

**ALTERNATIVE COLLECTS  
FOR YEARS A, B & C OF THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY  
AND SEASONAL PRAYERS OVER THE GIFTS AND AFTER COMMUNION**

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**INTRODUCTION**

*The Task*

In 1983 the Doctrine and Worship Committee presented the General Synod with a draft *Book of Alternative Services* which required further editing and revision. General Synod authorized the Doctrine and Worship Committee to complete its work and to permit the National Executive Council to publish the work upon its completion. When *The Book of Alternative Services* was published in 1985, it followed the pattern of *The Book of Common Prayer* (TEC 1979) by providing one collect for each occasion in the lectionary. In addition to the collect, *The Book of Alternative Services* included a prayer over the gifts and a prayer after communion.

It became quickly apparent that having only one collect was unsatisfactory. If, as the introduction to the Holy Eucharist in *The Book of Alternative Services* states, the collect of the day 'provides the transition to the readings for the day' (p. 174), then what is the community to make of a collect that has no connection at all to what is to be read? For this reason, General Synod 2010 authorized Faith, Worship and Ministry to establish a Task Force, one of whose tasks was the preparation of a three-year cycle of collects that provide a genuine transition to the readings for the day.

*The Lectionary*

The General Synod of 1998 authorized replacing the Common Lectionary (1983) with the Revised Common Lectionary (1992) with some revisions to accommodate the liturgical rites of *The Book of Alternative Services*. The General Synod also stipulated that the semi-continuous readings from the Hebrew Scriptures would be used on the Sundays following Trinity rather than the alternative complementary readings.

With the adoption of the Revised Common Lectionary the observance of the Second Sunday in Lent as a precursor of the Transfiguration was transferred to the Last Sunday after Epiphany. The Working Group followed this practice and makes no provision for the alternative Transfiguration gospel reading on the Second Sunday in Lent. Congregations are free to choose to use the Transfiguration gospel on the Second Sunday in Lent. If a congregation

chooses to do this, then they should not use the trial use collects and readings for the Last Sunday after Epiphany.

### *The Collects*

The Propers Working Group has used three approaches to our work: (i) we have created collects; (ii) we have adopted collects from other sources; and (iii) we have adapted collects from other sources. We have chosen language that we believe to be faithful to the Scriptures and food for the theological and spiritual imagination of the gathered community. Some of the collects follow a structure familiar to Anglicans, while others do not. All, however, are expressions of the Christian faith rooted in the Scriptures and the ecumenical creeds.

The traditional shape of a collect is (i) an opening address to God, (ii) a description of God's saving activity, (iii) a petition that this activity continue in the present and (iv) a trinitarian conclusion. In recent years evocative collects have been composed that follow this pattern with the exception of a traditional conclusion. Many of the collects that follow reflect this contemporary usage. In them our faith in God who reveals the divine self in three persons is expressed even if a traditional formula is not used. (See 'An Excursus on Concluding Doxologies' at the end of this document.)

With these trial use texts the worshipping communities of the Anglican Church of Canada will have a choice of four collects: (i) the collect from *The Book of Alternative Services*, (ii) the collect from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (where permitted by the Ordinary) and (iii) two trial use collects. Communities will have a similar choice regarding the prayer over the gifts and the prayer after communion: (i) the prayers from *The Book of Alternative Services* and (ii) the seasonal prayers from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. These choices will permit liturgical planners to choose prayers which serve the context of their community and to explore new language for the mystery of creation, redemption and sanctification made known to us by God through Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### *The Seasonal Prayers over the Gifts and after Communion*

The Prayer over the Gifts focuses not only on the gifts of bread and wine, but on the whole work of the people of God (BAS 1985, 177). In a similar vein the Prayer after Communion asks God to grant the effect of the eucharist to the people, so that we become in action what we have received in sacrament (BAS 1985, 181). Therefore, instead of preparing a prayer over the gifts and a prayer after communion for each occasion, we have recommended the use of the seasonal prayers from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

In reference to the Prayers over the Gifts and after Communion we have chosen to use the term 'Ordinary Time' to designate those Sundays from the Second Sunday after Epiphany to

the Last Sunday after Epiphany and from the Second Sunday after Pentecost to the Reign of Christ.

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## TRIAL USE COLLECTS FOR YEAR A

### First Sunday of Advent

*Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13.11-14; Matthew 24.36-44*

I

God of peace,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and put on the armour of light;  
so that on the last day,  
when your Son Jesus shall come again  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to eternal life;  
through him who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*FWM Proposed Collects (2004)*

II

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin  
to the light of holiness,  
so that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

### Second Sunday of Advent

*Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 72.1-7, 18-19; Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12*

I

God of justice,  
clear our lives of hatred and despair  
and sow in us seeds of joy and peace;  
so that shoots of hope may spring forth in us  
as we await the coming of the Christ,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit,  
lives and reigns, one God,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*FWM Proposed Collects (2004) alt.*

**II**

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
so that when your Son Jesus Christ  
comes again as judge and saviour,  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

### **Third Sunday of Advent**

*Isaiah 35.1-10; Psalm 146.4-9 or Canticle 18 (Luke 1.47-55); James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11*

**I**

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist  
to prepare the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

**II**

God of glory and compassion,  
at your touch the wilderness blossoms.  
Grant perseverance and patience  
to all who long for your Son's return,  
so that we may announce in word and deed  
the good news of the kingdom.  
We ask this through Christ whose day draws near. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

## **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*Isaiah 7.10-16; Psalm 80.1-7, 16-18; Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-25*

### **I**

God of all hope and joy,  
open our hearts in welcome,  
so that your Son Jesus Christ at his coming  
may find in us a dwelling prepared for him;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*A New Zealand Prayer Book (1989)*

### **II**

God of grace,  
give us the faith of Joseph  
to see the Spirit's work  
where the world sees only shame;  
to listen to the promise  
and to awaken to the cry of life renewed and love reborn;  
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen.**

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **III**

Shepherd of Israel,  
who by a dream guided your servant Joseph  
to embrace your promise of salvation:  
lead us in the way of grace and peace,  
so that we may bear your promise into the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*FWM Proposed Prayers (2004)*

### **Christmas --- at Midnight ABC**

*Isaiah 9.2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-14, (15-20)*

#### **I**

Eternal God  
who made this most holy night  
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:  
bring us, who 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. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship (2000)*

#### **II**

Almighty God,  
as we prepare with joy  
to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child,  
embrace the earth with your glory  
and be for us a living hope  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004)*

### **Christmas --- in the Early Morning ABC**

*Isaiah 62.6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3.4-7; Luke 2.(1-7), 8-20*

#### **I**

God of promise,  
from ancient times you have sustained your people.  
With Mary and Joseph,  
teach us to treasure in our hearts the birth of Jesus,  
and with shepherds and angels,  
lead us to praise the holy Child of Bethlehem  
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## II

Lord Jesus Christ,  
your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:  
accept our heartfelt praise  
as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004)*

## Christmas --- during the Day ABC

*Isaiah 52.7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1.1-4, (5-12); John 1.1-4*

## I

Almighty God,  
you wonderfully created  
and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature.  
May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who humbled himself to share our humanity,  
and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*The Book of Alternative Services (1985)*

## II

God whose Word became flesh,  
breathe a new song of joy and praise into the world,  
so that we may bear the good news of your salvation  
and proclaim your promise of peace to the ends of the earth;  
through Christ the Word. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## First Sunday after Christmas

*Isaiah 63.7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2.10-18; Matthew 2.13-23*

## I

Almighty God,  
you have shone upon us  
the new light of your incarnate Word.

May this light, enkindled in our hearts,  
shine forth in our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Book of Alternative Services (1985)*

**II**

O Lord God,  
you know that we cannot place our trust  
in our own powers.  
As you protected the infant Jesus,  
so defend us and all in need  
from harm and adversity;  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

### **The Naming of Jesus (1 January) ABC**

*Numbers 6.22-27; Psalm 8; Galatians 4.4-7 or Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 2.15-21*

**I**

Eternal One,  
you gave your incarnate Son  
the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of salvation.  
Plant in every heart  
the love of the Saviour of the world,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

**II**

O God of ancient blessing,  
your servant Mary pondered in her heart  
the treasured words spoken about her Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Prepare our hearts to receive his Spirit,  
so that our tongues may confess him Lord,  
who with you and the Spirit lives and reigns,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## **Second Sunday of Christmas ABC**

*Jeremiah 31.7-14 or Sirach 24.1-12; Psalm 147.13-21 or Canticle 11 (Wisdom of Solomon 10.15-21);  
Ephesians 1.3-14; John 1.(1-9), 10-18*

### **I**

Almighty God,  
you have filled all the earth  
with the light of your incarnate Word.  
By your grace empower us  
to reflect your image in all that we do,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

### **II**

Gracious God,  
you have redeemed us through Jesus Christ,  
the first-born of all creation,  
whose birth we celebrate in the child of Bethlehem.  
Grant us every spiritual blessing,  
so that we may live as your adopted children  
and witness to your glory with praise and thanksgiving,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## **The Epiphany (6 January) ABC**

*Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12*

### **I**

Almighty and everliving God,  
you revealed the incarnation of your Son  
by the brilliant shining of a star.  
Shine the light of your justice  
in our hearts and over all lands,  
and accept our lives as the treasure we offer  
in your praise and for your service;  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

### **II**

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
so that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

## **Ash Wednesday ABC**

*Joel 2.1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58.1-12; Psalm 103.8-18; 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21*

### **I**

Almighty and holy God,  
your Son, in obedience to the Spirit,  
fasted forty days in the desert:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves,  
so that we may press on towards Easter  
with eager faith and love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2016)*

**II**

O God,  
you delight not in pomp and show,  
but in a humble and contrite heart.  
Overturn our love of worldly possessions  
and fix our hearts more firmly on you,  
so that, having nothing,  
we may yet possess everything,  
a treasure stored up for us in heaven. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **First Sunday in Lent**

*Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11*

**I**

Spirit of the desert,  
you drove Jesus to the edge of the world  
to seek your truth and find his calling:  
scour our hearts and awaken our hunger,  
so that freed from empty clinging  
we may serve only you and the Creator;  
through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the wilds. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer,  
so that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

## **Second Sunday of Lent**

*Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3.1-17*

### **I**

Holy God,  
whose Spirit's breath prompts our seeking:  
transform the night-time of our fear  
into a welcoming womb for us and all the world;  
through Jesus Christ, in whom we are born anew. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **II**

God of mercy,  
you are full of tenderness and compassion,  
slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive:  
grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ,  
so that in every way we may prove to be your loving children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.*

## **Third Sunday in Lent**

*Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42*

### **I**

Lord of the wellspring,  
source of life and truth:  
give us the courage of the Samaritan woman,  
so that we may receive living water,  
and worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ who quenches our thirst with eternal life. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2016)*

### **II**

Gracious God,  
you provide us with living water in abundance for all to share.  
Nourish us with this abundance,  
so that we may be streams of living water to those who thirst for you;

through Jesus Christ, the rock of our salvation. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2016)*

### **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

*1 Samuel 16.1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41*

**I**

Creator and Healer,  
you work your Sabbath will  
in the chaos of our life:  
teach us the insight that gives true judgement  
and praises you wherever you are found,  
making miracles from spit and mud;  
through Jesus Christ, the Son of earth. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

Holy God,  
in Jesus Christ you reveal yourself to the world,  
even when we are blind to your grace.  
Open our eyes to see your transforming love in our midst,  
so that we may see your world anew;  
through Jesus Christ, the saviour who shows compassion. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2016)*

### **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

*Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45*

**I**

God of compassion,  
you call us out of the bindings of death  
on this, our resurrection day:  
make us ready to surrender the fear in which we hide  
to step into your future alive and unashamed;  
through Jesus Christ, the life of the world. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)*

## **II**

God of all consolation,  
your Son comforted the grieving sisters, Martha and Mary,  
for your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls.  
Pour out your Spirit upon us,  
so that we may face despair and death  
with the hope of the resurrection and faith in the One  
who called Lazarus forth from the grave. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## **The Sunday of the Passion**

*At the Palm Procession: Matthew 21.1-11*

### **I ABC**

Holy and immortal God,  
as we enter into this holy week  
turn our hearts to Jerusalem,  
so that, united with Christ and all the faithful,  
we may enter the city not made with hands,  
your promised realm of justice and peace,  
eternal from age to age. **Amen.**  
*A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.*

### **II ABC**

O God of eternal glory,  
whose servant, Jesus Christ, bore our sins,  
encouraged the weary, and raised up the fallen:  
keep before our eyes his passion and resurrection,  
so that our lives may be signs of his obedience and victory.  
We ask this in the name of Christ, our liberator. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

*At the Eucharist: Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-16; Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 26.14-27.66 or Matthew 27.11-54*

### **I ABC**

Compassionate God,  
your love finds full expression  
in the gift of Jesus Christ your Son,  
who willingly met betrayal and death  
to set us free from sin.  
Give us courage to live obediently in these days  
until we greet the glory of our risen Saviour. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers 2002 alt.*

### **II ABC**

Holy and immortal God,  
open our hearts to the Blessed One,  
so that we may enter the gates of your justice,  
confessing in our words and in our deeds  
that Jesus is Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers 2002 alt.*

### **Monday in Holy Week ABC**

*Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 36.5-11; Hebrews 9.11-15; John 12.1-11*

