your children their daily bread,
that the world may praise you for your goodness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Harvest Thanksgiving**  Green

Harvest Thanksgiving may be celebrated on a Sunday and may replace the provision for that day, provided it does not supersede any Principal Feast or Festival.

**Collect**

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
    of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Mission and Evangelism

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Unity of the Church

Collect

Heavenly Father,
you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ
to continue his work of reconciliation
and reveal you to the world:
forgive us the sins which tear us apart;
give us the courage to overcome our fears
and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will;
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 for ever.

(or)

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your apostles, ‘Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you’:
look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church
and grant it the peace and unity of your kingdom;
where you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Eternal God and Father,
whose Son at supper prayed that his disciples might be one,
as he is one with you:
draw us closer to him,
that in common love and obedience to you
we may be united to one another
in the fellowship of the one Spirit,
that the world may believe that he is Lord, to your eternal glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**The Peace of the World**

**Collect**

Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;
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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

God our Father,
your Son is our peace
and his cross the sign of reconciliation:
help us, who share the broken bread,
to bring together what is scattered
and to bind up what is wounded,
that Christ may bring in the everlasting kingdom of his peace;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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**Social Justice and Responsibility**

**Collect**

Eternal God,
in whose perfect realm
no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness,
and no strength known but the strength of love:
so guide and inspire the work of those who seek your kingdom
that all your people may find their security
in that love which casts out fear
and in the fellowship revealed to us
in Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Almighty and eternal God,
to whom we must all give account:
-guide with your Spirit the … of this (city, society, etc.),
that we/they may be faithful to the mind of Christ
and seek in all our/their purposes to enrich our common life;
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 for ever.

**Post Communion**

Blessed God,
help us, whom you have fed and satisfied in this eucharist,
to hunger and thirst for what is right;
help us, who here have rejoiced and been glad,
to stand with those who are persecuted and reviled;
help us, who here have glimpsed the life of heaven,
to strive for the cause of right
and for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Ministry (including Ember Days)

Red or
colour of
the Season

Collect

(for the ministry of all Christian people)

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or (for those to be ordained)

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts,
by your Holy Spirit you have appointed
various orders of ministry in the Church:
look with mercy on your servants
now called to be deacons and priests;
maintain them in truth and renew them in holiness,
that by word and good example they may faithfully serve you
to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church;
through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or (for vocations)

Almighty God,
you have entrusted to your Church
a share in the ministry of your Son our great high priest:
inspire by your Holy Spirit the hearts of many
to offer themselves for the ministry of your Church,
that strengthened by his power,
they may work for the increase of your kingdom
and set forward the eternal praise of your name;
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 for ever.

or (for the inauguration of a new ministry)

God our Father, Lord of all the world,
through your Son you have called us into the fellowship
of your universal Church:
hear our prayer for your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry
each may be an instrument of your love,
and give to your servant N now to be … (installed, inducted, etc.)
the needful gifts of grace;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,
whose ascended Son gave gifts of leadership and service
to the Church:
strengthen us who have received this holy food
to be good stewards of your manifold grace;
through him who came not to be served but to serve,
and give his life as a ransom for many,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

Lord of the harvest,
you have fed your people in this sacrament
with the fruits of creation made holy by your Spirit:
by your grace raise up among us faithful labourers
to sow your word and reap the harvest of souls;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Collect

Sovereign God,
the defence of those who trust in you
and the strength of those who suffer:
look with mercy on our affliction
and deliver us through our mighty Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Almighty God,
whose Son gave us in this meal a pledge of your saving love
and a foretaste of your kingdom of justice and peace:
strengthen your people in their faith
that they may endure the sufferings of this present time
in expectation of the glory to be revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,
and all who are in authority under her;
that they may order all things
—in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour and glory of your name
and the good of your Church and people;
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 for ever.

Post Communion

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace:
give us grace seriously to lay to heart
the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions;
take away our hatred and prejudice
and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord,
that, as there is but one body, one Spirit
—and one hope of our calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of us all,
so may we henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul,
united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity,
and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Advent

The First Sunday of Advent

### Collect

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

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

### Post Communion

O Lord our God, as we wait for the coming of thy Son our Lord, preserve us in watchfulness and faith, that when he shall appear he may not find us asleep in sin but active to serve him and joyful to praise him; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
The Second Sunday of Advent

Collect

O Lord, raise up we pray thee thy power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are sore let and hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
thy bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord,
to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,
who didst send thy Son to redeem the world
and wilt 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 shall come again,
we may be found ready to greet him
with joyful love and steadfast faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Third Sunday of Advent

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger
to prepare thy way before thee:
grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at thy second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight;
who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Collect

O God our redeemer,
who didst prepare the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of thy Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he shall come again to be our judge;
who liveth and reigneth with thee
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,
who didst choose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us thy servants with thy grace,
that in all things we may embrace thy holy will
and with her rejoice in thy salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
24 December

**Christmas Eve** Purple

**Collect**

Almighty God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Eternal God, for whom we wait, who hast fed us with the bread of eternal life: we pray that thou wilt keep us ever watchful so that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man, Jesus Christ our Lord.

25 December

**Christmas Night** Gold or White

**Collect**

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of thy one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of thy heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

God our Father, who in this night hast made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the dawning of the day when Christ the Morning Star shall rise in our hearts; to whom be glory both now and for ever.
Collect

Almighty God,
who hast given us thy only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, being regenerate
and made thy children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit,
now and for ever.

Post Communion

O God our Father,
whose Word hath come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
grant that the light of faith may illumine our hearts
and shine in all our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.

The First Sunday of Christmas

This provision is not used on weekdays after 5 January.

Collect

Almighty God,
who hast wonderfully created us in thine own image
and hast yet more wonderfully restored us
through thy Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

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

The Second Sunday of Christmas

This provision is not used on weekdays after 5 January.

Collect

Almighty God,
who in the birth of thy Son
hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word
and revealed to us the fullness of thy love:
help us so to walk in his light and dwell in his love
that we may know the fullness of his joy;
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

All praise to thee,
almighty God and heavenly king,
who hast 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 reigneth in heaven,
now and for ever.
The Epiphany
Principal Feast
White

Collect
O God,
who by the leading of a star
didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles:
mercyf ully grant that we,
who know thee now by faith,
may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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

The Baptism of Christ
Gold or
White

Collect
Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
didst reveal him to be thy Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant that we, being born again by water and the Spirit,
may be faithful to our calling as thine adopted children;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Second Sunday of Epiphany
White

Collect
Almighty God,
who in Christ makest all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of thy grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known thy heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

God of glory,
as thou dost nourish us with thy Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with thy Holy Spirit
that through us the light of thy glory
may shine in all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Collect
Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of thy saving presence: renew thy people with thy heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion
Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: grant that thy people, illumined by thy word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped and obeyed to the ends of the earth, who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Collect
Almighty God, creator of all things, who in the beginning didst command the light to shine out of darkness: grant 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 liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion
O Lord, who didst fulfil the hope of Simeon and Anna that they might live to greet the coming of the Messiah: grant that we, who have received these inexpressible gifts, may be prepared to meet Christ Jesus when he shall come to bring us to eternal life; for he liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.
Ordinary Time

The Fifth Sunday before Lent

Collect

Almighty God,
by whose grace alone we are accepted
and called to thy service:
strengthen us by thy Holy Spirit
and make us worthy of our calling:
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O God of truth,
by whose grace we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life:
strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for thee and for one another;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Fourth Sunday before Lent

Collect

O God,
who knowest us to be set
in the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Go before us, O Lord, in all our doings
with thy most gracious favour,
and further us with thy continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in thee,
we may glorify thy holy name,
and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
The Third Sunday before Lent

**Collect**

O almighty God,  
who alone canst order the unruly wills  
and affections of the sinful:  
grant unto thy people  
that they may love the thing which thou commandest  
and desire that which thou dost promise,  
that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world,  
our hearts may surely there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

O God our creator,  
by whose gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of thy Church:  
may we who have been nourished at thy table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Third Sunday before Lent

**Post Communion**

O holy God,  
we behold thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
grant that we who are partakers at his table  
may reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Sunday next before Lent

**Collect**

Almighty Father,  
whose 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 liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

This provision is not used on or after Ash Wednesday.

**Collect**

Merciful Father,  
who didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ  
to be for us the bread of life,  
that those who come to him should never hunger:  
draw us to him in faith and love,  
that we may eat and drink with him  
at his table in the kingdom,  
where he liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

The Second Sunday before Lent

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who hast created the heavens and the earth  
and hast made us in thine own image:  
teach us to discern thy hand in all thy works  
and thy likeness in all thy children;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

O holy God,  
we behold thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
grant that we who are partakers at his table  
may reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Lent

Ash Wednesday
Principal Holy Day
Purple or Lent Array

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who hatest nothing that thou hast made
and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

This Collect may be used as the Post Communion on any day from the First Sunday of Lent until the Saturday after the Fourth Sunday of Lent instead of the Post Communion provided.