### **I**

Holy and immortal God,  
you bring us into being  
and hold our lives in your heart.  
May the fragrance of your love,  
made known to us in Christ,  
draw us closer to you  
and unite us with Christ. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## II

God of steadfast love,  
in the tenderness of Mary  
we behold your compassion for us  
and for all you have made.  
May we who stumble in selfishness  
learn from her example,  
bring light to those in darkness  
and freedom to those who are oppressed;  
through Jesus Christ, the anointed One. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## Tuesday in Holy Week ABC

*Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 71.1-14; I Corinthians 1.18-31; John 12.20-36*

## I

Holy and immortal God,  
who gives life to the seed:  
grant that we who follow the way of Christ  
may die to all that separates us from you,  
so that we may bear fruit for eternal life  
and dwell with Christ in his glory. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2016)*

## II

Holy and immortal God,  
in Christ you have named us friends  
and called us to follow him as disciples:  
may we be faithful in our calling,  
so that, by walking in your light,  
we may scatter the darkness of the world;  
through Christ, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2016)*

## **Wednesday in Holy Week ABC**

*Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12.1-3; John 13.21-32*

### **I**

Holy and immortal God,  
banish from our hearts those fears and desires  
which lead us to betray you in our lives,  
and so fill us with the faithfulness of Jesus  
that the world may know  
your wisdom, love and power. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2016)*

### **II**

Holy and immortal God,  
in every generation you call us  
to contend against brutality and betrayal.  
Even through fear and uncertainty  
keep us steadfast in the way of Jesus Christ,  
who leads us. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## **Maundy Thursday ABC**

*Exodus 12.1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116.1, 10-17; 1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17, 31b-35*

### **I**

God our Father,  
your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end  
and drank the cup prepared for him:  
May we who share his table  
watch with him through the night of suffering  
and be faithful. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship (2000) alt.*

### **II**

O God,  
on the night he was betrayed  
Jesus washed the feet of his disciples  
and gave himself in a meal of bread and wine.  
May we who celebrate these signs of his love,

serve and give ourselves to others  
in his name and to your glory;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*FWM Proposed Prayers alt.*

### **Good Friday ABC**

*Isaiah 52.13-53.12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10.16-25 or Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9; John 18.1-19.42*

#### **I**

O Holy and Immortal One,  
we veil our faces before your glory,  
and bow before the cross of your wounded Christ.  
With angels and archangels  
we praise you, our Mercy,  
and we bless you, our Compassion,  
for in our brokenness  
you have not abandoned us. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

#### **II**

O Holy and Immortal One,  
hear us as we pray through Jesus, our high priest:  
heal all our divisions,  
reconcile all who are estranged,  
console all who suffer,  
and finally raise up to new life  
all that is bound by death. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## **Holy Saturday ABC**

*Job 14.1-14 or Lamentations 3.1-9, 19-24; Psalm 31.1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4.1-8; Matthew 27.57-66 or John 19.38-42*

### **I**

God of sabbath rest,  
out of the depths we cry to you.  
Give light in our darkness  
and hope in the prison of our despair;  
through your Beloved who rests this day,  
obedient to your will. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

### **II**

God of all consolation,  
in your unending love and mercy  
you turn the darkness of death  
into the dawn of new life.  
May we who wait at Christ's tomb  
trust in your power to restore all things  
through your Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to all creation. **Amen.**  
*The Book of Alternative Services (1985) alt.*

## **The Great Vigil of Easter**

*At the Eucharist: Romans 6.3-11; Psalm 114; Matthew 28.1-10*

### **I**

God of new creation,  
from the womb of earth  
you raised the Lord of life:  
may we receive the word of women  
who braved the soldier's spears  
and met him in the dawning light;  
may we live with morning joy  
so that love may never die;  
though Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

O God of glory,  
in the Easter dawn  
you raised Jesus from death to life.  
As we are united with him in death,  
unite us with him in resurrection,  
so that we might walk in newness of life. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**Easter --- during the Day**

*Acts 10.34-43 or Jeremiah 31.1-6; Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3.1-4 or Acts 10.34-43; John 20.1-18 or Matthew 28.1-10*

**I**

God unlimited by mortal fear  
or the tomb's cold grip:  
in the lingering dark  
give us grace to know your life triumphant,  
your love undimmed, and your grace affirmed  
in the face of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death:  
fill your church with faith and hope,  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way of life stands before us;  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

## **Second Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 2.14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-31*

### **I**

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked,  
no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
so that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God, the Source of all life. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

### **II**

O God,  
our beginning and our end:  
accept our doubts,  
heal our desire for certainty  
and, by your Spirit's gentle touch,  
make us a people forgiven and forgiving;  
through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## **Third Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 2.14a, 36-41; Psalm 116.1-3, 10-17; 1 Peter 1.17-23; Luke 24.13-35*

### **I**

Risen Christ,  
companion on the way:  
break through the disillusionment and despair  
which cloud our vision,  
so that we may find our way and journey on  
as messengers of your good news. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **II**

Lord of the gathering feast,  
you walk with us on the shadowed road:  
burn our hearts with Scripture's open flame;

unveil our darkened eyes as bread is torn and shared,  
and from the broken fragments bless a people for yourself;  
through Jesus Christ, the host of the world. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 2.42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2.19-25; John 10.1-10*

**I**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of the Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your command,  
so that all people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Shepherd of Israel. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

**II**

O God,  
whose Son is the good shepherd,  
send us out as shepherds to seek the lost,  
to heal the injured and to nurture all with grace and compassion;  
through Jesus, who calls each by name. **Amen.**  
*A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.*

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 7.55-60; Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2.2-10; John 14.1-14*

**I**

Generous God,  
whose life is freely given  
in Jesus Christ our Lord:  
as you have opened for us  
your house of many rooms,  
so may we make a place  
for the rejected and unloved,  
and share in the work of peace;  
through Jesus Christ the cornerstone. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

Risen Christ,  
give us grace to love one another,  
to search for truth  
and to walk in the ways of justice and peace,  
so that we may abide in the Father's love always. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2016)*

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.7-18; 1 Peter 3.13-22; John 14.15-21*

**I**

Three-fold God of love,  
you invite us to abide in you.  
May we follow the Spirit of truth,  
so that through us your commanding love  
may speak to the heart of the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

Risen Christ,  
whose gift to us is the Spirit of truth:  
come, make your home with us,  
so that, keeping your commandments,  
we may dwell with you and the Father. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2016)*

### **Ascension of the Lord ABC**

*Acts 1.1-11; Psalm 47 or Psalm 93; Ephesians 1.15-23; Luke 24.44-53*

**I**

Holy God,  
send your promised Spirit of revelation and wisdom,  
so that, in the blessed freedom of hope,  
we may witness to the grace of forgiveness

and sing with joy to the One who makes us one. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**II**

God unheld by word or wall:  
lift us from dullness and cynical contempt;  
make us ready for your Spirit of transforming power;  
and turn our hearts to the mending of the world,  
through Jesus Christ, the name above all names. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 1.6-14; Psalm 68.1-10, 33-36; 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11; John 17.1-11*

**I**

Risen, ascended Christ,  
fill your church on earth with compassion,  
so that all may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

**II**

O God of glory,  
your Son Jesus Christ  
ascended to glory at your side.  
Bring us together in Christ,  
so that all may be drawn into your bountiful dwelling  
where with Christ and the Spirit,  
you live united in love and joy. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **The Day of Pentecost**

*Acts 2.1-21 or Numbers 11.24-30; Psalm 104.25-35, 37; 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 or Acts 2.1-21; John 20.19-23 or John 7.37-39*

**I**

Holy God, pour out your Spirit to the ends of the earth,

so that your children may return from exile  
as citizens of your commonwealth  
and our divisions may be healed  
by your word of love and righteousness;  
for with the same Spirit and the Word incarnate  
you are one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**II**

God of wind and flame,  
send your life-giving Spirit upon your people:  
give fire to our words,  
strength to our witness  
and boldness to our proclamation  
of your wondrous work in Christ;  
who, with you and the Spirit, lives and reigns  
now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

### **Trinity Sunday**

*Genesis 1.1-2.4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13.11-13; Matthew 28.16-20*

**I**

Holy One, whose fingers sculpted sun and moon;  
Holy Spirit, who brooded over the waters of creation;  
How Word, who lives in us;  
may we share in your grace, love and communion,  
so that we may live in your likeness;  
for you live in unity and diversity,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**II**

O God,  
your name is veiled in mystery,  
yet you have made us  
and call us by name;  
draw us more deeply into your divine life,  
so that we may show forth in our lives

your justice, kindness and humility;  
for you alone are holy, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

### **The Baptism of the Lord (Proper 1)**

*Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-17*

#### **Year A**

O God the creator of all,  
at his baptism you proclaimed Jesus your beloved  
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.  
Make us faithful to our calling to be your daughters and sons,  
and empower us with your Spirit,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

#### **Years ABC**

God of glory,  
immerse us in your grace,  
mark us with your image,  
and raise us to live our baptismal promises,  
so that, empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we may follow the example of Christ your beloved  
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Second Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 2)**

*Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 40.1-12; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42*

#### **I**

Steadfast God,  
you have enriched and enlightened us  
by the revelation of your eternal Christ.  
Strengthen us to walk the path of his teaching,  
so that by word and deed and in the power of the Spirit  
we may manifest the gracious news of your faithfulness and love. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## II

Redeemer of Israel,  
you called us from before our birth  
to follow in your ways:  
meet us in our searching  
and turn our eyes and hearts  
to the one who gives his life for the world;  
through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **Third Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 3)**

*Isaiah 9.1-4; Psalm 27.1, 5-13; 1 Corinthians 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-23*

## I

God of blazing light,  
through the power of the cross you shattered our darkness  
and set us free to live as your children.  
Give us courage and conviction,  
so that we may joyfully turn and follow you,  
led by the light that shines  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## II

God of all people,  
you sent your Son into our shadowed world.  
May his dawning light  
give hope to the broken, the persecuted,  
the alien and the excluded,  
so that we might feel the kingdom drawing near  
and turn to follow him;  
through Jesus Christ, the morning star. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

#### **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 4)**

*Micah 6.1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1.18-31; Matthew 5.1-12*

##### **I**

God our deliverer,  
you call us to walk humbly with you.  
When we are foolish, be our wisdom;  
when we are weak, be our strength;  
so that, as we learn to do justice and to love mercy,  
your rule may come to us as a blessing. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

##### **II**

God of the prophets  
you shame the strong through the weakness of love  
and turn upside down the wisdom of the world:  
may your blessing dwell with the poor and hungry,  
the grieving and abused;  
may your peaceful revolution be our joy and our reward;  
through Jesus Christ, the power of God. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

#### **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 5)**

*Isaiah 58.1-9a, (9b-12); Psalm 112.1-9, (10); 1 Corinthians 2.1-12, (13-16); Matthew 5.13-20*

##### **I**

O God of light,  
your Spirit reveals and illumines  
your presence in creation.  
Shine your radiant holiness into our lives,  
so that we may offer our hands and hearts to your work:  
to heal and shelter, to feed and clothe,  
to break every yoke and silence evil tongues. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**II**

God of Israel,  
giver of love's law:  
liberate us from all that numbs compassion,  
so that we may find in your commands  
light undimmed and flavour undiminished;  
through Jesus Christ, fulfiller of the law. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
or the Sunday between 8 and 14 May (Proper 6)**

*Deuteronomy 30.15-20 or Sirach 15.15-20; Psalm 119.1-8; 1 Corinthians 3.1-9; Matthew 5.21-37*

**I**

Divine Gardener,  
you give growth to our seeds  
and raise to abundant life that which seems dead.  
Teach us to choose blessing and life,  
so that we may walk blamelessly, seeking you  
through reconciliation with all your children. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**II**

Living One,  
in whose freedom creation was born as gift:  
free us from the need  
to possess, define and silence others,  
so that we might rejoice  
in the strangeness of your beauty  
revealed in flesh and blood;  
through Jesus Christ, our reconciliation. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)*

**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany  
or the Sunday between 15 and 21 May (Proper 7)**

*Leviticus 19.1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119.33-40; 1 Corinthians 3.10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5.38-48*

**I**

O God most holy,  
in Jesus Christ you have laid a foundation  
upon which to build our lives.  
Help us to follow your perfect law of love,  
so that we may fulfill and observe it to the end. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## II

Lord of rising sun and gentle rain,  
whose gifts cannot be counted  
and whose care is unbounded:  
free us from a measured love  
which keeps a record of wrong,  
and take us beyond the limits  
where we speak only with those  
who reflect ourselves;  
recall us to your image shining and alive in many-coloured eyes;  
through Jesus Christ, the peacemaker. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **Eighth Sunday after Epiphany or the Sunday between 22 and 28 May (Proper 8)**

*Isaiah 49.8-16a; Psalm 131; 1 Corinthians 4.1-5; Matthew 6.24-34*

## I

God of tender care,  
like a mother you never forget your children,  
but comfort and quiet those who are restless and fearful;  
like a father you know already what we need.  
In all our anxiety, give us the spirit of trust;  
in all our worry, give us faithful hearts;  
so that, in confidence and trust,  
we may seek the kingdom of Christ  
where your holy will of peace and justice  
has been made known. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## II

God revealed  
in winged delight and glory of earth:  
give us grace to respect  
the creatures with whom we share this earth  
and to learn from living things the end of anxious striving;  
through Jesus Christ, in whom all things have life. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)*

### **Ninth Sunday after Epiphany or the Sunday between 29 May and 4 June (Proper 9)**

*After Epiphany: Deuteronomy 11.18-21, 26-28; Psalm 31.1-5, 19-24; Romans 1.16-17; 3.22b-28, (29-31); Matthew 7.21-29*

*After Trinity: Genesis 6.9-22; 7.24; 8.14-19; Psalm 46; Romans 1.16-17; 3.22b-28, (29-31); Matthew 7.21-29*

## I

O Lord, faithful God,  
you are our rock and our refuge.  
Help us to hear your word as truth  
and to act on it in faith,  
so that all may come to know your love. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## II

Lord of all wisdom,  
you have so ordered our life  
that we walk by faith and not by sight:  
grant that in the darkness of this world  
we may witness to our faith by the courage of our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*An Anglican Prayer Book (1989)*

### **Last Sunday after Epiphany**

*Exodus 24.12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17.1-9*

## I

Compassionate God,

you transfigured your Son, Jesus Christ,  
before the eyes of your chosen witnesses  
and they were overcome by fear.  
Transfigure us so that we may turn from fear to love  
and reveal your compassion for all humanity;  
through Jesus Christ, the beloved. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group 2016*

**II**

Friend of Moses,  
strength of Elijah,  
you go with your people  
and give them your Spirit:  
may the Child of your heart  
transfigure the moral world,  
so that love may know no bounds;  
through Jesus Christ, the beloved one. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)*

**Sunday between 5 and 11 June (Proper 10)**

*Genesis 12.1-9; Psalm 33.1-12; Romans 4.13-25; Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26*

**I**

God of grace,  
you invite the despised,  
you touch the unclean,  
you lift up those who are brought low:  
give us that hope for a world  
transformed through Jesus Christ, the mercy of God. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

God of mercy,  
Jesus broke bread with Matthew  
and called him to the way of discipleship.  
May we follow in that same spirit of obedience;  
through the One in whom we are called. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2016)*

## **Sunday between 12 and 18 June (Proper 11)**

*Genesis 18.1-15, (21.1-7); Psalm 116.1, 10-17; Romans 5.1-8; Matthew 9.35-10.8, (9-23)*

### **I**

God of the prophets and apostles,  
your Son commissioned the twelve disciples  
to proclaim good news.  
Send us into your world to proclaim your kingdom,  
heal the sick, resist evil and bring the exile home;  
in the name of Christ who calls us all. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **II**

God of love,  
in your compassion  
you reach out to the lost and helpless.  
Continue this work through us,  
so that your reign of justice and peace may increase;  
through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2016)*

## **Sunday between 19 and 25 June (Proper 12)**

*Genesis 21.8-21; Psalm 86.1-10, 16-17; Romans 6.1b-11; Matthew 10.24-39*

### **I**

God of truth uncovered,  
you trace the sparrow's flight  
and plumb the secrets of the heart:  
bring our fear and conflict  
into the light of your presence,  
so that we may lose our hollow life  
and find our way to you;  
through Jesus Christ, the master and the slave.  
**Amen.**

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **II**

God of strength and courage,  
call us to the risk of faith and service;

and give us grace to follow him  
who gave himself for others,  
so that in our loving service  
we may find the life he came to bring;  
who, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
lives and reigns, one God,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**Sunday between 26 June and 2 July (Proper 13)**

*Genesis 22.1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6.12-23; Matthew 10.40-42*

**I**

Ruler of the universe,  
you call us to a loyalty  
beyond all earthly claims;  
grant us strength to offer ourselves to you  
as a people who have been raised from death to life;  
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**II**

Welcoming God,  
make us apostles of your generous love,  
so that we might offer hospitality  
that challenges the world  
with your gift of eternal life,  
made known in Jesus Christ,  
who offered himself for us. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**Sunday between 3 July and 9 July (Proper 14)**

*Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45.11-18 or Song of Solomon 2.8-13; Romans 7.15-25a; Matthew 11.16-19-25-30*

**I**

God of heaven and earth,

you reveal your wisdom to the childlike;  
may we learn from your Son humility of heart,  
so that we find refreshment and rest  
even as we shoulder the cross of Christ;  
who, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

## II

Lord of heaven and earth,  
whose Son came eating and drinking,  
exposing the rivalry that tears the world apart:  
may we share his feast and friendship  
and lay our burdens in his liberating arms;  
through Jesus Christ, Wisdom's child. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)*

### **Sunday between 10 and 16 July (Proper 15)**

*Genesis 25.19-34; Psalm 119.105-112; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23*

## I

God of the earth,  
all creation awaits your gift of new life.  
Prepare our hearts to receive your Word  
so that it may grow within us  
and yield a hundredfold harvest;  
through Jesus Christ, the Sower. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

## II

Divine Sower,  
you scatter your seed generously:  
may we be rich soil  
and receive your gift so freely given,  
so that we may revel  
in love's abundant, reckless growth;  
through Jesus Christ, the grain of life. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **Sunday between 17 and 23 July (Proper 16)**

*Genesis 28.10-19a; Psalm 139.1-11, 22-23; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43*

**I**

O God, patient and forbearing,  
strengthen our spirit when we are slow  
and temper our zeal when we are rash,  
so that in your own good time  
you may produce in us a rich harvest  
from the seed you have sown and tended;  
through Jesus Christ, the promise of a new creation. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

**II**

O God of Jacob,  
you speak in the light of day  
and in the dark of night  
when our sleeping is filled  
with dreams of heaven and earth;  
may we be open and watchful  
to your presence in our midst;  
through Jesus Christ, your dream made flesh. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Sunday between 24 and 30 July (Proper 17)**

*Genesis 29.15-28; Psalm 105.1-11, 45c or Psalm 128; Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52*

**I**

God of eternal wisdom,  
you alone impart the gift of discernment:  
grant us understanding hearts,  
so that we may choose wisely  
between the treasures of your promised reign  
and this world's counterfeits;  
through Jesus Christ, the pearl of true value. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

**II**

Scandalous God,

you sow weeds among the crop,  
raise bread with impure yeast,  
offer treasure without price  
and cast a net that catches good and bad:  
throw down our idols of purity and possession,  
so that you might reveal in us your wide-branching love;  
through Jesus Christ, the stumbling block. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**Sunday between 31 July and 6 August (Proper 18)**

*Genesis 32.22-31; Psalm 17.1-7, 16; Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21*

**I**

God beyond all seeing and knowing,  
we meet you in the night of change and crisis  
and wrestle with you in darkness and doubt.  
Give us the will and spirit to live faithfully  
and to love as we are loved,  
through Jesus Christ, your Son. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**II**

God of compassion:  
your heart goes out to the hungry and destitute;  
you take what we have and transform it into much;  
give us the bread that satisfies, the food without price,  
so that our lives may show forth your overflowing love;  
through Jesus Christ, the breaker of bread. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**Sunday between 7 and 13 August (Proper 19)**

*Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105.1-6, 16-22, 45c; Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33*

**I**

Through the storms of life, O God,  
you walk with your people  
in the person of Jesus your Son.  
Calm our fears and strengthen our faith

so that we may never doubt his presence among us  
but proclaim that he is your Son,  
risen from the dead, living forever. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**II**  
Ever-faithful One,  
you answer the cries of all who call upon your name.  
Give us grace to trust in you,  
so that we may walk faithfully amidst the storms of life;  
through Jesus the Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**  
*FWM Proposed Prayers alt.*

**Sunday between 14 and 20 August (Proper 20)**

*Genesis 45.1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15.(10-20), 21-28*

**I**  
Holy One of Israel, covenant-keeper,  
you gather in what has been rejected,  
restoring what is lost and healing what is wounded.  
Give us faith to speak out boldly,  
so that the outcast may be welcomed  
and all may be blessed. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**II**  
God of the nations,  
all are invited to your table,  
for in your family no one is a stranger.  
Satisfy our hunger  
and mercifully extend to all people  
the joy of salvation and faith.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

### **Sunday between 21 and 27 August (Proper 21)**

*Exodus 1.8-2.10; Psalm 124; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20*

#### **I**

Living God,  
you accept our stumbling faith,  
our misplaced answers,  
our false horizons,  
and through them you build a way of peace.  
Empower and enable us  
to bind the wounds of the world  
and loose the bonds of oppression,  
so that all may confess the grace  
that is your work alone;  
through Jesus Christ, your anointed one. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

#### **II**

O God,  
with all your faithful followers of every age,  
we praise you, the rock of our life.  
Be our strong foundation  
and form us into the body of your Son,  
so that we may gladly minister to all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

### **Sunday between 28 August and 3 September (Proper 22)**

*Exodus 3.1-15; Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c; Romans 12.9-21; Matthew 16.21-28*

#### **I**

O God, in the flaming bush  
you promised deliverance to your people.  
In the cross of Jesus  
you embraced our suffering and pain.  
As we take up the cross,  
show us the transforming power of your love,  
so that we may know the hope of your glory. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**II**

O God,  
whose word burns like a fire within us:  
grant us a bold and faithful spirit,  
so that, in your strength,  
we may be unafraid to speak your word  
and follow where you lead;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

**Sunday between 4 and 10 September (Proper 23)**

*Exodus 12.1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13.8-14; Matthew 18.15-20*

**I**

God of unity and truth,  
encourage the fervent,  
enlighten the doubtful  
and bring back the wayward.  
Gather us all together in mutual love,  
so that our prayer may be pleasing to you.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

**II**

Lord of the church,  
you call a broken people around your table:  
in times of disagreement teach us to listen,  
loose us from prejudice  
and bind us to your way of forgiving grace;  
through Jesus Christ,  
who stands at the heart of our gathering. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)*

### **Sunday between 11 and 17 September (Proper 24)**

*Exodus 14.19-31; Psalm 114 or Exodus 15.1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35*

#### **I**

God of love,  
you brought your people out of slavery  
with a mighty hand.  
Deliver us from our captivity to self-interest  
and our indifference to the gifts of others,  
so that we may be ready to love  
as you have loved us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

#### **II**

God of deep compassion,  
you welcome the weak  
and free us from the bondage of sin.  
Break the cycle of judgement and violence  
through Jesus our forgiveness,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*FWM Proposed Prayers alt.*

### **Sunday between 18 and 24 September (Proper 25)**

*Exodus 16.2-15; Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1.21-30; Matthew 20.1-16*

#### **I**

God of deep compassion,  
you welcome the weak  
and free us from the bondage of sin.  
Break the cycle of judgement and violence  
through Jesus our forgiveness,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*FWM Proposed Prayers alt.*

#### **II**

O God,

from your providing hand  
even the dissatisfied and grumbling  
receive what they need for their lives.  
Teach us your ways of justice  
and lead us to practise your generosity,  
so that we may live a life worthy of the gospel  
made known through your Son  
Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**Sunday between 25 September and 1 October (Proper 26)**

*Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 78.1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32*

**I**

God of our salvation,  
we falter before the demands of your word  
and turn away from your call to life.  
As you showed mercy to your people of old,  
pour out your mercy on us,  
so that we may turn from our sinfulness  
and walk the path of self-emptying love  
made known in Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**  
*Church of the Province of Southern Africa alt.*

**II**

Gracious God,  
you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
through the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

**Sunday between 2 and 8 October (Proper 27)**

*Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46*

**I**

O loving God,  
keeper of the vineyard,  
support your people by your Holy Spirit,  
so that we may bring forth  
the fruits of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ, the eternal vine. **Amen.**  
*FWM Proposed Prayers alt.*

**II**

God, our beloved,  
you have set before us  
the goal of new life in Christ.  
May we live in the power of his resurrection  
and bring forth the fruit  
of your gentle and loving rule. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002)*

**Sunday between 9 and 15 October (Proper 28)**

*Exodus 32.1-14; Psalm 106.1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14*

**I**

God of Aaron, Miriam and Moses,  
you stayed the hand of your wrath  
when we fell into idolatry and discord.  
When we forgot our deliverance,  
your love for us remained.  
Transform us,  
so that our world may become  
a place of justice, love and peace.  
Welcome us to the feast  
where you invite all to be gathered. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**II**

Faithful God,

whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you  
and to receive the gifts of your love,  
new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

### **Sunday between 16 and 22 October (Proper 29)**

*Exodus 33.12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-22*

#### **I**

O God,  
whose image we bear  
and whose name we carry,  
yours is the world and all it contains.  
Recall us to our true allegiance,  
so that above the powers and rulers of this world  
you alone may claim our loyalty and love.  
We make our prayer  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

#### **II**

You know us each by name, O God,  
and in your sight we have found favour,  
yet our minds cannot comprehend  
the vision of your glory  
or the vastness of your love.  
Grant, that as we glimpse your greatness,  
we may always return to you  
the praise that is yours alone.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Sunday between 23 and 29 October (Proper 30)**

*Deuteronomy 34.1-12; Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8; Matthew 22.34-46*

#### **I**

Your love, O God, is boundless.  
We who were strangers  
have been made your children;  
we who were defenceless  
have been brought into your household.  
Keep us mindful of your mercy,  
so that we may love you with our whole heart  
and love our neighbour as ourselves.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