Post Communion

Almighty God,
who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin
and also an example of godly life:
give us grace
that we may always most thankfully receive
that his inestimable benefit,
and also daily endeavour ourselves
to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The First Sunday of Lent
Purple or Lent Array

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ did fast forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to thy Spirit;
and, as thou knowest our weakness,
so may we know thy power to save;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O Lord our God,
who hast renewed us with the living bread from heaven,
and dost thereby nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
incline our hearts always to hunger for him
who is the true and living bread,
and give us grace to live by every word
that proceedeth out of thy mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
The Second Sunday of Lent

Collect

Almighty God,
who showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth,
to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness:
grant unto all them that are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may eschew 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 liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Almighty God,
who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Third Sunday of Lent

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 thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Lord God,
whose blessed Son our Saviour
gave his back to the smiters
and hid not 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.
Mothering Sunday may be celebrated in preference to the provision for the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

Collect

Merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily lives that in joy and sorrow we may know the power of thy presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

God of love, who in this sacrament dost feed us with the food and drink of eternal life, even as a mother feedeth her children at the breast: mercifully grant that we who have tasted thy goodness may grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ hast delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, who hast taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for thee: give us the will to be the servant of others as thou wast the servant of all, who gavest up thy life and didst die for us, yet liveth and reignest, now and for ever.
Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who of thy tender love towards the world hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank thee that in this wonderful sacrament thou hast given us a memorial of thy passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of thy body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of thy redemption; for thou livest and reignest, now and for ever.

Good Friday Hangings Principal Holy Day removed: red for the liturgy

Collect

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Maundy Thursday White Principal Holy Day

At Morning and Evening Prayer the Collect of Palm Sunday is used.

At Holy Communion this Collect is used.

Collect

God our Father, who hast invited us to share in the supper which thy Son hath given to his Church that it may proclaim his death until he comes: may he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Easter Eve Hangings removed

Collect

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continually mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his merits, who died and was buried and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Easter Day  Gold or White

Collect

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of thy Son
hast overcome 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 in all eternity.

Post Communion

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

The Third Sunday of Easter  White

Collect

Almighty Father,
who in thy great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve thee continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O living God,
whose Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of the bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.
The Fourth Sunday of Easter  White

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life:
grant us grace to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter  White

Collect

Almighty God,
who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life:
we humbly beseech thee that,
as by thy grace preceding us
  thou dost put into our minds good desires,
so by thy continual help
we may bring the same to good effect;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ doth give the water of eternal life:
may we ever thirst for thee,
the spring of life and fountain of goodness,
through him who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.
Ascension Day
Principal Feast
Gold or White

Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, almighty God,
that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son
our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens;
so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend
and with him continually dwell,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O God our Father,
who in Christ hast raised up our humanity
and fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Day of Pentecost
White Sunday
Principal Feast

This provision is not used on the weekdays after the Day of Pentecost.

Collect

God, who as at this time
didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people
by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the same Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
whose Son Jesus Christ hath sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
so confirm us in this mission
that our lives may show forth the good news which we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Wednesday after Ascension Day
White

Collect

O God the King of glory,
who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven:
we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless,
but send to us thine Holy Spirit to comfort us
and exalt us unto the same place
whither our Saviour Christ is gone before;
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O faithful God,
who didst fulfil the promise of Easter
by sending to us thy Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation the way of eternal life:
open our lips by the same Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of thy glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Ordinary Time

The Weekdays after the Day of Pentecost  Green

Collect

O Lord, from whom all good things do come: 
grant to us thy humble servants, 
that by thy holy inspiration 
we may think those things that be good 
and, by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; 
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, 
who liveth and reigneth with thee, 
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O God of love, 
who in this sacrament 
dost make us one family in thy Son Jesus Christ, 
one in the sharing of his body and blood 
and one in the communion of his Spirit: 
help us so to grow in love for one another 
that we may come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ; 
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Trinity Sunday  Gold or Principal Feast  White

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, 
who hast given unto us thy servants grace, 
by the confession of a true faith, 
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity 
and, in the power of the divine majesty, to worship the Unity: 
we beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast 
in this faith 
and evermore defend us from all adversities; 
who livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

All praise be to thee, our God and Father, 
for that thou hast fed us with the bread of heaven 
and hast quenched our thirst from the true vine: 
grant that we, being grafted into Christ, 
may grow together in unity 
and be partakers of his heavenly feast; 
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
The First Sunday after Trinity

Collect

O God,
the strength of all them that put their trust in thee,
mercyfull accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without thee,
grant us the help of thy grace
that, in keeping of thy commandments,
we may please thee, both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Everlasting Father,
we thank thee that thou dost nourish us
with these thy heavenly gifts:
by this sacrament strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Second Sunday after Trinity

Collect

O Lord, who hast taught us
that all our doings without charity are nothing worth:
send thy Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity,
the very bond of peace and of all virtues
without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee;
grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The Third Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God,
who hast broken the tyranny of sin
and hast sent the Spirit of thy Son into our hearts,
whereby we call thee Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to thy service,
that the whole world may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
**The Fourth Sunday after Trinity**  
**Green**

**Collect**

O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love as may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Everlasting God, comforter to the afflicted and healer to the broken, who hast nourished us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**The Fifth Sunday after Trinity**  
**Green**

**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all thy faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve thee in holiness and truth, to the glory of thy name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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**The Sixth Sunday after Trinity**  
**Green**

**Collect**

O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass our understanding: may obtain thy promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The Seventh Sunday after Trinity  Green

Collect

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Holy Father, who didst gather us around the table of thy Son that we, with all thy household, might partake of this holy food: in that new world wherein the fullness of thy peace is revealed, gather people of every race and tongue to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity  Green

Collect

O almighty Lord and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws and in the works of thy commandments, that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Holy Father, who didst gather us around the table of thy Son that we, with all thy household, might partake of this holy food: in that new world wherein the fullness of thy peace is revealed, gather people of every race and tongue to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.
The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of thy humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please thee;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Merciful Lord,
whose faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which taketh away our sins and bringeth pardon and peace:
by our communion
establish us on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,who art always more ready to hear than we to pray,
and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy,
forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask,
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
who hast willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in thee:
look upon us with thy favour
that we, following in the path of thy will,
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Collect

O God,who declarest thy almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace
that we, running the way of thy commandments,
may obtain thy gracious promises
and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Merciful God,who in this holy sacrament hast put away our sins
and given us thy healing:
grant that as we are made whole in Christ,
so we may bring thy healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
**The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Collect**

Almighty God,
who hast called thy Church to witness
that thou wast in Christ reconciling the world to thyself:
help us so to proclaim the good news of thy love
that all who hear it may be drawn unto thee;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

O God our creator,
who dost feed thy children with the true manna
which is the living bread from heaven:
grant that, by this holy food,
we may be sustained through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst shall be no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Collect**

Almighty God,
whose only Son hath opened for us
a new and living way into thy presence:
grant that, with pure hearts and constant wills,
we may worship thee in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord,
thy Church with thy perpetual mercy;
and, because our human frailty without thee cannot but fall,
keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Collect**

O Lord God,
who art the source of all truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and in the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Post Communion**

God, who of thy generous mercy didst send the Holy Spirit
upon thy Church in the burning fire of thy love:
grant that thy people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, ever abiding in thee,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity  

Green

Collect

O Lord,
we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers
of thy people which call upon thee;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Almighty God,
who hast taught us through thy Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love thee with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity  

Green

Collect

Almighty God,
thou hast made us for thyself
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in thee:
pour thy love into our hearts and draw us to thyself,
and so bring us at the last to thy heavenly city
where we shall see thee face to face;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

We give thee praise and thanks, Lord Jesus Christ,
for this sacred feast:
for here we receive thee,
here the memory of thy passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here we are given a pledge of the glory to come,
when we shall feast at that table where thou reignest
with all thy saints for ever.

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity  

Green

Collect

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us thy gift of faith
that, forsaking that which is behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of thy commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Holy and blessed God, who dost vouchsafe to feed us with the body and blood of thy Son and hast filled us with thy Holy Spirit: grant that we may honour thee not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

O God, giver of life, whose Holy Spirit welleth up within thy Church: fill us with the gifts of that same Spirit to live the gospel of Christ, and make us ready to do thy will, that we may share with all thy whole creation the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, who dost give us every good and perfect gift and hast brought us to birth by thy word of truth: grant that we may be a living sign of that kingdom where thy whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord.