#### **II**

Lord of the teasing riddle,  
whose questions undo our certainty  
and set us on a different path:  
give us a heart of passion,  
a searching mind,  
gentle strength of body  
and unseen depths of soul,  
so that we might love you wholly  
and our neighbour as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ, the law of grace. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **Sunday between 30 October and 5 November (Proper 31)**

*Joshua 3.7-17; Psalm 107.107, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13; Matthew 23.1-12*

#### **I**

Your steadfast love endures from age to age,  
O living God,  
for in Christ you tenderly care for all your people.  
Instruct us in your way of humble service,  
so that we may imitate the saving deeds of Christ,

who humbled himself for our salvation  
and is now exalted with you  
in unending splendour for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## II

Source of salvation,  
your Word is at work in all who believe.  
Grant us the gift of humility,  
so that we might walk gently on the earth  
in service of all your creatures,  
for the sake of your servant, Jesus,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**  
*FWM Proposed Prayers alt.*

### **Sunday between 6 and 12 November (Proper 32)**

*Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78.1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18; Matthew 25.1-13*

## I

O God,  
you call us to choose  
between you and the false gods of this world.  
In the midst of the darkness of sin and death  
wake us from our slumber  
and call us forth to greet Christ,  
so that with our eyes and hearts fixed on him,  
he may lead us to eternal light. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## II

Brighten your Church, O God,  
with the promise of your kingdom,  
and waken our hearts to its light.  
Bid us hasten with faith undimmed  
to greet the bridegroom's return  
and join the wedding feast.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

### **Sunday between 13 and 19 November (Proper 33)**

*Judges 4.1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30*

## I

God of the Covenant,  
even when we fall into sin,  
you remember that you have chosen us  
to be your servant people.  
Awaken us to the power and gifts  
you have bestowed upon us for the good of creation.  
May we be trustworthy in all things,  
working with purpose to increase your realm;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## II

O God,  
from whose abundance  
all gifts and skills are lavishly bestowed:  
give us courage to use our talents  
as generously as you have given them,  
so that, being faithful to your purpose,  
we may share in your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

**The Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Reign of Christ (Proper 34)**

*Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46*

**I**

Shepherd of Israel,  
your power was revealed  
when you raised Christ from the dead  
and seated him in honour at your side.  
Grant that we may always give you thanks  
for your immeasurable love  
and show that gratitude in loving service  
to all our brothers and sisters;  
through Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002)*

**II**

Destitute king,  
one with the hungry, the naked, and the scorned:  
may our faith be proved not in dogma and piety  
but in serving you in the last and the least;  
through Jesus Christ, the stranger's Lord. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)*

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### First Sunday of Advent

*Isaiah 64.-19; Psalm 80.1-7, 16-18; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-37*

**I**

O God of all the ages,  
rouse us from sleep,  
deliver us from our heedless ways  
and form us into a watchful people,  
so that, at the advent of your Son,  
we may be found doing what is right,  
mindful of all you command.  
We ask this through him whose coming is certain  
and whose day draws near,  
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

**II**

God of unveiled truth,  
in times of darkened sun and waning moon,  
lift up our hearts and waken our love  
to announce the coming dawn of unexpected peace;  
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### Second Sunday of Advent

*Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8*

**I**

God of timeless grace,  
you fill us with joyful expectation.  
Make us ready for the message that prepares the way,  
so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy  
we may eagerly await the coming of Christ,  
who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## II

God of hope,  
you call us from the exile of our sin  
with the good news of restoration;  
you build a highway through the wilderness;  
you come to us and bring us home.  
Comfort us with the expectation of your saving power,  
made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Third Sunday of Advent**

*Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 or Canticle 18 (Luke 1.47-53); James 5.7-10; John 1.6-8, 19-28*

## I

God of light,  
who sent the Baptist to offer hope  
and to face the world's scorn:  
open our ears to hear the cries from the margins,  
exposing our fears, sharpening our vision  
and calling us to faith; through Jesus Christ,  
the one who is to come. **Amen.**

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## II

O God of Isaiah and John the Baptist,  
through all such faithful ones  
you proclaim the unfolding of future joy and renewed life.  
Strengthen our hearts to believe your advent promise  
that we will walk in the way of Christ,  
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*2 Samuel 7.1-11; Canticle 18 (Luke 1.47-55) or Psalm 89.1-4, 19-26; Romans 16.25-27; Luke 1.26-38*

I

God of scandalous love,  
Mary consented to bear the shame  
and carry your Word within herself:  
may her courage give hope to women and men  
who yearn to sing new songs of justice  
and find the world a dwelling place for God;  
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

II

O God of Elizabeth and Mary,  
you visited your servants with news  
of the world's redemption  
in the coming of the Saviour.  
Make our hearts leap with joy  
and fill our mouths with songs of praise,  
so that we may announce glad tidings of peace  
and welcome your Christ into our midst. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Christmas --- at Midnight ABC**

*Isaiah 9.2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-14, (15-20)*

I

Eternal God  
who made this most holy night  
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:  
bring us, who 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. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship 2000*

II

Almighty God,

as we prepare with joy  
to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child,  
embrace the earth with your glory  
and be for us a living hope  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects 2004*

### **Christmas --- in the Early Morning ABC**

*Isaiah 62.6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3.4-7; Luke 2.(1-7), 8-20*

**I**

God of promise,  
from ancient times you have sustained your people.  
With Mary and Joseph,  
teach us to treasure in our hearts the birth of Jesus,  
and with shepherds and angels,  
lead us to praise the holy Child of Bethlehem  
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers 2002 alt.*

**II**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:  
accept our heartfelt praise  
as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects 2004*

### **Christmas --- during the Day ABC**

*Isaiah 52.7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1.1-4, (5-12); John 1.1-4*

**I**

Almighty God,  
you wonderfully created  
and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature.  
May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who humbled himself to share our humanity,

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

*The Book of Alternative Services 1985*

**II**

God whose Word became flesh,  
breathe a new song of joy and praise into the world,  
so that we may bear the good news of your salvation  
and proclaim your promise of peace to the ends of the earth;  
through Christ the Word. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers 2002 alt.*

**The First Sunday after Christmas**

*Isaiah 61.10-62.3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.22-40*

**I**

God of promise  
you renew your gift to those whose faces are lined  
and whose hearts are filled by the passage of years:  
help us, with Simeon and Anna,  
to see beyond the surface  
the face and heart of God  
in Jesus Christ, the given Child. **Amen.**

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)*

**II**

God of glory,  
you have given us a new name  
and robed us in salvation.  
May we like Anna find our home in your presence  
and like Simeon recognize Jesus as the Christ,  
so that, in joy and thanksgiving  
at becoming your children,  
we may join with all creation to sing your praise. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002)*

## **The Naming of Jesus (1 January) ABC**

*Numbers 6.22-27; Psalm 8; Galatians 4.4-7 or Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 2.15-21*

### **I**

Eternal One,  
you gave your incarnate Son  
the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of salvation.  
Plant in every heart  
the love of the Saviour of the world,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 2006 alt.*

### **II**

O God of ancient blessing,  
your servant Mary pondered in her heart  
the treasured words spoken about her Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Prepare our hearts to receive his Spirit,  
so that our tongues may confess him Lord,  
who with you and the Spirit lives and reigns,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers 2002 alt.*

## **Second Sunday of Christmas ABC**

*Jeremiah 31.7-14 or Sirach 24.1-12; Psalm 147.13-21 or Canticle 11 (Wisdom of Solomon 10.15-21);  
Ephesians 1.3-14; John 1.(1-9), 10-18*

### **I**

Almighty God,  
you have filled all the earth  
with the light of your incarnate Word.  
By your grace empower us  
to reflect your image in all that we do,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 2006 alt.*

## II

Gracious God,  
you have redeemed us through Jesus Christ,  
the first-born of all creation,  
whose birth we celebrate in the child of Bethlehem.  
Grant us every spiritual blessing,  
so that we may live as your adopted children  
and witness to your glory with praise and thanksgiving,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers 2002 alt.*

## The Epiphany (6 January)ABC

*Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12*

## I

Almighty and everliving god,  
you revealed the incarnation of your Son  
by the brilliant shining of a star.  
Shine the light of your justice  
in our hearts and over all lands,  
and accept our lives as the treasure we offer  
in your praise and for your service;  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 2006 alt.*

## II

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
so that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Common Worship: Additional Collects 2004 alt.*

## **Ash Wednesday ABC**

*Joel 2.1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58.1-12; Psalm 103.8-18; 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21*

### **I**

Almighty and holy God,  
your Son, in obedience to the Spirit,  
fasted forty days in the desert:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves,  
so that we may press on towards Easter  
with eager faith and love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Propers Working Group*

### **II**

O God,  
you delight not in pomp and show,  
but in a humble and contrite heart.  
Overturn our love of worldly possessions  
and fix our hearts more firmly on you,  
so that, having nothing,  
we may yet possess everything,  
a treasure stored up for us in heaven. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers 2002 alt.*

## **First Sunday in Lent**

*Genesis 9.8-17; Psalm 25.1-9; 1 Peter 3.18-22; Mark 1.9-15*

### **I**

God of our salvation,  
your bow in the clouds  
proclaims your covenant with every living creature.  
Teach us your paths and lead us in your truth,  
so that by your Holy Spirit,  
we may remember our baptismal vows and be keepers of your trust  
with earth and its inhabitants. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## II

God of the wilderness,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these forty days  
to grow in wisdom and prayer,  
so that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship (2000) alt.*

### **Second Sunday in Lent**

*Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22.22-30; Romans 4.13-25; Mark 8.31-38*

## I

God of Sarah and Abraham,  
long ago you embraced your people in covenant  
and promised them your blessing.  
strengthen us in faith,  
so that, with your followers in every age,  
we may proclaim our deliverance in Jesus Christ  
to generations yet unborn. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## II

Faithful God,  
may we set our minds and wills to yours,  
and take up our cross,  
following Christ with confidence  
for the glory you reveal in him;  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*FWM Proposed Prayers alt.*

### **Third Sunday in Lent**

*Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22*

## I

Almighty God,  
your 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 lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship (2002) alt.*

**II**  
God of the covenant,  
give us zeal to discern the foolishness  
and the wisdom of this present age,  
so that we may proclaim Christ crucified;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*FWM Proposed Prayers*

### **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

*Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21*

**I**  
Steadfast God,  
you reach out to us in mercy.  
When we rebel against your holy call  
and walk in disobedience,  
soften our hearts with the warmth of your love,  
so that we may know your Son  
alive within us, redeeming us,  
and raising us up into your eternal presence. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**II**  
God of grace,  
you know our struggle to serve you:

when sin spoils our lives  
and overshadows our hearts,  
come to our aid and turn us back to you again;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship (2000)*

### **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

*Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm 51.1-13 or Psalm 119.9-16; Hebrews 5.5-10; John 12.20-33*

#### **I**

God of suffering and glory,  
in Jesus Christ you reveal the way of life  
through the path of obedience.  
Write your law on our hearts,  
so that we may not stray from you,  
but be your people. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

#### **II**

God of glory,  
your revelation through Jesus Christ  
calls into your covenant of love.  
Enable us now to reflect your love,  
so that barriers erected by sin may be broken down,  
and all people may be drawn to you;  
through him who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*FWM Proposed Prayers alt.*

### **The Sunday of the Passion**

*At the Palm Procession: Mark 11.1-11 or John 12.12-16*

#### **I ABC**

Holy and immortal God,  
as we enter into this holy week  
turn our hearts to Jerusalem,

so that, united with Christ and all the faithful,  
we may enter the city not made with hands,  
your promised realm of justice and peace,  
eternal from age to age. **Amen.**

*A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.*

## **II ABC**

O God of eternal glory,  
whose servant, Jesus Christ, bore our sins,  
encouraged the weary and raised up the fallen:  
keep before our eyes his passion and resurrection,  
so that our lives may be signs of his obedience and victory.  
We ask this in the name of Christ, our liberator. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

*At the Eucharist: Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-16; Philippians 2.5-11; Mark 14.1-15.47 or Mark 15.1-39, (40-47)*

## **I ABC**

Compassionate God,  
your love finds full expression  
in the gift of Jesus Christ your Son,  
who willingly met betrayal and death  
to set us free from sin.  
Give us courage to live obediently in these days  
until we greet the glory of our risen Saviour. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers 2002 alt.*

## **II ABC**

Holy and immortal God,  
open our hearts to the Blessed One,  
so that we may enter the gates of your justice,  
confessing in our words and in our deeds  
that Jesus is Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers 2002 alt.*

## **Monday in Holy Week ABC**

*Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 36.5-11; Hebrews 9.11-15; John 12.1-11*

**I**

Holy and immortal God,  
you bring us into being  
and hold our lives in your heart.  
May the fragrance of your love,  
made known to us in Christ,  
draw us closer to you  
and unite us with Christ. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## II

God of steadfast love,  
in the tenderness of Mary  
we behold your compassion for us  
and for all you have made.  
May we who stumble in selfishness  
learn from her example,  
bring light to those in darkness  
and freedom to those who are oppressed;  
through Jesus Christ, the anointed One. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## Tuesday in Holy Week ABC

*Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 71.1-14; I Corinthians 1.18-31; John 12.20-36*

## I

Holy and immortal God,  
who gives life to the seed:  
grant that we who follow the way of Christ  
may die to all that separates us from you,  
so that we may bear fruit for eternal life  
and dwell with Christ in his glory. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2016)*