If there are twenty-three Sundays after Trinity, the provision for the Third Sunday before Lent (page 238) is used on the Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.
The Last Sunday after Trinity  Green

Collect

Blessed Lord,
who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
grant that we may in such wise hear them,
read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them;
that by patience and comfort of thy holy word,
we may embrace and ever hold fast
   the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Most gracious God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew thy people with thy heavenly grace
and in all our weakness
sustain us by thy true and living bread;
who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

1 November  Gold or White

All Saints' Day  Principal Feast

Collect

O almighty God,
who hast knit together thine elect
in one communion and fellowship
   in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O Lord of heaven,
who in this sacrament hast brought us near
   to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
grant that, as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
   we have shared their fellowship,
so we may come to share their heavenly joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Fourth Sunday before Advent  Red or Green

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who hast kindled the flame of love
   in the hearts of thy saints:
grant to us, we beseech thee,
the same faith and power of love
that we, rejoicing in their triumphs,
may be sustained by their example and fellowship;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O God,
the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
grant that we, who have shared at this table
   as strangers and pilgrims here on earth,
may with all thy saints
   be welcomed to the heavenly feast
   in the day of thy kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
The Second Sunday before Advent

Collect

O God,
whose blessed Son was manifested
that he might destroy the works of the devil
and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope,
we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure,
that when he shall appear again with power and great glory
we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Spirit,
he liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Gracious Lord,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion upon the anguish of the world
and, by thy healing power,
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In years when Remembrance Sunday is observed on the Second Sunday before Advent, the Collect and Post Communion for the Third Sunday before Advent may be used on the Second Sunday before Advent.

The Third Sunday before Advent

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in thy beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who livest and reignest with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion upon the anguish of the world
and, by thy healing power,
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In years when Remembrance Sunday is observed on the Third Sunday before Advent, the Collect and Post Communion for the Second Sunday before Advent may be used on the Third Sunday before Advent.
Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Post Communion may be used as the Collect at Morning and Evening Prayer during this week.
25 January
The Conversion of Paul
White

Collect
O God, who through the preaching of the blessed apostle Saint Paul,
haist caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world:
grant, we beseech thee, that we,
having his wonderful conversion in remembrance,
may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same,
by following the holy doctrine which he taught;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion
of Apostles and Evangelists
Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
didst send thy Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to bear witness to thy truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of thy love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(or)
O Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

19 March
Joseph of Nazareth
White

Collect
O God our Father,
who from the house of thy servant David
didst raise up Joseph the carpenter
to be the guardian of thine incarnate Son
and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
give us grace to follow him
in faithful obedience to thy commands;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion
of Apostles and Evangelists
Heavenly Father,
whose Son grew in wisdom and stature
in the home of Joseph the carpenter in Nazareth
and on the wood of the cross
perfected the work of the world's salvation:
grant us, strengthened by this sacrament of his passion,
to count the wisdom of this world as foolishness,
and to walk with him in simplicity and faith;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.
25 March  The Annunciation of Our Lord  Gold or White

Collect

We beseech thee, O Lord,  
pour thy grace into our hearts;  
that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ  
by the message of an angel,  
so by his cross and passion  
we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O God most high,  
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
we give thee thanks that in this sacrament of our redemption  
thou dost visit us with thy Holy Spirit  
and dost overshadow us by thy power;  
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience  
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

23 April  George  Red

Martyr, Patron of England, c.304

Collect

O God of hosts,  
who didst so kindle the flame of love  
in the heart of thy servant George  
that he bore witness to the risen Lord  
by his life and by his death:  
grant us the same faith and power of love  
that we, who rejoice in his triumphs,  
may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O eternal God,  
who hast given us this holy meal  
in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross  
and the victory of thy martyr George:  
by our communion with Christ  
in his saving death and resurrection,  
grant us with all thy saints the courage to overcome evil  
and so to partake of the fruit of the tree of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

O God our redeemer,  
whose Church was strengthened  
by the blood of thy martyr George:  
so bind us, in life and in death,  
to the sacrifice of Christ  
that, our lives being broken and offered with his,  
we may carry his death  
and proclaim his resurrection in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Collect

Almighty God,
who hast enlightened thy holy Church
through the inspired witness of thine evangelist Saint Mark:
grant that we, being rooted and grounded
in the truth of the gospel,
may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Apostles and Evangelists is used
(page 276).

Collect

O almighty God,
who into the place of the traitor Judas
didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias
to be of the number of the twelve apostles:
grant that thy Church,
being always preserved from false apostles,
may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

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Collect

Almighty God,
whom truly to know is everlasting life:
grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ
to be the way, the truth and the life;
that, following the steps of thy holy apostles,
Saint Philip and Saint James,
we may steadfastly walk
in the way that leadeth to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

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Collect

Almighty God,
by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary
and greeted her as the mother of the Lord:
look with favour, we beseech thee, on thy lowly servants,
that, with Mary, we may magnify thy holy name
and rejoice to acclaim her Son our Saviour,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
24 June The Birth of John the Baptist White

Collect

Almighty God, by whose providence thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Saviour, by preaching of repentance: make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O gracious God, whose prophet John the Baptist proclaimed thy Son to be the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world: grant that we, who in this sacrament have known thy pardon and thy life-giving love, may ever tell of thy mercy and thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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11 June Barnabas Red

Apostle

Collect

O God, the giver of all good gifts, who didst pour out thy Spirit upon thy servant Barnabas and gavest him grace to strengthen others: grant us, by his example, to be generous in our judgements and faithful in our service; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Apostles and Evangelists is used (page 276).
29 June

**Peter and Paul**

Apostles

**Red**

**Collect**

Almighty God,
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul
glorified thee in their death as in their life:
grant that thy Church,
inspired by their teaching and example,
and made one by thy Spirit,
may ever stand firm on the one foundation
which is thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or, where Peter is celebrated alone

Almighty God,
who didst inspire thy apostle Saint Peter
to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:
build up thy Church upon this rock,
that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth
and follow one Lord, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

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3 July

**Thomas**

Apostle

**Red**

**Collect**

Almighty and eternal God,
who, for the greater confirmation of the faith,
didst allow thy holy apostle Thomas
to doubt the resurrection of thy Son
till word and sight convinced him:
grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe,
and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God;
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

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(page 276).

22 July

**Mary Magdalene**

White

**Collect**

Almighty God,
whose Son restored Mary Magdalene
to health of mind and body
and called her to be a witness to his resurrection:
forgive us our sins, we beseech thee,
and heal us by thy grace,
that we may serve thee in the power of his risen life;
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
6 August  The Transfiguration of Our Lord  Gold or White

Collect

Heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: grant us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may behold him as he is; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Apostles and Evangelists is used (page 276).

25 July  James  Red

Apostle

Collect

Grant, O merciful God, that as thine holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient unto the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Apostles and Evangelists is used.

15 August  The Blessed Virgin Mary  White

Collect

Almighty God, who didst look upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and didst choose her to be the mother of thy only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Collect

Almighty God,
who in the passion of thy blessed Son hast made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: 
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; 
who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O God most high, 
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: 
we give thee thanks that in this sacrament of our redemption thou dost visit us with thy Holy Spirit 
and dost overshadow us with thy power; 
strengthen us to walk with Mary in the joyful path of obedience, 
that we may bring forth the fruits of holiness; 
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

24 August

Bartholomew Apostle

Collect

O almighty God, 
who didst give to thine apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy word: 
grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church, 
to love that word which he believed, 
and both to preach and receive the same; 
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, 
who liveth and reigneth with thee, 
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Apostles and Evangelists is used (page 276).

14 September

Holy Cross Day Red

Collect

Almighty God,
who in the passion of thy blessed Son hast made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: 
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; 
who liveth and reigneth with thee, 
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O faithful God, 
whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: 
give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, 
for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, 
who reigneth as Lord, now and for ever.

21 September

Matthew Apostle and Evangelist

Collect

O almighty God, 
whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree 
and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: 
give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, 
for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, 
who reigneth as Lord, now and for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Apostles and Evangelists is used (page 276).
Festivals

29 September

Michael and All Angels  White

Collect

O everlasting God,
who hast ordained and constituted
the services of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:
mercifully grant that,
as thy holy angels always do thee service in heaven,
so by thy appointment
they may succour and defend us on earth;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O Lord of heaven,
in this sacrament thou hast brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.

18 October

Luke  Red

Evangelist

Collect

Almighty God,
who calledst Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
may it please thee that,
by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him,
all the diseases of our souls may be healed:
through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Apostles and Evangelists is used (page 276).

28 October

Simon and Jude  Red

Apostles

Collect

O almighty God,
who hast built thy Church upon the foundation
of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ himself being the head cornerstone:
grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit
by their doctrine,
that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Apostles and Evangelists is used (page 276).
30 November

**Andrew**
Apostle

**Collect**

Almighty God,
who didst give such grace unto thy apostle Saint Andrew
and followed him without delay:
grant unto us all that we, being called by thy holy word,
may forthwith give up ourselves obediently
to fulfil thy holy commandments;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit;
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Apostles and Evangelists is used
(page 276).