## II

Holy and immortal God,  
in Christ you have named us friends  
and called us to follow him as disciples:  
may we be faithful in our calling,  
so that, by walking in your light,

we may scatter the darkness of the world;  
through Christ, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2016)*

### **Wednesday in Holy Week ABC**

*Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12.1-3; John 13.21-32*

**I**

Holy and immortal God,  
banish from our hearts those fears and desires  
which lead us to betray you in our lives,  
and so fill us with the faithfulness of Jesus  
that the world may know  
your wisdom, love and power. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2016)*

**II**

Holy and immortal God,  
in every generation you call us  
to contend against brutality and betrayal.  
Even through fear and uncertainty  
keep us steadfast in the way of Jesus Christ,  
who leads us. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Maundy Thursday ABC**

*Exodus 12.1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116.1, 10-17; I Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17, 31b-35*

**I**

God our Father,  
your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end  
and drank the cup prepared for him:  
May we who share his table  
watch with him through the night of suffering  
and be faithful. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship (2000) alt.*

## II

O God,  
on the night he was betrayed  
Jesus washed the feet of his disciples  
and gave himself in a meal of bread and wine.  
May we who celebrate these signs of his love,  
serve and give ourselves to others  
in his name and to your glory;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*FWM Proposed Prayers alt.*

## Good Friday ABC

*Isaiah 52.13-53.12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10.16-25 or Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9; John 18.1-19.42*

## I

O Holy and Immortal One,  
we veil our faces before your glory,  
and bow before the cross of your wounded Christ.  
With angels and archangels  
we praise you, our Mercy,  
and we bless you, our Compassion,  
for in our brokenness  
you have not abandoned us. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## II

O Holy and Immortal One,  
hear us as we pray through Jesus, our high priest:  
heal all our divisions,  
reconcile all who are estranged,  
console all who suffer,  
and finally raise up to new life  
all that is bound by death. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## **Holy Saturday ABC**

*Job 14.1-14 or Lamentations 3.1-9, 19-24; Psalm 31.1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4.1-8; Matthew 27.57-66 or John 19.38-42*

### **I**

God of sabbath rest,  
out of the depths we cry to you.  
Give light in our darkness  
and hope in the prison of our despair;  
through your Beloved who rests this day,  
obedient to your will. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

### **II**

God of all consolation,  
in your unending love and mercy  
you turn the darkness of death  
into the dawn of new life.  
May we who wait at Christ's tomb  
trust in your power to restore all things  
through your Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to all creation. **Amen.**  
*The Book of Alternative Services (1985) alt.*

## **The Great Vigil of Easter**

*At the Eucharist: Romans 6.3-11; Psalm 114; Mark 16.1-8*

### **I**

Light of all creation,  
may the radiance of this night  
fill us with the Spirit of love  
and unite us in faith,  
so that we may bear witness to the resurrection  
and show forth your glory to all the world;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen Lord,  
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**  
*FWM Proposed Prayers alt.*

## II

Lord God,  
you have made this night bright  
with the radiance of the risen Christ.  
May we, who have been raised with him in baptism,  
reflect the light of his glory  
and live with him for ever. **Amen.**  
*A New Zealand Prayer Book (1989) alt.*

### **Easter --- during the Day**

*Acts 10.34-43 or Isaiah 25.6-9; Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 or Acts 10.34-43; John 20.1-18 or Mark 16.1-8*

## I

Love divine,  
in raising Christ to new life  
you open the path of salvation to all peoples.  
Send us out with the joy of Mary Magdalene  
to proclaim that we have seen the Lord,  
so that all the world may celebrate with you  
the banquet of your peace. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## II

Loving God,  
through an empty tomb  
you deliver us from sin and death,  
and bring us to new life.  
Grant us courage to enter  
into your abundant joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**  
*A New Zealand Prayer Book (1989) alt.*

## **Second Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 4.32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1.1-2.2; John 20.19-31*

### **I**

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked,  
no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
so that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God, the Source of all life. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

### **II**

O God,  
our beginning and our end:  
accept our doubts,  
heal our desire for certainty  
and, by your Spirit's gentle touch,  
make us a people forgiven and forgiving;  
through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## **Third Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 3.12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3.1-7; Luke 24.36b-48*

### **I**

Holy and righteous God,  
you raised Christ from the dead  
and glorified him at your right hand.  
Let the words of scripture  
burn within our hearts  
and open our minds to recognize him  
in the breaking of the bread. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **II**

Wounded God,  
disabled and divine:

give us faith to perceive you  
pierced and embodied,  
standing here among us  
feeding us forgiveness, beautifully broken;  
through Christ, the suffering servant. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)*

### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 4.5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3.16-24; John 10.11-18*

**I**

Lord of the sheepfold,  
whose love is not for hire:  
we thank you that Christ laid down his life for us  
when we could not help ourselves.  
Give us strength to work for peace  
in the world he came to serve;  
through the same Jesus Christ, the good shepherd. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

Shepherd of all,  
by laying down your life for your flock  
you reveal your love for all.  
Lead us from the place of death  
to the place of abundant life,  
so that, guided by your care for us,  
we may rightly offer our lives  
in love for you and our neighbour. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 8.26-40; Psalm 22.24-30 | John 4.7-21; John 15.1-8*

**I**

God of deep soil and luxurious growth,  
you call us from our shallow selves  
to find our depth in you:

may we abide in him alone  
who can teach us who we are,  
Jesus Christ, the true vine. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

O God,  
you give us the Son as the vine,  
apart from whom we cannot live.  
Nourish our life in his resurrection,  
so that we bear the fruit of love  
and know the fullness of your joy;  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 10.44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5.1-6; John 15.9-17*

**I**

Faithful God,  
make our hearts bold with love for one another.  
Pour out your Spirit upon all people,  
so that we may live your justice  
and sing in praise the new song  
of your marvellous victory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**II**

God of abiding love,  
you dare to call us friends.  
Take our fragmented hearts,  
command them to love,  
and make whole our joy,  
which is our life, reborn in Jesus Christ,  
who laid down his life for us. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## **Ascension of the Lord ABC**

*Acts 1.1-11; Psalm 47 or Psalm 93; Ephesians 1.15-23; Luke 24.44-53*

### **I**

Holy God,  
send your promised Spirit of revelation and wisdom,  
so that, in the blessed freedom of hope,  
we may witness to the grace of forgiveness  
and sing with joy to the One who makes us one. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **II**

God unheld by word or wall:  
lift us from dullness and cynical contempt;  
make us ready for your Spirit of transforming power;  
and turn our hearts to the mending of the world,  
through Jesus Christ, the name above all names. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 1.15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1: 1 John 5.9-13; John 17.6-19*

### **I**

Giver of eternal life,  
send us to your world  
to speak the truth of peace,  
to stand with those who suffer,  
and to show another way;  
through Jesus Christ, the life of all things. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **II**

Gracious God,  
in the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
you have given us eternal life  
and glorified your name in all the world:  
refresh our souls with the living stream of your truth,  
so that in our unity, your joy may be complete. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## **The Day of Pentecost**

*Ezekiel 37.1-14 or Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.25-35, 37b; Acts 2.1-21 or Romans 8.22-27; John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15*

### **I**

Creator Spirit,  
make the dry bones of our lives  
live and breathe and grow again.  
Pour out your Spirit upon the whole creation.  
Come in rushing wind and flashing fire  
to turn the sin and sorrow within us  
into faith, power and delight. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **II**

Spirit of truth:  
guide us into all truth;  
consume the lies that shroud the world in hate;  
pray in us with sighs too deep for words  
with hope for a new world;  
through Jesus Christ,  
who goes to the right hand of God. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)*

## **Trinity Sunday**

*Isaiah 6.1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8.12-17; John 3.1-17*

### **I**

Enfolding God, Trinity of love,  
you are our source, our goal, our life:  
may we be born again in you,  
no more to live alone and unconnected,  
but, sharing the Spirit's breath,  
be carried to your heart;  
through Jesus Christ, who lifts us up. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **II**

Holy God,

the earth is full of your love.  
May we your children, born of the Spirit,  
so bear witness to your Son Jesus Christ,  
that all the world may believe  
and have eternal life through him,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit,  
lives and reigns, one God,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **The Baptism of the Lord (Proper 1)**

*Genesis 1.1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1.4-11*

#### **I**

God of the heavens,  
whose holiness is unveiled  
by one who is submerged  
in all the pain and sin of the earth:  
give us faith to follow him  
who goes to the heart of darkness  
bearing only the Spirit of gentle, insistent peace;  
through Jesus Christ, the promised one. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

#### **II**

God of grace and glory,  
you call us with your voice from heaven  
to be your people, fruitful and courageous.  
As your beloved Son  
embraced his mission in the waters of baptism,  
inspire us with your Spirit  
to join in his transforming work.  
We ask this in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## **Years ABC**

God of glory,  
immerse us in your grace,  
mark us with your image,  
and raise us to live our baptismal promises,  
so that, empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we may follow the example of Christ your beloved  
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## **Second Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 2)**

*1 Samuel 3.1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139.1-5, 12-17; 1 Corinthians 6.12-20; John 1.43-51*

### **I**

Persevering God,  
by your sure voice  
you rouse us from our slumber  
and call us to discipleship and mission  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **II**

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. **Amen.**

*Common Worship (2000)*

## **Third Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 3)**

*Jonah 3.1-5, 10; Psalm 62.5-12; 1 Corinthians 7.29-31; Mark 1.14-20*

I

God of salvation,  
the splendour of your glory dispels the darkness of earth,  
for in Christ we see the nearness of your kingdom.  
Now make us quick to follow him,  
and eager to proclaim the good news of the gospel.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

II

Lord Jesus Christ,  
with those you called by the lakeside,  
may we follow you,  
proclaiming the reign of God,  
and sharing your mission to bring good news to all;  
for you live and reign  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

#### **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 4)**

*Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8.1-13; Mark 1.21-28*

I

God our creator,  
who in the beginning  
commanded the light  
to shine out of the darkness:  
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
may 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 lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship (2000) alt.*

**II**

God of liberation,  
who comes not to destroy  
but to set us free,  
bring wholeness to all that is broken  
and speak truth to us in our confusion;  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2015)*

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 5)**

*Isaiah 40.21-31; Psalm 147; 1 Corinthians 9.16-23; Mark 1.29-39*

**I**

Everlasting God,  
you give strength to the weak and power to the faint.  
Make us agents of your healing and wholeness,  
so that your good news may be made known  
to the ends of your creation,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

**II**

Almighty God,  
by whose grace alone we are accepted  
and called to your service:  
strengthen us by your Holy Spirit  
and make us worthy of our calling;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship (2000)*

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

**or the Sunday between 8 and 14 May (Proper 6)**

*2 Kings 5.1-14; Psalm 30; 1 Corinthians 9.24-27; Mark 1.40-45*

I

Divine Physician,  
healer of bodies and souls,  
stretch out your hand and touch us.  
Cleanse our hearts from the sin  
that separates us from you and from one another.  
Recreate us in your own image,  
and restore us in Christ,  
so that we may run the race and receive the prize of everlasting life. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

II

God of the outstretched hand,  
in Christ you are moved with anger and pity  
at a world which labels and rejects its children:  
release us from the lie that we are born unclean  
and shape a new community where all may be accepted;  
through Jesus Christ, the companion of lepers. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)*

**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany  
or the Sunday between 15 and 21 May (Proper 7)**  
*Isaiah 43.18-25; Psalm 41; 2 Corinthians 1.18-22; Mark 2.1-12*

I

Faithful God,  
you forgive our sins  
and restore us to wholeness.  
Anoint us with your Spirit,  
so that we may be alert and mindful ministers  
of your gracious will to save,  
by bringing into your presence  
all that is broken and in need of healing;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

II

God of pardon and deliverance,  
your forgiving love, revealed in Christ,

has brought to birth a new creation.  
Raise us up from our sins to walk in your ways,  
so that we may witness to your power,  
which makes all things new.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

**Eighth Sunday after Epiphany  
or the Sunday between 22 and 28 May (Proper 8)**

*Hosea 2.14-20; Psalm 103.1-13, 22; 2 Corinthians 3.1-6; Mark 2.13-22*

**I**

Holy Lover of Israel,  
with tender words and covenant promise  
you invite us to meet your love with faithfulness.  
May we live with you  
in righteousness and justice,  
in steadfast love and mercy,  
to your glory for ever. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002)*

**II**

God of the wrong crowd,  
who shares bread with the unwanted and imperfect:  
take our pious disdain  
and fill us with new wine,  
so that we might be transformed in body and soul;  
through Jesus Christ, the physician. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**Ninth Sunday after Epiphany  
or the Sunday between 29 May and 4 June (Proper 9)**

*After Epiphany: Deuteronomy 5.12-15; Psalm 81.1-10; 2 Corinthians 4.5-12; Mark 2.23-3.6*

*After Trinity: 1 Samuel 3.1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139.1-5, 12-17; 2 Corinthians 4.5-12; Mark 2.23-3.6*

**I**

God of rest and gladness,  
we praise you for the dignity of work and the joy of play,  
for the challenge of witness  
and for the invitation to delight at your table.  
Renew our hearts through your sabbath rest,  
so that we might be refreshed to continue in your work  
of restoring the world to wholeness. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## II