30 November

26 December

**Stephen**
Deacon, First Martyr

**Collect**

Gracious Father,
who gavest to the first martyr Stephen
and grant that in all our sufferings for the truth
we may learn to love even our enemies
and to seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt,
looking up to heaven to him who was crucified for us,
Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit;
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Merciful Lord,
we give thee thanks for the signs of thy mercy
revealed in birth and death:
save us, we beseech thee, by the coming of thy Son,
and grant us joy in honouring Stephen,
first martyr of the new Israel;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
27 December  

John White  

Apostle and Evangelist  

Collect

Merciful Lord,  
we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church,  
that it being enlightened by the doctrine  
of thy blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John  
may so walk in the light of thy truth,  
that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord God, we beseech thee,  
that the Word made flesh  
proclaimed by thine apostle John  
may, by the celebration of these holy mysteries,  
ever abide and live within us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

28 December  

The Holy Innocents Red  

Collect

Heavenly Father,  
whose children suffered at the hands of Herod,  
though they had done no wrong;  
by the suffering of thy Son  
and by the innocence of our lives  
frustrate, we beseech thee, all evil designs  
and establish thy reign of justice and peace;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who in thy humility stooped to share our human life  
even with the most defenceless of thy children:  
grant that we who have received these gifts of thy passion  
may rejoice in celebrating the witness of the Holy Innocents  
to the purity of thy sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross;  
for thou livest and reignest, now and for ever.
Collect

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication
of this house of prayer:
we praise thee for the many blessings
thou hast given to those who worship thee here:
and we pray that all who seek thee in this place
may find thee,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to thee;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Father in heaven,
whose Church on earth is a sign of thy heavenly peace,
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage
that, fed with the living bread of heaven,
and united in the body of thy Son,
we may be the temple of thy presence,
the place of thy glory on earth,
and a sign of thy peace in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
2 January

**Basil the Great**

**and Gregory of Nazianzus**

Bishops, Teachers of the Faith, 379 and 389

**Collect**

Almighty God,
whose servants Basil and Gregory
proclaimed the mystery of thy Word made flesh,
that thy Church might be built up in wisdom and strength:
grant that we,
rejoicing in his presence among us,
may with them be brought to know the power
of thine unending love;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).
12 January

Aelred of Hexham
Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167

Collect

Almighty God,
who didst endow the blessed abbot Aelred
with the gift of Christian friendship
and the wisdom to lead others into the way of holiness:
grant to thy people that same spirit of mutual affection,
that in loving one another
we may know the love of Christ
and rejoice in the eternal possession
of thine unsurpassable goodness;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used
(page 362).

13 January

Hilary
Bishop of Piotiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367

Collect

Everlasting God,
whose servant Hilary
steadfastly confessed thy Son Jesus Christ
to be both human and divine:
grant us his gentle courtesy
to bring to all the message of redemption
in the incarnate Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).

17 January

Antony of Egypt
Hermit, Abbot, 356

Collect

Most gracious God,
who didst call thy servant Antony to sell all that he had
and to serve thee in the solitude of the desert:
grant that we, following his example,
may learn to deny ourselves
and to love thee before all things;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used
(page 362).

19 January

Wulfstan
Bishop of Worcester, 1095

Collect

O Lord God,
who didst raise up Wulfstan to be a bishop among thy people
and a leader in thy Church:
give us grace, after his example,
to live simply,
to work diligently,
and to make thy kingdom known;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).
21 January

**Agnes**
Child Martyr at Rome, 304

**Collect**

Eternal God, Shepherd of thy sheep,
by whose grace thy child Agnes was strengthened to bear witness,
in her life and in her death,
to the true love of her redeemer:
grant us the power to understand, with all thy saints,
what is the breadth and length and height and depth
and to know the love that passeth all knowledge,
even Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit;
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).

24 January

**Francis de Sales**
Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622

**Collect**

God of all holiness,
who didst call thy bishop Francis de Sales
to bring many to Christ through his devout life,
and to renew thy Church with patience and understanding,
grant that we may, by word and example,
reflect thy gentleness and love to all those whom we meet;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit;
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).

26 January

**Timothy and Titus**
Companions of Paul

**Collect**

Heavenly Father,
who didst send thine apostle Paul to preach the gospel,
and gavest him Timothy and Titus
to be his companions in the faith:
grant that our fellowship in the Holy Spirit
may bear witness to the name of Jesus,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).

28 January

**Thomas Aquinas**
Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274

**Collect**

Everlasting God,
who didst enrich thy Church with the learning and holiness
of thy servant Thomas Aquinas:
grant to all who seek thee
a humble mind and a pure heart
that they may know thy Son Jesus Christ
to be the way, the truth and the life;
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).
30 January

**Charles**

King and Martyr, 1649

**Collect**

King of kings and Lord of lords, whose faithful servant Charles prayed for his persecutors and died in the living hope of thine eternal kingdom: grant us, by thy grace, so to follow his example that we may love and bless our enemies, through the intercession of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).

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3 February

**Anskar**

Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865

**Collect**

Almighty and gracious God, who didst send thy servant Anskar to spread the gospel among the Nordic people: raise up in this our generation, we beseech thee, messengers of thy good tidings and heralds of thy kingdom, that the world may come to know the immeasurable riches of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).

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14 February

**Cyril and Methodius**

Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885

**Collect**

O Lord of all, who gavest to thy servants Cyril and Methodius the gift of tongues to proclaim the gospel to the Slavic people: we pray that thy whole Church may be one as thou art one, that all who confess thy name may honour one another, and that from east and west all may acknowledge one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and thee, the God and Father of all; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).

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17 February

**Janani Luwum**

Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977

**Collect**

O God of truth, whose servant Janani Luwum walked in the light, and in his death defied the powers of darkness: free us, we beseech thee, from fear of those who kill the body, that we also may walk as children of light, through him who overcame darkness by the power of the cross, Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).
23 February

Polycarp
Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c.155

Collect

Almighty God,
who gavest to thy servant Polycarp
boldness to confess the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ
before the rulers of this world
and courage to suffer death for his faith:
grant that we too may be ready
to give an answer for the faith that is in us
and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).

27 February

George Herbert
Priest, Poet, 1633

Collect

King of glory, king of peace,
who didst call thy servant George Herbert
from the pursuit of worldly honours
to be a priest in the temple of his God and king:
grant us also the grace to offer ourselves
with singleness of heart in humble obedience to thy service;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Pastors is used (page 361).

1 March

David
Bishop of Menevia, Patron Saint of Wales, c.601

Collect

Almighty God,
who didst call thy servant David
to be a faithful and wise steward of thy mysteries
for the people of Wales:
in thy mercy, grant that,
following his purity of life and zeal for the gospel of Christ,
we may with him receive the crown of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory,
world without end.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).

2 March

Chad
Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672

Collect

Almighty God,
who, from the first fruits of the English nation
that turned to Christ,
didst call thy servant Chad
to be an evangelist and bishop of his own people:
grant us grace so to follow his peaceable nature,
humble spirit and prayerful life,
that we may truly commend to others
the faith which we ourselves profess;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).
7 March

Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions
Martyrs at Carthage, 203

Collect
O holy God,
who gavest great courage to Perpetua,
   Felicity and their companions:
grant that we may be worthy to climb the ladder of sacrifice
and be received into the garden of peace;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion
One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).

8 March

Edward King
Bishop of Lincoln, 1910

Collect
O God of peace,
who gavest such grace to thy servant Edward King
that all whom he met he drew to Christ:
fill us, we pray, with tender sympathy and joyful faith,
that we too may draw others
to know the love which passeth knowledge;
through him who is the shepherd and guardian of our souls,
Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion
The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).

17 March

Patrick
Bishop, Missionary, Patron Saint of Ireland, c.460

Collect
Almighty God,
who in thy providence chose thy servant Patrick
to be the apostle of the people of Ireland:
keep alive in us the fire of faith which he kindled,
and in this our earthly pilgrimage
strengthen us to gain the light of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion
The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).

20 March

Cuthbert
Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687

Collect
Almighty God,
who didst call thy servant Cuthbert from following the flock
to follow thy Son and to be a shepherd of thy people:
in thy mercy, grant that we may so follow his example
that we may bring those who are lost home to thy fold;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion
The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).
21 March

Thomas Cranmer
Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556

Collect

Father of all mercies,
who through the work of thy servant Thomas Cranmer
didst renew the worship of thy Church
and through his death
didst reveal thy strength in human weakness:
strengthen us by thy grace so to worship thee in spirit and in truth
that we may come to the joys of thine everlasting kingdom;
through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).

10 April

William Law
Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761

Collect

Almighty God,
who didst call thy servant William Law
to a devout and holy life:
grant that by thy spirit of love
and through faithfulness in prayer
we may find the way to divine knowledge
and so come to see the hidden things of God;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).