God made known in human frailty;  
your Chosen One walked through fields  
where bitterness flourished and mercy was enclosed:  
break through our conspiracies of power  
and teach us what it means to save and honour life;  
through Jesus Christ, Lord of the Sabbath. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **Last Sunday after Epiphany**

*2 Kings 2.1-12; Psalm 50; 2 Corinthians 4.3-6; Mark 9.2-9*

## I

Holy One of Israel,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
so 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. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship (2000) alt.*

## II

God of glory,  
by the grace of your Spirit,  
reveal your Son to us now  
in the message of the prophets  
and in the witness of the apostles,

so that we may heed his voice  
and receive him in faith.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

### **Sunday between 5 and 11 June (Proper 10)**

*1 Samuel 8.4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11.14-15); Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1; Mark 3.20-35*

**I**

Gracious God,  
give us such a vision of your purpose  
and such an assurance of your love and power  
that we may ever hold fast to the hope  
we have in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.*

**II**

God of the unexpected,  
you take what is old and make it new,  
and what is dead and bring it to life;  
you take our false expectations  
and transform them into your truth.  
Help us to accept the challenge of your call,  
so that, trusting in your promise,  
we journey by faith in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**  
*FWM Proposed Prayers alt.*

### **Sunday between 12 and 18 June (Proper 11)**

*1 Samuel 15.34-16.13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5.6-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4.26-34*

**I**

Mighty God,

to you belong the mysteries of the universe.  
You transform shepherds into kings,  
the smallest seeds into magnificent trees,  
and hardened hearts into loving one.  
May your life-giving Spirit  
re-create us in your image  
and shape us into your purposes,  
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**II**  
Creating God,  
you make all things new.  
Plant seeds of confidence and gladness in our hearts,  
so that, trusting your word,  
we may live no longer for ourselves  
but for him who died and was raised for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**Sunday between 19 and 25 June (Proper 12)**

*1 Samuel 17.(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49; Psalm 9.9-20 or 1 Samuel 17.57-18.5, 10-16; 2 Corinthians 6.1-13; Mark 4.35-41*

**I**  
God our protector,  
you stood by David in the time of trial.  
Stand by us through all life's storms,  
giving us courage to risk danger  
to protect those who are oppressed and poor,  
so that they may know you  
as their stronghold and hope. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2000) alt.*

**II**  
Saving God,  
enter the flood and storm of chaos and confusion  
and speak peace to our fearful hearts,  
so that we might find our faith in him

whose word brings rest to all creation;  
through Jesus Christ, Lord of wind and wave. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church* (2009) alt.

**Sunday between 26 June and 2 July (Proper 13)**

*2 Samuel 1.1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8.7-15; Mark 5.21-43*

**I**

O Christ for whom we search,  
our help when help has failed:  
give us courage to expose our need  
and ask to be made whole,  
so that, being touched by you,  
we may be raised to new life  
in the power of your name. **Amen.**  
*A Prayer Book for Australia* (1995) alt.

**II**

God of hope,  
you are ruler of both night and day,  
guardian of those who wander in shadows.  
Be new light and life  
for those who live in the darkness of despair,  
for those imprisoned by guilt and grief,  
for those living with anxiety and depression,  
so that, even where death's grip tightens,  
all may know the power of the One  
who conquered fear and death. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2000) alt.

**Sunday between 3 July and 9 July (Proper 14)**

*2 Samuel 5.1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12.2-10; Mark 6.1-13*

**I**

Guardian of the weak,  
turn the place we live  
into strongholds of your grace,  
temples of your presence,

and citadels of your justice,  
so that the most vulnerable and most powerful  
may find peace in the strong name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**II**  
God of the prophets,  
in every age you send the word of truth, familiar yet new.  
Let us not be counted among those who lack faith,  
but give us vision to see Christ in our midst  
and to welcome your saving word.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

**Sunday between 10 and 16 July (Proper 15)**  
*2 Samuel 6.1-15, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1.3-14; Mark 6.14-29*

**I**  
God of the prophets,  
whose word cuts through the webs of power  
and holds the tyrant to account:  
be with all who raise their voice against oppression and misrule,  
who are imprisoned and abused for freedom's sake;  
help us to stand and speak with them  
and witness to your kingdom now;  
through Jesus Christ, the name above all others. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)*

**II**  
O God,  
when pride leads us deeper into sin,  
grant us strength,  
so that we may turn from pride  
and know the power of your uncompromising love.  
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2015)*

**Sunday between 17 and 23 July (Proper 16)**

*2 Samuel 7.1-14a; Psalm 89.20-37; Ephesians 2.11-22; Mark 6.30-34, 53-56*

**I**

Holy God of Israel,  
draw us near to you,  
so that, in place of hostility, there may be peace;  
in place of loneliness, compassion;  
in place of aimlessness, direction;  
and in place of sickness, healing;  
through Christ Jesus, in whom you draw near to us. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**II**

Compassionate God,  
from far and near you gather your church into one,  
safeguard the unity of your flock  
through the teaching of Christ the Shepherd,  
so that all your scattered children may find in him  
the guidance and nourishment they seek. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997)*

**Sunday between 24 and 30 July (Proper 17)**

*2 Samuel 11.1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3.14-21; John 6.1-21*

**I**

In your compassionate love, O God,  
you nourish us with words of life and bread of blessing.  
Grant that Jesus may calm our fears,  
and move our hearts to praise your goodness  
by sharing our bread with others. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## II

Sustainer of the hungry,  
like a mother you feed your children  
until each is satisfied.

Turn our eyes to you alone,  
so that, aware of our own deepest longings,  
we reach out with Christ  
to feed others with the depth of your love. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Sunday between 31 July and 6 August (Proper 18)**

*2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a; Psalm 51.1-13; Ephesians 4.1-16; John 6.24-35*

## I

God of Moses,  
who rained down bread on Israel's wandering people:  
lead us to the food that never leaves us craving,  
but fills our whole humanity with life enough for all;  
through Jesus Christ, the true bread of heaven. **Amen.**

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## II

God of the lowly and the mighty,  
even when we harm and destroy one another,  
you offer us forgiveness of our sins  
if we but open our hearts to your grace and mercy,  
so that we may build up one another in love. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Sunday between 7 and 13 August (Proper 19)**

*2 Samuel 18.5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4.25-5.2; John 6.35, 41-51*

## I

Unseen God,  
drawing all people to the end of our desires:  
teach us to know true bread from false  
and to feed on him who shares our flesh,  
Jesus Christ, our communion. **Amen.**

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

Bread of heaven,  
you feed us in the depths  
of grief, sin and hostility.  
Nourish us with your word  
through the long hours of tears,  
and in the dawning awareness  
of our need for forgiveness,  
so that we may be redeemed by your steadfast love. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002)*

**Sunday between 14 and 20 August (Proper 20)**

*1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5.15-20; John 6.51-58*

**I**

Divine love,  
undaunted by death and fear,  
who went to the depths to bring back life:  
in the power of the cross  
shape a people for service,  
who break bread for a hungry world;  
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

Living God,  
you are the giver of wisdom,  
guiding those who seek your ways to choose the good.  
Mercifully grant that your people,  
who feast on the true bread of heaven,  
may have eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**Sunday between 21 and 27 August (Proper 21)**

*1 Kings 8.(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6.10-20; John 6.56-69*

**I**

Offensive God,

refusing our religion of sacrifice and power:  
find us in our wandering,  
speak to us the word of life,  
liberate our violent hearts,  
and let us abide with you;  
through Jesus Christ, the holy one of God. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## II

Gracious God,  
although we once were strangers,  
you receive us as friends  
and draw us home to you.  
Set your living bread before us,  
so that we may be strengthened  
to continue the work  
your Son has commissioned us to do. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Sunday between 28 August and 3 September (Proper 22)**

*Song of Solomon 2.8-13; Psalm 45.1-2, 7-10; James 1.17-27; Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

## I

Compassionate God,  
you touch those rejected by the world  
and those despised by false piety:  
guide us away from a false purity  
which hides misshapen hearts;  
and lead us to the joyful feast  
in which all are renewed;  
through Jesus Christ, the beauty of God's faith. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## II

Blessed are you, O Lord and Lover,  
source of beauty and depth of passion.  
Strengthen and inspire us to do the word we hear  
and live the faith we confess,  
through Jesus, our Saviour and Friend. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002)*

### **Sunday between 4 and 10 September (Proper 23)**

*Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2.1-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7.24-37*

#### **I**

God of power and compassion,  
in Christ you reveal your will to heal and to save.  
Open our ears to your redeeming word  
and move our hearts by the strength of your love,  
so that our every word and work  
may proclaim Jesus as Messiah,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

#### **II**

Maker of us all,  
you call us to love our neighbours as ourselves  
and teach us that faith without works is dead.  
Open us to the ministries that lie before us,  
where faith and the needs of our neighbour  
come together in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Sunday between 11 and 17 September (Proper 24)**

*Proverbs 1.20-33; Psalm 19 or Wisdom of Solomon 7.26-8.1; James 3.1-12; Mark 8.27-38*

#### **I**

Unite us, O God,  
in acknowledging Jesus as the Christ.  
Give us strength to take up his cross  
and courage to lose our lives for his sake;  
for we ask this in his name,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

**II**

Wisdom of God,  
from the street corners  
and at the entrances to the city  
you proclaim the way of life and of death.  
Grant us wisdom to recognize your Messiah,  
so that following in the way of the cross,  
we may know the way of life and glory;  
in the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**Sunday between 18 and 24 September (Proper 25)**

*Proverbs 31.10-31; Psalm 1; James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a; Mark 9.30-37*

**I**

O God, protector of the poor and defender of the just:  
give us wisdom from above,  
so that we may find in your servant Jesus  
the pattern of true discipleship  
and persevere in following him,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

**II**

O God,  
who draws near to us  
and whose nature is revealed in lordship laid aside:  
give us grace to welcome you  
in the child and in the outcast;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, who humbled himself  
so that we might know eternal life. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**Sunday between 25 September and 1 October (Proper 26)**

*Esther 7.1-6, 9-10; 9.20-22; Psalm 124; James 5.13-20; Mark 9.38-50*

I

O God,  
pour out your Spirit over all the world  
and inspire every heart with knowledge and love of you.  
May we who confess Jesus as Lord  
set aside whatever obscures this faith,  
so that our witness to your love  
may shine clearly in all our days,  
for with him you live and reign  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

II

O God,  
our guide and help in strange lands:  
strengthen us by the faith and courage of Esther,  
so that we may confront the oppressor  
with the justice and unity of your reign,  
freeing the oppressed  
and proclaiming your glorious liberty;  
in the name of Christ, our freedom. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**Sunday between 2 and 8 October (Proper 27)**

*Job 1.1; 2.1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16*

I

God of the living law,  
whose will is to protect the weak  
and to educate our desires:  
may we learn from you  
to give each other dignity  
and to find in you our unity;  
through Jesus Christ,  
who makes us one household. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## II

Sovereign God,  
you have created us to live  
in loving community with one another.  
Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast,  
and teach us to trust like little children,  
so that we may reflect the image of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

### **Sunday between 9 and 15 October (Proper 28)**

*Job 23.1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22.1-15; Hebrews 4.12-16; Mark 10.17-31*

## I

God of the narrow way,  
you call us to shed all that burdens  
the lightness of life:  
help us to surrender false wealth,  
embrace our need of you  
and live for your kingdom above all things;  
through Jesus Christ, the richness of God. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)*

## II

God of wisdom,  
whose word searches the intentions of our hearts:  
let worldly treasure not keep us from Jesus,  
who looks on us with love.  
Free us to leave all things and follow him,  
who live and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

### **Sunday between 16 and 22 October (Proper 29)**

*Job 38.1-7, 34-41; Psalm 104.1-9, 25, 37b; Hebrews 5.1-10; Mark 10.35-45*

I

Most glorious God,  
in Jesus you call your people  
to true humility and servanthood.  
Grant to us the boldness  
to desire a place in your kingdom,  
the courage to drink the cup of suffering,  
and the grace to find in service  
the glory you promise;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

II

Suffering God,  
when in whose name we seek glory for ourselves,  
cast down all our idols  
and direct our hearts  
to him who bears our wounds  
and is our peace,  
Jesus Christ, the true God and servant of all. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **Sunday between 23 and 29 October (Proper 30)**

*Job 42.1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34.1-8, (19-22); Hebrews 7.23-28; Mark 10.46-52*

I

O Jesus Christ, teacher and healer,  
you heard the cry of the blind beggar  
when others would have silenced him.  
Teach us to be attentive  
to the voices others ignore,  
and, by the power of the Spirit,  
respond in your name to heal the afflicted  
and welcome the abandoned;  
for your sake and the sake of the gospel. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## II

Eternal God,  
whose thoughts and ways are not ours,  
you alone are God, holy and most high:  
school us in the ways of faith and wisdom,  
so that we, like Job,  
may learn to see and hear truly,  
and in humility find blessing.  
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Sunday between 30 October and 5 November (Proper 31)**

*Deuteronomy 6.1-9; Psalm 119.1-8; Hebrews 9.11-14; Mark 12.28-34*

## I

God of love,  
who asks no other sacrifice  
than to love you, the source of life,  
and all creatures as ourselves:  
bind your law upon our hearts and our minds,  
so that we might find our strength in you;  
through Jesus Christ, our high priest. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2016)*

## II

Eternal God,  
teach us to love you not only in mind and heart  
but also in purpose and action,  
so that we may love the children of the earth  
in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Sunday between 6 and 12 November (Proper 32)**

*Ruth 3.1-5; 4.13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9.24-28; Mark 12.38-44*

## I

God our redeemer,  
in sustaining the lives of Naomi and Ruth

you gave new life to your people.  
We ask that, from age to age,  
new generations may be born  
to restore life and to nourish the weak  
by returning to you those things  
we once thought ours. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## II

God of fierce justice,  
you close the mouth of those  
who hide behind their prayer  
as they devour the poor:  
humbled by the giving of those who have so little,  
let us live from your abundance;  
through Jesus Christ, the judgement of God. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **Sunday between 13 and 19 November (Proper 33)**

*1 Samuel 1.4-20; 1 Samuel 2.1-10 (as canticle); Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25; Mark 13.1-8*

## I

Timeless One,  
you create all moments of our lives,  
giving each its meaning and its purpose.  
Strengthen us to witness continually  
to the love of Jesus Christ,  
so that we may hold fast in times of trial,  
even to the end of the ages. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## II

O God,  
you gather a people you call your own.  
Confirm us in the strength of your abiding word  
and stay our hearts in the time of trial,  
so that on the day of the Son of Man  
we may without fear rejoice to behold his appearing.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

**The Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Reign of Christ (Proper 34)**

*2 Samuel 23.1-7; Psalm 132.1-13; Revelation 1.4b-8; John 18.33-37*

**I**

Almighty God,  
train our eyes to discern your righteous rule,  
so that, standing firmly in hope  
before the powers of this world,  
we may heed your voice  
and be constant in your truth;  
through Jesus of Nazareth, David's heir. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**II**

You who are,  
who were,  
who are to come,  
before whose judgement  
all that is not love fades away:  
save us from the violence  
that seeks to claim our hearts,  
so that we may hear a different voice  
and belong to you in truth;  
through Jesus Christ, the wounded king of all. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## TRIAL USE COLLECTS FOR YEAR C

### First Sunday of Advent

*Jeremiah 33.14-16; Psalm 25.1-9; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13; Luke 21.25-36*

#### I

God of justice and peace,  
from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness.  
Raise our heads in expectation,  
so that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord  
and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

#### II

God of justice,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin  
to the light of holiness,  
so that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

### Second Sunday of Advent

*Baruch 5.1-9 or Malachi 3.1-4; Canticle 19 (Luke 1.68-79); Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6*

#### I

God of mercy,  
may the radiance of your redeeming love rise in our hearts,  
lighting the way from the shadow of darkness  
and guiding our feet into the way of peace. **Amen.**  
*FWM Proposed Prayers (2004) alt.*

#### II

God of timeless grace,  
you fill us with joyful expectation:  
make us ready for the message that prepares the way,  
so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy  
we may eagerly await the coming of your Son,

Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Third Sunday of Advent**

*Zephaniah 3.14-20; Canticle 3 (Isaiah 12.2-6); Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18*

#### **I**

God who winnows the wheat from the chaff:  
let the fire of your Spirit purge us of greed and deceit,  
so that, purified, we may find our peace in you  
and you may delight in us.

Grant this through him whose coming is certain  
and who day draws near,  
Jesus, the Lord of the harvest. **Amen.**

*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

#### **II**

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist  
to prepare the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004)*

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*Micah 5.2-5a; Canticle 18 (Luke 1.46-55) or Psalm 80.1-7; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45*

#### **I**

God of promise,  
you look with favour on the lowly,  
you scatter the proud and you fill the hungry.  
May we, like Mary, respond to your call  
and be obedient to your will;  
through Jesus Christ who is to come. **Amen.**

*FWM Proposed Prayers (2004) alt.*

## II

O God of Elizabeth and Mary,  
you visited your servants with news  
of the world's redemption in the coming of the Lord.  
May our hearts leap with joy  
and our mouths be filled with songs of praise  
to welcome the Christ in our midst. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## III

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation,  
Jesus the Promised One. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004)*

## **Christmas --- at Midnight ABC**

*Isaiah 9.2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-14, (15-20)*

## I

Eternal God  
who made this most holy night  
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:  
bring us, who 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. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship 2000*

## II

Almighty God,  
as we prepare with joy  
to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child,  
embrace the earth with your glory

and be for us a living hope  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects 2004*

**Christmas --- in the Early Morning ABC**  
*Isaiah 62.6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3.4-7; Luke 2.(1-7), 8-20*

**I**

God of promise,  
from ancient times you have sustained your people.  
With Mary and Joseph,  
teach us to treasure in our hearts the birth of Jesus,  
and with shepherds and angels,  
lead us to praise the holy Child of Bethlehem  
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers 2002 alt.*

**II**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:  
accept our heartfelt praise  
as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects 2004*

**Christmas --- during the Day ABC**  
*Isaiah 52.7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1.1-4, (5-12); John 1.1-4*

**I**

Almighty God,  
you wonderfully created  
and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature.  
May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who humbled himself to share our humanity,  
and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*The Book of Alternative Services 1985*

## II

God whose Word became flesh,  
breathe a new song of joy and praise into the world,  
so that we may bear the good news of your salvation  
and proclaim your promise of peace to the ends of the earth;  
through Christ the Word. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers 2002 alt.*

### **First Sunday after Christmas**

*1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-52*

## I

O God, you have known us  
from our mother's womb.  
You call us to follow you through all our days  
and seek us even when we wander.  
Clothe us with your love,  
so that we may grow in grace  
and find favour in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## II

Shine into our hearts  
the light of your wisdom, O God,  
and open our minds to the knowledge of your word,  
so that in all things we may think and act  
according to your good will  
and may live continually in the light  
of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

### **The Naming of Jesus (1 January) ABC**

*Numbers 6.22-27; Psalm 8; Galatians 4.4-7 or Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 2.15-21*

I

Eternal One,  
you gave your incarnate Son  
the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of salvation.  
Plant in every heart  
the love of the Saviour of the world,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 2006 alt.*

II

O God of ancient blessing,  
your servant Mary pondered in her heart  
the treasured words spoken about her Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Prepare our hearts to receive his Spirit,  
so that our tongues may confess him Lord,  
who with you and the Spirit lives and reigns,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers 2002 alt.*

### **Second Sunday of Christmas ABC**

*Jeremiah 31.7-14 or Sirach 24.1-12; Psalm 147.13-21 or Canticle 11 (Wisdom of Solomon 10.15-21);  
Ephesians 1.3-14; John 1.(1-9), 10-18*

I

Almighty God,  
you have filled all the earth  
with the light of your incarnate Word.  
By your grace empower us  
to reflect your image in all that we do,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 2006 alt.*

II

Gracious God,

you have redeemed us through Jesus Christ,  
the first-born of all creation,  
whose birth we celebrate in the child of Bethlehem.  
Grant us every spiritual blessing,  
so that we may live as your adopted children  
and witness to your glory with praise and thanksgiving,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers 2002 alt.*

### **The Epiphany (6 January)ABC**

*Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12*

**I**

Almighty and everliving god,  
you revealed the incarnation of your Son  
by the brilliant shining of a star.  
Shine the light of your justice  
in our hearts and over all lands,  
and accept our lives as the treasure we offer  
in your praise and for your service;  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 2006 alt.*

**II**

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
so that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Common Worship: Additional Collects 2004 alt.*

### **Ash Wednesday ABC**

*Joel 2.1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58.1-12; Psalm 103.8-18; 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21*

**I**

Almighty and holy God,  
your Son, in obedience to the Spirit,  
fasted forty days in the desert:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves,  
so that we may press on towards Easter  
with eager faith and love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
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**II**  
O God,  
you delight not in pomp and show,  
but in a humble and contrite heart.  
Overturn our love of worldly possessions  
and fix our hearts more firmly on you,  
so that, having nothing,  
we may yet possess everything,  
a treasure stored up for us in heaven. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **First Sunday in Lent**

*Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16; Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13*

**I**  
Heavenly Father,  
your Son confronted the powers of darkness  
that obscure your compassion and love for all of creation:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer,  
so that we may witness to that saving love  
proclaimed in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

**II**  
God of the wilderness,  
your Spirit leads us to face the truth,  
unprotected and exposed:

in our times of trial  
help us to resist the worship of empty power,  
so that we may find our true food  
in Jesus Christ, the broken bread. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009), alt.*

### **Second Sunday in Lent**

*Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-35*

#### **I**

Brooding Spirit,  
beneath your wings there is creation and life:  
accompany us on the difficult path  
with the disappeared, the broken and the fearful,  
so that we find the way to the city of our peace  
where we are all accepted as your beloved;  
through the cross of Jesus Christ, our only Lord. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009), alt.*

#### **II**

Hope beyond all human hope,  
you promised Abraham and Sarah  
descendants as numerous as the stars.  
You promise light and salvation  
in the midst of darkness and despair,  
and redemption to a world that will not listen.  
Gather us in tenderness  
and open our ears to your word,  
so that we may live faithfully and confidently in your promises.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), alt.*

### **Third Sunday in Lent**

*Isaiah 55.1-9; Psalm 63.1-8; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9*

#### **I**

Eternal God,  
give us insight to discern your will for us,

to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004), alt.*

**II**  
God of infinite goodness,  
throughout the ages you have persevered  
in claiming and reclaiming your people.  
Renew for us your call to repentance,  
surround us with witnesses to aid us in our journey,  
and grant us the time to fashion our lives anew;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), alt.*

### **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

*Joshua 5.9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5.16-21; Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32*

**I**  
Eternal Lover of our wayward race,  
you open your arms to accept us  
even before we turn to meet your welcome;  
you invite us to forgiveness  
even before our hearts are softened to repentance.  
Hold before us the image of our humanity made new,  
so that we may live in Jesus Christ, your new creation. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), alt.*

**II**  
Merciful Lord,  
you know our struggle to serve you:  
when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts,  
come to our aid and turn us back to you again;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004), alt.*

**III**  
*(For when this Sunday is kept as 'Mothering Sunday')*  
God of love,

passionate and strong, tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ, Mary's child. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004), alt.*

### **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

*Isaiah 43.16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8*

**I**

Creator God,  
you prepare a new way in the wilderness  
and water the desert.  
Help us to recognize your hand  
working miracles beyond our imagining.  
Open our hearts to be transformed  
by the new thing you are doing,  
so that our lives may proclaim  
the extravagance of your love for all,  
and its presence in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), alt.*

**II**

Extravagant God,  
lavishing your love on our poverty of heart:  
inspire us to give with generosity,  
to love life so that we may find it again,  
and thus the world will be filled  
with the fragrance of your love;  
through Jesus Christ, who offers himself for us. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009), alt.*

### **The Sunday of the Passion**

*At the Palm Procession ABC*

**I**

Holy and immortal God,  
as we enter into this holy week

turn our hearts to Jerusalem,  
so that, united with Christ and all the faithful,  
we may enter the city not made with hands,  
your promised realm of justice and peace,  
eternal from age to age. **Amen.**  
*A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.*

## II

O God of eternal glory,  
whose servant, Jesus Christ, bore our sins,  
encouraged the weary, and raised up the fallen:  
keep before our eyes his passion and resurrection,  
so that our lives may be signs of his obedience and victory.  
We ask this in the name of Christ, our liberator. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

*At the Eucharist: Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-16; Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 22.14-23.56 or Luke 23.1-49*

## I ABC

Compassionate God,  
your love finds full expression  
in the gift of Jesus Christ your Son,  
who willingly met betrayal and death  
to set us free from sin.  
Give us courage to live obediently in these days  
until we greet the glory of our risen Saviour. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers 2002 alt.*

## II ABC

Holy and immortal God,  
open our hearts to the Blessed One,  
so that we may enter the gates of your justice,  
confessing in our words and in our deeds  
that Jesus is Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers 2002 alt.*

## **Monday in Holy Week ABC**

*Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 36.5-11; Hebrews 9.11-15; John 12.1-11*

**I**

Holy and immortal God,  
you bring us into being  
and hold our lives in your heart.  
May the fragrance of your love,  
made known to us in Christ,  
draw us closer to you  
and unite us with Christ. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

God of steadfast love,  
in the tenderness of Mary  
we behold your compassion for us  
and for all you have made.  
May we who stumble in selfishness  
learn from her example,  
bring light to those in darkness  
and freedom to those who are oppressed;  
through Jesus Christ, the anointed One. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## **Tuesday in Holy Week ABC**

*Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 71.1-14; I Corinthians 1.18-31; John 12.20-36*

**I**

Holy and immortal God,  
who gives life to the seed:  
grant that we who follow the way of Christ  
may die to all that separates us from you,  
so that we may bear fruit for eternal life  
and dwell with Christ in his glory. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2016)*

**II**

Holy and immortal God,

in Christ you have named us friends  
and called us to follow him as disciples:  
may we be faithful in our calling,  
so that, by walking in your light,  
we may scatter the darkness of the world;  
through Christ, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2016)*

### **Wednesday in Holy Week ABC**

*Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12.1-3; John 13.21-32*

**I**

Holy and immortal God,  
banish from our hearts those fears and desires  
which lead us to betray you in our lives,  
and so fill us with the faithfulness of Jesus  
that the world may know  
your wisdom, love and power. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2016)*