19 April

Alphege
Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012

Collect

O merciful God,
who didst raise up thy servant Alphege
to be a pastor of thy people
and gavest him grace to suffer for justice and true religion:
grant that we who celebrate his martyrdom
may know the power of the risen Christ in our hearts
and share his peace in lives offered to thy service;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).

21 April

Anselm
Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury,
Teacher of the Faith, 1109

Collect

O everlasting God,
who gavest to thy servant Anselm
singular gifts as a pastor and teacher:
grant that we, like him,
may desire thee with our whole heart
and, so desiring, may seek thee
and, seeking, may find thee;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).
4 May

**English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era**

**White**

**Collect**

O merciful God, who, when thy Church on earth was torn apart by the ravages of sin, didst raise up men and women in this land who witnessed to their faith with courage and constancy: give unto thy Church that peace which is thy will, and grant that those who have been divided on earth may be reconciled in heaven and be partakers together in the vision of thy glory; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).

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29 April

**Catherine of Siena**

**White**

**Teacher of the Faith, 1380**

**Collect**

O merciful God, who gavest to thy servant Catherine of Siena a wondrous love of the passion of Christ: grant that we thy people may be united to him in his majesty and rejoice for ever in the revelation of his glory; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).

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2 May

**Athanasius**

**White**

**Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373**

**Collect**

Ever-living God, whose servant Athanasius bore witness to the mystery of the Word made flesh for our salvation: give us grace, with all thy saints, to contend for the truth and to grow into the likeness of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).
### Collect

**8 May**  
**Julian of Norwich**  
Spiritual Writer, c.1417  

Most holy God, the ground of our beseeching,  
who through thy servant Julian  
didst reveal the wonders of thy love:  
grant that as we are created in thy nature  
and restored by thy grace,  
our wills may be so made one with thy will,  
and that we may come to see thee face to face  
and gaze on thee for ever;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 362).

### Collect

**19 May**  
**Dunstan**  
Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988  

Almighty God,  
who didst raise up Dunstan  
to be a true shepherd of the flock,  
a restorer of monastic life  
and a faithful counsellor to kings:  
grant, we beseech thee, to all pastors  
the like gifts of thy Holy Spirit  
that they may be true servants of Christ  
and of all his people;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).

### Collect

**20 May**  
**Alcuin of York**  
Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804  

O God of wisdom, eternal light,  
who didst shine in the heart of thy servant Alcuin,  
revealing to him thy power and pity:  
scatter the darkness of our ignorance  
that, with all our heart and mind and strength,  
we may seek thy face  
and be brought with all thy saints  
into thy holy presence;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 362).

### Collect

**24 May**  
**John and Charles Wesley**  
Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788  

Merciful God,  
who didst inspire John and Charles Wesley  
with zeal for thy gospel:  
grant to all people boldness to proclaim thy word  
and a heart ever to rejoice in singing thy praises;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Pastors is used (page 361).
25 May  
**The Venerable Bede**  
Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735

**Collect**

Almighty God, maker of all things, 
whose Son Jesus Christ gave to thy servant Bede 
grace to drink in with joy 
the word which leadeth us to know thee and to love thee: 
in thy goodness 
grant that we also may come at length to thee, 
the source of all wisdom, 
and stand before thy face; 
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, 
who livesth and reigneth with thee, 
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 362).

26 May  
**Augustine of Canterbury**  
First Archbishop of Canterbury, 605

**Collect**

Almighty God, 
whose servant Augustine was sent as the apostle 
of the English people: 
mercifully grant that, as he laboured in the Spirit 
to preach Christ in this land, 
so all who hear thy gospel 
may strive to make thy truth known in all the world; 
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, 
who livesth and reigneth with thee, 
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).

30 May  
**Josephine Butler**  
Social Reformer, 1906

**Collect**

O God of compassion and love, 
by whose grace thy servant Josephine Butler 
followed in the way of thy Son 
in caring for those in need: 
help us, after her example, to work with strength 
for the restoration of all to the dignity 
and freedom of those created in thine image; 
through Jesus Christ our Saviour, 
who livesth and reigneth with thee, 
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

O God our redeemer, 
who didst inspire Josephine Butler to witness to thy love 
and to labour for the coming of thy kingdom: 
grant that we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven, 
may be fired by thy Spirit 
to proclaim the gospel in our daily lives 
and never to rest content until thy kingdom come, 
on earth as it is in heaven; 
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or another Post Communion of 'Any Saint' (pages 365–366) is used.
1 June

Justin
Martyr at Rome, c.165

Collect

O God our redeemer,
who through the folly of the cross
didst teach thy martyr Justin
the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ:
free us, we beseech thee, from every kind of error,
that we, like him, may be firmly grounded in the faith,
and make thy name known to all peoples;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).

5 June

Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton
Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr, 754

Collect

O God our redeemer,
who didst call thy servant Boniface
to preach the gospel among the German people
and to build up thy Church in holiness:
grant that we may hold fast in our hearts
that faith which he taught with his words
and sealed with his blood,
and profess it in lives dedicated to thy Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).

8 June

Thomas Ken
Bishop of Bath and Wells, Nonjuror, Hymn Writer, 1711

Collect

O God, from whom all blessings flow,
by whose providence we are kept
and by whose grace we are directed:
assist us, through the example of thy servant Thomas Ken,
faithfully to keep thy word,
humbly to accept adversity
and steadfastly to worship thee;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).

9 June

Columba
Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597

Collect

Almighty God,
who didst fill the heart of Columba
with the joy of the Holy Spirit,
and with deep love for those in his care:
grant to thy pilgrim people grace to follow him,
strong in faith, sustained by hope,
and made one in the love that binds us to thee;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).
Collect

Most merciful redeemer,
who gavest to thy bishop Richard
a love of learning, a zeal for souls
and a devotion to the poor:
grant that, encouraged by his example,
we may know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly,
day by day;
who livest and reignest with the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
ever one God, world without end.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).

22 June

Alban

First Martyr of Britain, c.250

Collect

O eternal Father,
who, when the gospel of Christ first came to our land,
didst gloriously confirm the faith of Alban
by making him the first to win the martyr’s crown:
grant that, following his example in the fellowship of the saints,
we may worship thee, the living God,
and faithfully witness to Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).

23 June

Etheldreda

Abbess of Ely, c.678

Collect

O eternal God,
who didst bestow such grace on thy servant Etheldreda
that she gave herself wholly to the life of prayer
and to the service of thy true religion:
grant that we may in like manner
seek thy kingdom in our earthly lives,
that by thy guidance
we may be united in the glorious fellowship of thy saints;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 362).

28 June

Irenæus

Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, c.200

Collect

O God of peace,
who through the ministry of thy servant Irenæus
didst strengthen the true faith and bring harmony to thy Church:
keep us steadfast in thy true religion
and renew us in faith and love,
that we may ever walk in the way
that leadeth to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).
**15 July**

**Swithun**

Bishop of Winchester, c.862

**Collect**

Almighty God, 
by whose grace we celebrate again 
the feast of thy servant Swithun: 
grant that, as he governed with gentleness 
the people committed to his care, 
so we, rejoicing in our inheritance in Christ, 
may ever seek to build up thy Church in unity and love; 
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, 
who liveth and reigneth with thee, 
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).

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**19 July**

**Gregory and Macrina**

Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess, 
Teachers of the Faith, c.394 and c.379

**Collect**

O Lord of eternity, creator of all things, 
who in thy Son Jesus Christ 
dost open for us the way to resurrection 
that we may enjoy thy bountiful goodness: 
grant that, as thy servant Gregory and Macrina, 
may press onwards in faith to thine unbounded love 
and ever wonder at the miracle of thy presence among us; 
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, 
who liveth and reigneth with thee, 
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).
29 July

**Mary, Martha and Lazarus**
Companions of Our Lord

**Collect**

O God our Father,
whose Son delighted in the love of his friends,
Mary, Martha and Lazarus,
in learning, argument and hospitality:
grant to us so to rejoice in thy love
that the world may come to know
the depths of thy wisdom, the wonder of thy compassion,
and thy power to bring life out of death;
through the merits of Jesus Christ, our friend and brother,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

O God our Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,
whose servants Mary, Martha and Lazarus revealed thy goodness
in a life of tranquillity and service:
grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table
may like them know the love of Christ
that surpasses knowledge
and be filled with all thy fullness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or another Post Communion of ‘Any Saint’ (pages 365–366) is used.

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26 July

**Anne and Joachim**
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Collect**

O Lord God of Israel,
who didst bestow such grace on Anne and Joachim
that their daughter Mary grew up obedient to thy word
and was made ready to be the mother of thy Son:
strengthen us to commit ourselves in all things to thy keeping
and grant us the salvation which thou hast promised to thy people;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

O God our Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,
whose servants Anne and Joachim revealed thy goodness
in a life of tranquillity and service:
grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table
may like them know the love of Christ
that surpasses knowledge
and be filled with all thy fullness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or another Post Communion of ‘Any Saint’ (pages 365–366) is used.
30 July

**William Wilberforce**
Social Reformer, 1833

**Collect**

O God our deliverer,
who didst send thy Son Jesus Christ
to set thy people free from the slavery of sin:
grant that, as thy servant William Wilberforce
toiled against the sin of slavery,
so we may bring compassion to all,
and work for the liberty of all the children of God;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

O God our redeemer,
who didst inspire William Wilberforce to witness to thy love
and to labour for the coming of thy kingdom:
grant that we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven,
may be fired by thy Spirit
to proclaim the gospel in our daily lives
and never to rest content until thy kingdom come,
on earth as it is in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or another Post Communion of ‘Any Saint’ (pages 365–366) is used.

5 August

**Oswald**
King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642

**Collect**

O Lord God almighty,
who didst so kindle the faith of thy servant King Oswald
with thy Spirit
that he set up the sign of the cross in his kingdom
and turned his people to the light of Christ:
grant that we, being fired by the same Spirit,
may ever bear our cross before the world
and be found faithful servants of the gospel;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).

8 August

**Dominic**
White
Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

**Collect**

Almighty God,
whose servant Dominic grew in the knowledge of thy truth,
and formed an order of preachers to proclaim the faith of Christ:
by thy grace grant to all thy people a love for thy word
and a longing to share the gospel,
that the whole world may be filled with the knowledge of thee
and of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used
(page 362).
9 August
Mary Sumner
Founder of the Mothers’ Union, 1921

Collect
O faithful and loving God, who didst call Mary Sumner to strive for the renewal of family life: grant to us the gift of thy Holy Spirit, that through word and prayer and deed thy family may be strengthened and thy people served: through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion
O God our Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, whose servant Mary Sumner revealed thy goodness in a life of tranquillity and service: grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table may like her know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge and be filled with all thy fullness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or another Post Communion of ‘Any Saint’ (pages 365–366) is used.

10 August
Laurence
Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258

Collect
Almighty God, who didst make Laurence a loving servant of thy people and a wise steward of the treasures of thy Church: inflame us, by his example, to love as he loved and to walk in the way that leads to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion
One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).

11 August
Clare of Assisi
Founder of the Minoresses (Poor Clares), 1253

Collect
O God of peace, who in the poverty of the blessed Clare gavest us a clear light to shine in the darkness of this world: give us grace so to follow in her footsteps that we may, at the last, rejoice with her in thine eternal glory; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion
The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 362).
27 August
Monica White
Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

Collect
O faithful God,
who didst strengthen Monica, the mother of Augustine,
with wisdom,
and by her steadfast endurance
didst draw him to seek after thee:
grant us to be constant in prayer
that those who stray from thee may be brought to faith
in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion
The Post Communion of ‘Any Saint’ (pages 365–366) is used.

20 August
Bernard White
Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153

Collect
O merciful redeemer,
who, by the life and preaching of thy servant Bernard,
didst rekindle the radiant light of thy Church:
grant that we in our generation
may be inflamed with the same spirit of discipline and love
and ever walk before thee as children of light;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion
The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).
O merciful Lord, whose prophet John the Baptist proclaimed thy Son to be the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world: grant that we who in this sacrament have known thy pardon and thy life-giving love, may ever tell of thy mercy and thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

30 August

John Bunyan
Spiritual Writer, 1688

O God of peace, who didst call thy servant John Bunyan to be valiant for truth: grant that as strangers and pilgrims we may at the last rejoice with all Christian people in thy heavenly city; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Beheading of John the Baptist

Almighty God, who didst call thy servant John the Baptist to be in birth and death the forerunner of thy blessed Son: strengthen us by thy grace that, as he suffered for the truth, so may we boldly withstand corruption and vice and receive with him the unchanging crown of glory; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).
31 August

Aidan White
Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651

Collect

O everlasting God, who didst send thy gentle bishop Aidan to proclaim the gospel in this land: grant that we may live after his teaching in simplicity, humility and love for the poor; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).

3 September

Gregory the Great White
Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604

Collect

O merciful Father, who didst choose thy bishop Gregory to be a servant of the servants of God: grant that, like him, we may ever desire to serve thee by proclaiming thy gospel to the nations, and may ever rejoice to sing thy praises; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).

8 September

The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that we, who have seen thy glory revealed in our human nature and thy love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in thine image and conformed to the pattern of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we give thee thanks that in this sacrament of our redemption thou dost visit us with thy Holy Spirit and dost overshadow us with thy power; strengthen us to walk with Mary in the joyful path of obedience, that we may bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
16 September

**Ninian**

Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432

**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,
who didst call thy servant Ninian to preach the gospel
to the people of northern Britain;
raise up, we beseech thee, in this and every land,
heralds and evangelists of thy kingdom,
that thy Church may make known the immeasurable riches
of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).

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17 September

**Hildegard**

Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179

**Collect**

Most glorious and holy God,
whose servant Hildegard, strong in the faith,
was caught up in the vision of thy heavenly courts:
by the breath of thy Spirit
open our eyes to glimpse thy glory
and our lips to sing thy praises with all the angels;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used
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Collects and Post Communions (Traditional)
20 September  

**John Coleridge Patteson**  
First Bishop of Melanesia,  
and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871

**Collect**

O God of all tribes and peoples and tongues,  
who didst call thy servant John Coleridge Patteson  
to witness in life and death to the gospel of Christ  
amongst the peoples of Melanesia:  
grant us to hear thy call to service  
and to respond with trust and joy  
to Jesus Christ our redeemer,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit;  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).

25 September  

**Lancelot Andrewes**  
Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626

**Collect**

O Lord God,  
who didst give Lancelot Andrewes many gifts  
of thy Holy Spirit,  
making him a man of prayer and a pastor of thy people:  
perfect in us that which is lacking in thy gifts,  
of faith, to increase it,  
of hope, to establish it,  
of love, to kindle it,  
that we may live in the light of thy grace and glory;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit;  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).

27 September  

**Vincent de Paul**  
Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660

**Collect**

O merciful God,  
whose servant Vincent de Paul,  
by his ministry of preaching and pastoral care,  
brought thy love to the sick and the poor:  
grant to all thy people a heart of compassion,  
that by serving the needs of others  
they may serve thee in word and deed;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit;  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 362).

4 October  

**Francis of Assisi**  
Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226

**Collect**

O God,  
who ever delightest to reveal thyself  
to the childlike and lowly of heart,  
grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis,  
we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness  
and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit;  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used (page 362).
12 October

**Wilfrid of Ripon**
Bishop, Missionary, 709

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who didst call our forebears to the light of the gospel  
by the preaching of thy servant Wilfrid:  
grant us, who keep his life and labour in remembrance,  
to glorify thy name  
by following the example of his zeal and perseverance;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).

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6 October

**William Tyndale**  
Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536

**Collect**

O Lord, grant to thy people  
gram to hear and keep thy word  
that, after the example of thy servant William Tyndale,  
we may both profess thy gospel  
and also be ready to suffer and die for it,  
to the honour of thy name;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).

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10 October

**Paulinus**  
Bishop of York, Missionary, 644

**Collect**

O God our Saviour,  
who didst send thy servant Paulinus to preach and to baptize,  
and so to build up thy Church in this land:  
grant that, being inspired by his example,  
we may proclaim to the whole world thy truth,  
that with him we may receive the reward  
that thou hast prepared for all thy faithful servants;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).
13 October

**Edward the Confessor**

King of England, 1066

**Collect**

O Sovereign God,
who didst set thy servant Edward
upon the throne of an earthly kingdom
and didst inspire him with zeal for the kingdom of heaven:
grant that we may so confess the faith of Christ
by word and deed,
that we may, with all thy saints, inherit thine eternal glory;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

O God our redeemer,
who didst inspire Edward to witness to thy love
and to labour for the coming of thy kingdom:
grant that we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven,
may be fired by thy Spirit
to proclaim the gospel in our daily lives
and never to rest content until thy kingdom come,
on earth as it is in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or another Post Communion of ‘Any Saint’ (pages 365–366) is used.

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15 October

**Teresa of Avila**

Teacher of the Faith, 1582

**Collect**

Merciful God,
who by thy Spirit didst raise up thy servant Teresa of Avila
to reveal to thy Church the way of perfection:
grant that her teaching
may awaken in us a longing for holiness
until we attain to the perfect union of love
in Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).

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17 October

**Ignatius**

Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c.107

**Collect**

Feed us, O Lord, with the living bread
and make us drink deep of the cup of salvation
that, following the teaching of thy bishop Ignatius,
and rejoicing in the faith
with which he embraced the death of a martyr,
we may be nourished for that eternal life
which he ever desired;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).
19 October

Henry Martyn
Translator of the Scriptures,
Missionary in India and Persia, 1812

Collect

Almighty God,
who by thy Holy Spirit didst grant to Henry Martyn
a longing to proclaim the gospel of Christ
and skill to translate the Scriptures:
by the same Spirit, give us grace to offer our gifts to thee
wheresoever thou leadest, not counting the cost;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit;
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).

26 October

Alfred the Great
King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899

Collect

O God our maker and redeemer,
we beseech thee of thy great mercy
and by the power of thy holy cross
to guide us by thy will and to shield us from our foes,
that, following the example of thy servant Alfred,
we may inwardly love thee above all things;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit;
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).

29 October

James Hannington
Bishop in Eastern Equatorial Africa,
Martyr in Uganda, 1885

Collect

Most merciful God,
who didst strengthen thy Church
by the steadfast courage of thy martyr James Hannington:
grant that we also,
thankfully remembering his victory of faith,
may overcome all that is evil,
and ever glorify thy holy name;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Or another Post Communion of ‘Any Saint’ (pages 365–366) is used.
**2 November**

**Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**

**Purple**

**Collect**

Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of thy Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection, that, in the last day, when thou dost gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of thy promises through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

O God of love, grant that the death and resurrection of Christ which we have celebrated in this sacrament may bring us, with all the faithful departed, into the peace of thine eternal home; through Jesus Christ, our rock and our salvation, to whom be glory for time and for eternity.

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**3 November**

**Richard Hooker**

**White**

**Collect**

O God of peace, the bond of all love, who in thy Son Jesus Christ hast made for all people thine inseparable dwelling place: give us grace that, after the example of thy servant Richard Hooker, we thy servants may ever rejoice in the true inheritance of thine adopted children and show forth thy praises now and for ever; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).

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**7 November**

**Willibrord of York**

**White**

**Collect**

O God the Saviour of all, who didst send thy bishop Willibrord from this land to proclaim the gospel to many peoples and confirm them in their faith: strengthen us, we beseech thee, to witness to thy steadfast love by word and deed so that thy Church may increase and grow strong in holiness; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Missionaries is used (page 363).
10 November

**Leo the Great**
Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 461

**Collect**

O God our Father,
who madest thy servant Leo strong in the defence of the faith:
we humbly beseech thee so to fill thy Church with the spirit of truth
that, being guided by humility and governed by love,
she may prevail against the powers of evil;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**
The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).

11 November

**Martin of Tours**
Bishop of Tours, c.397

**Collect**

Almighty God,
who didst call Martin from the armies of this world
to be a faithful soldier of Christ:
give us grace to follow him
in his love and compassion for those in need,
and empower thy Church to claim for all people
their inheritance as the children of God;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**
The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).
13 November

**Charles Simeon**
Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836

**Collect**

O eternal God,
who didst raise up Charles Simeon
to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ
and inspire thy people in service and mission:
grant that we, with all thy Church, may worship the Saviour,
turn away in true repentance from our sins
and walk in the way of holiness;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit;
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Pastors is used (page 361).

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17 November

**Hugh**
Bishop of Lincoln, 1200

**Collect**

O God, the ruler of all,
who didst endow thy servant Hugh
with a wise and cheerful boldness
and didst teach him to commend to earthly rulers
the discipline of a holy life:
give us grace like him to be bold in the service of the gospel,
putting our confidence in Christ alone,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit;
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).

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16 November

**Margaret of Scotland**
Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist,
Reformer of the Church, 1093

**Collect**

O God, our redeemer,
who didst inspire Margaret to witness to thy love
and to labour for the coming of thy kingdom:
grant that we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven,
may be fired by thy Spirit
to proclaim the gospel in our daily lives
and never to rest content until thy kingdom come,
on earth as it is in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Or another Post Communion of ‘Any Saint’ (pages 365–366) is used.**
18 November  
**Elizabeth of Hungary**  
Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist, 1231

**Collect**

O Lord God,  
who didst teach Elizabeth of Hungary  
to recognize and to reverence Christ in the poor of this world:  
grant that we, being strengthened by her example,  
may so love and serve the afflicted and those in need  
that we may honour thy Son, the servant king,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Faithful God,  
who didst call Elizabeth of Hungary to thy service  
and gavest her joy in walking the path of holiness:  
we pray that through this holy communion  
in which the vision of thy glory is renewed within us,  
we may all be strengthened to follow the way of perfection  
until we come to see thee face to face;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or another Post Communion of ‘Any Saint’ (pages 365–366) is used.

19 November  
**Hilda**  
Abbess of Whitby, 680

**Collect**

O eternal God,  
who madest the abbess Hilda to shine as a jewel in our land  
and through her holiness and leadership  
didst bless thy Church with newness of life and unity:  
so assist us by thy grace  
that we, like her, may yearn for the gospel of Christ  
and bring reconciliation to those who are divided;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Members of Religious Communities is used  
(page 362).

20 November  
**Edmund**  
King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870

**Collect**

O eternal God,  
whose servant Edmund kept faith to the end,  
both with thee and with his people,  
and glorified thee by his death:  
grant us the same steadfast faith,  
that, together with the noble army of martyrs,  
we may come to the perfect joy of the resurrection life;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).
23 November  
**Clement**  
Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c.100  

**Collect**

Eternal Father, creator of all,  
whose martyr Clement bore witness with his blood  
to the love that he proclaimed and the gospel that he preached:  
give us thankful hearts as we celebrate thy faithfulness,  
revealed to us in the lives of thy saints,  
and strengthen us in our pilgrimage as we follow thy Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).

7 December  
**Ambrose**  
Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397  

**Collect**

Lord God of hosts,  
who didst call Ambrose from the governor’s throne  
to be a bishop in thy Church  
and a courageous champion of thy faithful people:  
mercifully grant that, as he fearlessly rebuked rulers,  
so we may with like courage  
contend for the faith which we have received;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).

6 December  
**Nicholas**  
Bishop of Myra, c.326  

**Collect**

Almighty Father, lover of souls,  
who didst choose thy servant Nicholas  
to be a bishop in the Church,  
that he might give freely out of the treasures of thy grace:  
make us mindful of the needs of others  
and, as we have received, so teach us also to give;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

The Post Communion of Bishops is used (page 361).
13 December
Lucy
Martyr at Syracuse, 304

Collect

O God our redeemer,
who gavest light to the world that was in darkness
by the healing power of the Saviour’s cross:
we beseech thee to shed that light on us
that with thy martyr Lucy
we may, by the purity of our lives,
reflect the light of Christ
and, by the merits of his passion,
attain to the light of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

One of the Post Communions of Martyrs is used (page 359).

14 December
John of the Cross
Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1591

Collect

O God, the judge of all,
who gavest to thy servant John of the Cross
a warmth of nature, a strength of purpose
and a mystical faith
that sustained him even in the darkness:
shed thy light on all who love thee,
granting them union of body and soul
in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

The Post Communion of Teachers of the Faith is used (page 360).
The Blessed Virgin Mary

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that we, who have seen thy glory revealed in our human nature and thy love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in thine image and conformed to the pattern of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we give thee thanks that in this sacrament of our redemption thou dost visit us with thy Holy Spirit and dost overshadow us with thy power; strengthen us to walk with Mary in the joyful path of obedience, that we may bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Martyrs

Collect

Almighty God,  
by whose grace and power thy holy martyr  
triumphed over suffering and was faithful unto death:  
strengthen us with thy grace,  
that we may endure reproach and persecution  
and faithfully bear witness to the name  
of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Almighty God,  
who hast given us this holy meal  
in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross  
and the victory of thy martyr N:  
grant us with all thy saints the courage to overcome evil  
and so to partake of the fruit of the tree of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

O Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread;  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Collect

O God, who hast enlightened thy Church by the teaching of thy servant N:
enrich it evermore, we beseech thee, with thy heavenly grace, and raise up faithful witnesses, who by their life and doctrine may set forth to all people the truth of thy salvation; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O God of truth, whose Wisdom prepared her table and invited us to eat the bread and drink the wine of the kingdom help us to lay aside all folly and to walk all our days in the way of discernment, that we may come with N to the eternal heavenly feast; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst call thy servant N to proclaim thy glory by a life of prayer and the zeal of a true pastor: keep constant in faith the leaders of thy Church and so bless thy people through their ministry that the Church may grow into the full stature of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or, for a Bishop

Almighty God, the light of the faithful and shepherd of souls, who didst call thy servant N to be a bishop in the Church, to feed thy sheep by the word of Christ and to guide them by his godly example: give us grace to abide by the faith of the Church and to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O God, the shepherd of thy people, whose servant N showed forth the loving service of Christ in his/her ministry as a pastor of thy people: we pray that, by this sacrament in which we share, thou wilt awaken within us the love of Christ and keep us faithful to our calling in his name; through him who laid down his life for us, but liveth and reigneth with thee, now and for ever.
**Collect**

Almighty God,
by whose grace N,
enkindled with the fire of thy love,
became a burning and a shining light in the Church:
inflame us with the same spirit of discipline and love,
that we may ever walk before thee as children of light;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Merciful God,
who gavest such grace to thy servant N
that he/she served thee with singleness of heart
and loved thee above all things:
help us, whose communion with thee
has been renewed in this sacrament,
to forsake all that hinders us from following Christ
and to grow into his likeness from glory to glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Collect**

O everlasting God,
whose servant N carried the gospel of thy Son
to the people of ... :
mercyifully grant that we who commemorate his/her service
may know the hope of the gospel in our hearts
and manifest its light in all our ways;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Holy Father,
who didst gather us around the table of thy Son
that we, with all thy household,
might partake of this holy food:
in that new world
wherein the fullness of thy peace is revealed,
gather people of every race and tongue
to share with N and all thy saints
in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Any Saint

Collect (general)

Almighty Father,
who hast built up thy Church
through the love and devotion of thy saints:
inspire us to follow the example of N
whom we commemorate this day,
that we in our generation may rejoice with him/her
in the vision of thy glory;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or (for Christian rulers)

Sovereign God,
who didst call N to be a ruler among his/her people
and gavest him/her grace to be their servant:
help us to follow our Saviour Christ
in the path of humble service,
that we may see his kingdom set forward on earth
and enjoy its fullness in heaven;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or (for those working for the poor and underprivileged)

O merciful God,
who hast compassion on all that thou hast made,
and hast enfolded thy whole creation in thy love:
help us to stand firm for thy truth,
to strive against poverty,
and to share thy love with our neighbour,
that with thy servant N we may be instruments of thy peace;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or (for men and women of learning)

O God our Father,
who gavest to thy servant N wisdom and discernment
that he/she might fathom the depths of thy love
and understand thy design for the world that thou hast made:
grant us the help of thy Holy Spirit,
that we also may come to a full knowledge of thy purposes
revealed in thy Son Jesus Christ, our Wisdom and our Life;
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or (for those whose holiness was revealed in marriage and family life)

O eternal God,
whose love is revealed in the mystery of the Trinity:
grant that we, like thy servant N,
may find in our human loving a mirror of thy divine love
and discern in all thy children our brothers and sisters in Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Faithful God,
who didst call N to thy service
and gavest him/her joy in walking the path of holiness:
we pray that through this holy communion,
in which the vision of thy glory is renewed within us,
we may all be strengthened to follow the way of perfection
until we come to see thee face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)
O God our redeemer,
who didst inspire N to witness to thy love
and to labour for the coming of thy kingdom:
grant that we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven,
may be fired by thy Spirit
to proclaim the gospel in our daily lives
and never to rest content until thy kingdom come,
on earth as it is in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

O God our Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,
whose servant N revealed thy goodness
in a life of tranquillity and service:
grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table
may like him/her know the love of Christ
that surpasses knowledge
and be filled with all thy fullness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

O God,
the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
grant that we, who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth,
may with all thy saints be welcomed
to the heavenly feast in the day of thy kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

God of all power and might,
by whose Holy Spirit thy people are made new
in the blessing and sharing of bread and wine:
grant that we may be transformed by the boldness of the Spirit,
guided by his gentleness,
and enabled by his gifts to serve and worship thee,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Collect**

Almighty God,
by whose will both earth and sea bear their fruits in due season:
grant us a bountiful harvest
and the grace always to rejoice in thy fatherly care;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Almighty God and Father,
who hast ordered our life
in common dependence one on another:
prosper those who work in commerce and industry
and direct their minds and their hands
that they may rightly use thy gifts in the service of others;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

(or)

O God our Father,
who dost never cease from the work that thou hast begun,
and dost prosper with thy blessing all human labour:
make us wise and faithful stewards of thy gifts,
that we may serve the common good,
maintain the fabric of the world
and seek that justice where all may share
the good things thou dost pour upon us;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

O God our creator,
who dost give seed for us to sow and bread for us to eat:
as thou hast blessed the fruit of our labour in this sacrament,
so give to all thy children their daily bread,
that the world may praise thee for thy goodness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Harvest Thanksgiving**

Harvest Thanksgiving may be celebrated on a Sunday and may replace
the provision for that day, provided it does not supersede any Principal
Feast or Festival.

**Collect**

O eternal God,
who crownest the year with thy goodness
and dost give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
give us grace that we may ... Christ thy Son our Lord,who liveth and reigneth with thee,in the unity of the Holy Spirit,one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Lord of the harvest,
as with joy we have offered our thanksgiving
for thy love shown in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
so by thy grace plant within us
a reverence for all that thou hast given us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of those good things which we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Mission and Evangelism

Collect

Almighty God,
who hast called thy Church to witness
that thou wast in Christ reconciling the world to thyself:
help us so to proclaim the good news of thy love
that all who hear it may be drawn to thee;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
whose Son Jesus Christ hast sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
so confirm us in this mission
that our lives may show forth the good news
which we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Unity of the Church

Collect

Heavenly Father,
who hast called us in the Body of thy Son Jesus Christ
to continue his work of reconciliation
and reveal thee to the world:
forbear the sins which tear us apart;
give us the courage to overcome our fears
and to seek that unity which is thy gift and thy will:
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Lord Jesus Christ,
who didst say to thine apostles,
‘Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you’:
look not on our sins but on the faith of thy Church
and grant it the peace and unity of thy kingdom,
where thou livest and reignest with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
ever one God, world without end.

Post Communion

Eternal God and Father,
whose Son at supper prayed that his disciples might be one,
as he is one with thee:
draw us closer to him,
that in mutual love and obedience to thee
we may be united to one another
in the fellowship of the one Spirit,
that the world may believe that he is Lord, to thine eternal glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Collect

Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle, we pray thee, in every heart
the true love of peace;
and guide with thy pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth,
that in tranquillity thy kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O God our Father,
whose Son is our peace
and his cross the sign of reconciliation:
help us, who share the broken bread,
to draw together that which is scattered
and to bind up that which is wounded,
that Christ may bring in the everlasting kingdom of his peace;
who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

Collect

O eternal God,
in whose perfect realm
no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness,
and no strength known but the strength of love:
so guide and inspire the work of those who seek thy kingdom
that all thy people may find their strength
in that love which casteth out fear
and in the fellowship revealed to us
in Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Almighty and eternal God,
to whom we must all give account:
guide with thy Spirit the … of this (city, society, etc.),
that we may be faithful to the mind of Christ
and seek in all our/their purposes to enrich our common life;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Blessed God,
help us, whom thou hast fed and satisfied by this sacrament,
to hunger and thirst after righteousness;
help us that, having here rejoiced with great gladness,
we may stand with those who are reviled and persecuted;
help us that, having here received a glimpse of the life of heaven,
we may ever strive for thy righteous purposes
and for the coming of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.
Collect (for the ministry of all Christian people)

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; hear our prayer which we offer for all thy faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry each may serve thee in holiness and truth to the glory of thy name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or (for those to be ordained)

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, who by thy Holy Spirit hast appointed various orders of ministry in thy Church: look with mercy on thy servants now called to be deacons and priests; so maintain them in truth and renew them in holiness, that they may faithfully serve thee both in word and deed, to the glory of thy name and the benefit of thy holy Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or (for vocations)

Almighty God, who hast entrusted to thy Church a share in the ministry of thy Son our great High Priest: we pray that by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit the hearts of many may be moved to offer themselves for the ministry of thy Church, and that, strengthened by his power, they may work for the increase of thy kingdom and set forward the eternal praise of thy name; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or (for the inauguration of a new ministry)

God our Father, Lord of all the world, who through thy blessed Son hast called us into the fellowship of thy universal Church: hear our prayer for all thy faithful people that in their vocation and ministry each may be an instrument of thy love, and grant to thy servant now to be ... (installed, inducted, etc.) the needful gifts of grace; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father, whose ascended Son gave gifts of leadership and service to the Church: strengthen us who have received this holy food to be good stewards of thy manifold grace; through him who came not to be served but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many, Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

Lord of the harvest, who in this sacrament hast fed thy people with the fruits of creation sanctified by thy Spirit: by thy grace raise up among us faithful labourers who shall sow thy word and reap the harvest of souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Collect

Sovereign God,
who art the defence of those who trust in thee
and the strength of those who suffer:
mercyfully look upon our affliction
and deliver us through the might of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Almighty God,
whose Son gave us in this meal a pledge of thy saving love
and a foretaste of thy just and peaceful kingdom:
strengthen thy people in their faith
that they may endure the sufferings of this present time
in expectation of the glory that shall be revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect

Almighty God,
the fountain of all goodness,
we pray thee to bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,
and all who are set in authority under her;
that they may order all things
    in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour and glory of thy name
and the good of thy Church and people;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace:
give us grace seriously to lay to heart
the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions;
take away our hatred and prejudice
and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord,
that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit
    and one hope of our calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of us all,
so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul,
united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity,
and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
A Text of the Lord’s Prayer

This text may be used on suitable occasions

As we look for the coming of the kingdom, so we pray

All

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.