**II**

Holy and immortal God,  
in every generation you call us  
to contend against brutality and betrayal.  
Even through fear and uncertainty  
keep us steadfast in the way of Jesus Christ,  
who leads us. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Maundy Thursday ABC**

*Exodus 12.1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116.1, 10-17; 1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17, 31b-35*

**I**

God our Father,  
your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end  
and drank the cup prepared for him:  
May we who share his table  
watch with him through the night of suffering

and be faithful. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship (2000) alt.*

## II

O God,  
on the night he was betrayed  
Jesus washed the feet of his disciples  
and gave himself in a meal of bread and ~~wine~~ wine.  
May we who celebrate these signs of his love,  
serve and give ourselves to others  
in his name and to your glory;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*FWM Proposed Prayers alt.*

## Good Friday ABC

*Isaiah 52.13-53.12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10.16-25 or Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9; John 18.1-19.42*

## I

O Holy and Immortal One,  
we veil our faces before your glory,  
and bow before the cross of your wounded Christ.  
With angels and archangels  
we praise you, our Mercy,  
and we bless you, our Compassion,  
for in our brokenness  
you have not abandoned us. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## II

O Holy and Immortal One,  
hear us as we pray through Jesus, our high priest:  
heal all our divisions,  
reconcile all who are estranged,  
console all who suffer,  
and finally raise up to new life  
all that is bound by death. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## **Holy Saturday ABC**

*Job 14.1-14 or Lamentations 3.1-9, 19-24; Psalm 31.1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4.1-8; Matthew 27.57-66 or John 19.38-42*

**I**

God of sabbath rest,  
out of the depths we cry to you.  
Give light in our darkness  
and hope in the prison of our despair;  
through your Beloved who rests this day,  
obedient to your will. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

**II**

God of all consolation,  
in your unending love and mercy  
you turn the darkness of death  
into the dawn of new life.  
May we who wait at Christ's tomb  
trust in your power to restore all things  
through your Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to all creation. **Amen.**  
*The Book of Alternative Services (1985) alt.*

## **The Great Vigil of Easter**

*At the Eucharist: Romans 6.3-11; Psalm 114; Luke 24.1-12*

**I**

Light of all creation,  
may the radiance of this night  
fill us with the Spirit of love  
and unite us in faith,  
so that we may bear witness to the resurrection  
and show forth your glory to all the world;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen Lord,  
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**  
*FWM Proposed Prayers alt.*

## II

Lord God,  
you have made this night bright  
with the radiance of the risen Christ.  
May we, who have been raised with him in baptism,  
reflect the light of his glory  
and live with him for ever. **Amen.**  
*A New Zealand Prayer Book (1989) alt.*

### **Easter during the Day**

*Acts 10.34-43 or Isaiah 65.17-25; Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15.19-26 or Acts 10.34-43;  
John 20.1-18 or Luke 24.1-12*

## I

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death.  
Fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

## II

O God of the living,  
you made the tomb of death  
the womb from which you bring forth your Son,  
the first-born of a new creation:  
make us joyful witnesses to this good news,  
so that all humanity may one day gather  
at the feast of new life in that kingdom  
where you reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Second Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 5.27-32; Psalm 118.14-29 or Psalm 150; Revelation 1.4-8; John 20.19-21*

I

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked,  
no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
so that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God, the Source of all life. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

II

O God,  
our beginning and our end:  
accept our doubts,  
heal our desire for certainty  
and, by your Spirit's gentle touch,  
make us a people forgiven and forgiving;  
through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **Third Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 9.1-6, (7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5.11-14; John 21.1-19*

I

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God, who raises the dead to life. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

II

God of the new fire  
and feasting at daybreak:  
come to us in the dullness of routine  
and the pain of betrayal;  
call to us in the way of the cross  
and the joy of resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 9.36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7.9-17; John 10.22-30*

### **I**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of the flock:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
so that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God, the Shepherd of Israel. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

### **II**

Eternal God,  
from whose gentle hands  
none can snatch us away:  
give us faith to believe  
that we are known and loved  
with a passion strong enough  
to bring the whole world back to you;  
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you,  
the Source of life. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)*

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 11.1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21.1-6; John 13.31-35*

### **I**

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare God's love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life  
gives us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004)*

### **II**

God of glory,  
whose Beloved took the shadowed road of death

and found life in the darkness:  
may his love be our law,  
so that, undimmed by fear,  
we may witness to the power of new birth,  
through Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 16.9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21.10, 22-22.5; John 14.23-29 or John 5.1-9*

#### **I**

Gracious God,  
through a vision you sent forth Paul to preach the gospel  
and called the women to a place of prayer on the sabbath.  
Like Paul and Lydia, may our hearts respond to your word  
and be open to go where you lead us. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002)*

#### **II**

Holy One,  
you breathe the word of love  
and the promise of new creation  
into the secret places of our lives.  
Teach us the costly way of fearless love and priceless peace;  
through Jesus Christ, who dwells in us. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **Ascension of the Lord ABC**

*Acts 1.1-11; Psalm 47 or Psalm 93; Ephesians 1.15-23; Luke 24.44-53*

#### **I**

Holy God,  
send your promised Spirit of revelation and wisdom,  
so that, in the blessed freedom of hope,  
we may witness to the grace of forgiveness  
and sing with joy to the One who makes us one. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## II

God unheld by word or wall:  
lift us from dullness and cynical contempt;  
make us ready for your Spirit of transforming power;  
and turn our hearts to the mending of the world,  
through Jesus Christ, the name above all names. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 16.16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17.20-26*

## I

Risen and ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with compassion,  
so that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God and in the unity of the Spirit. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

## II

Living God,  
mystery of love given and received:  
deepen our yearning for unity,  
so that the whole creation might share in your communion;  
through Jesus Christ, who makes known your love. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **The Day of Pentecost**

*Acts 2.1-21 or Genesis 11.1-9; Psalm 104.25-35, 37b; Romans 8.14-17 or Acts 2.1-21; John 14.8-17, (25-27)*

## I

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire:  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004)*

**II**

Living God,  
you create all that is.  
Send forth your Spirit to renew and restore us,  
so that we may proclaim your good news  
in ways and words that all will embrace and believe. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**Trinity Sunday**

*Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5.1-5; John 16.12-15*

**I**

Holy and undivided Trinity,  
you are an eternal harmony of gift and response:  
through the uncreated Word and the Spirit of truth  
embrace us and all creation in your extravagant love;  
through the Wisdom of God,  
who raises her voice to call us to life. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

God of heaven and earth,  
Author of creation,  
eternal Word of salvation  
and life-giving Spirit of wisdom:  
guide us into all truth,  
so that we may proclaim Christ revealed  
and rejoice in his glory.  
Praise to you, blessed, holy and undivided Trinity,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**The Baptism of the Lord (Proper I)**

*Isaiah 43.1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 18.14-17; Luke 3.15-17, 21-22*

I

Holy One of Israel,  
you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit  
and revealed him as your beloved Son.  
Keep all who are born of water and Spirit  
faithful in your service,  
so that we may rejoice to be called children of God,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

II

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004)*

### **Years ABC**

God of glory,  
immerse us in your grace,  
mark us with your image,  
and raise us to live our baptismal promises,  
so that, empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we may follow the example of Christ your beloved  
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Second Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 2)**

*Isaiah 62.1-5; Psalm 36.5-10; I Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11*

I

O God of steadfast love,  
at the wedding in Cana  
your Son Jesus turned water into wine,  
delighting all who were there.  
Transform our hearts by your Spirit,  
so that we may show forth the light of your love

as one body in Christ. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**II**

Lord of the wedding feast,  
take our hearts of stone  
and flood them with new wine,  
so that we may savour the daily miracles  
that reveal your Son in our midst,  
Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**Third Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 3)**

*Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke 4.14-21*

**I**

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,  
release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit,  
so that all people may be free  
to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004)*

**II**

God of freedom,  
make us impatient to greet the time fulfilled,  
the poor lifted up,  
the oppressed set free  
and your love made manifest  
in Jesus Christ, the Anointed Servant. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)*

### **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 4)**

*Jeremiah 1.4-10; Psalm 71.1-6; 1 Corinthians 13.1-13; Luke 4.21-30*

#### **I**

Provoking God,  
calling us through the face of the Other:  
free our fickle hearts  
from our need to divide and exclude  
both the foreign and the misfit;  
lead us through the storms of rage  
to a clear and new beginning;  
through Jesus Christ, whom hatred cannot touch. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

#### **II**

Loving God,  
who has formed us and known us from our mother's womb,  
may we discern your call to us,  
so that we may recognize your call to others.  
In the name of him who calls us  
from our homes to the ends of the earth. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2015)*

#### **III**

Prophetic God,  
strengthen and encourage us  
to hear those who speak your uncomfortable truths  
and who challenge our dearest prejudices,  
so that we may know and heed prophets of our age;  
through Jesus, the son of Joseph. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2015)*

### **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 5)**

*Isaiah 6.1-8, (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11*

I

Loving God,  
you have called forth disciples  
to live and speak your word.  
May we hear, respond,  
and proclaim the good news of salvation,  
which we know in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

II

Lord of the deep waters,  
you call us from the safety of the shore  
to an adventure of the Spirit:  
open wide our arms to embrace the world  
you dare us to serve;  
through Jesus Christ your living Word. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)*

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
or the Sunday between 8 and 14 May (Proper 6)**

*Jeremiah 17.5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26*

I

God, you root those who trust in you  
by streams of healing water.  
Release us from the bonds of disease,  
free us from the power of evil,  
and turn us from falsehood and illusion,  
so that we may find the blessing of new life in you  
through the power of Christ. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

II

God of blessing and woe,  
disturbing the deadly order of the world:

give us faith tested in poverty,  
hunger for what really satisfies,  
eyes softened by tears and hearts ready to laugh  
at all that is false and pompous,  
so that we might be witnesses to the dignity of life:  
through Jesus Christ, who turns the world upside down. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church* (2009) alt.

**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany  
or the Sunday between 15 and 21 May (Proper 7)**

*Genesis 45.3-11, 15; Psalm 37.1-12, 41-42; 1 Corinthians 15.35-38, 42-50; Luke 6.27-38*

**I**

God of mercy,  
keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son,  
who prayed even for his enemies.  
In our words and actions help us to follow his example,  
so that we may transform hatred into love and selfishness into generosity;  
through Jesus Christ, our great reward. **Amen.**  
*A Prayer Book for Australia* (1995) alt.

**II**

God of new birth,  
whose compassionate power transforms sin into health  
and temporal dust into eternal glory:  
grant us a gracious faith,  
so that like Joseph, when he was sold into slavery,  
we may face our trials with confidence,  
and become a blessing to friend and enemy  
for the sake of Jesus' name. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002) alt.

**Eighth Sunday after Epiphany  
or the Sunday between 22 and 28 May (Proper 8)**

*Sirach 27.4-7 or Isaiah 55.10-13; Psalm 92.1-4, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 15.51-58; Luke 6.39-49*

I

God of revelation,  
you see into our hearts and know our inmost thoughts:  
give us insight, honesty and integrity,  
so that we may act without hypocrisy and remain rooted in your love;  
through Jesus Christ, the ground of our being. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

II

Eternal God,  
through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, our Messiah,  
you have given life beyond the grave.  
Guide us in this life,  
so that, as you continue to bless us,  
we may be a blessing for others,  
bringing near the promise of your kingdom  
by our words and actions. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**Ninth Sunday after Epiphany  
or the Sunday between 29 May and 4 June (Proper 9)**

*After Epiphany: 1 Kings 8.22-23, 41-43; Psalm 96.1-9; Galatians 1.1-12; Luke 7.1-10*

*After Trinity: 1 Kings 18.20-21, (22-29), 30-39; Psalm 96: Galatians 1.1-12; Luke 7.1-10*

I

Mighty God,  
the greatness of your deeds declares your love for all people  
and shows forth the glory of your name.  
Teach us to welcome both our neighbour  
and the stranger in our midst,  
so that all may know the healing touch of your Son,  
who announces the good news of salvation  
in word and deed. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

II

God of compassion,  
whose Son brought healing to those in need,  
help us to continue this work

as we proclaim the gospel message,  
revealed in Jesus Christ,  
who died for us. **Amen.**

*Propers Working Group (2015)*

### **Last Sunday after Epiphany**

*Exodus 34.29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2; Luke 9.28-36, (37-43)*

**I**

Shepherd of Israel and Light of all Nations,  
in the journey of the magi,  
we see how unjust powers and hatred  
may diminish the advancing of your gospel.  
Transfigure us by your love,  
so that we may bring your message  
to the dark places of this world;  
through Jesus Christ, the Beloved. **Amen.**

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

God of transfiguration,  
transform our hearts and minds  
so that we may hear your message,  
and fill the world with your glory;  
through Jesus Christ, the chosen one. **Amen.**

*Propers Working Group (2015)*

### **Sunday between 5 and 11 June (Proper 10)**

*1 Kings 17.8-16, (17-24); Psalm 146; Galatians 1.11-24; Luke 7.11-17*

**I**

O God,  
our breath and our hope:  
visit your people  
and raise your church to new life,  
so that we may join with all generations  
in voicing our wonder and praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,

who with you and the Holy Spirit,  
lives and reigns, one God,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

**II**  
Provident God,  
whose love enfolds the helpless,  
the needy and those who mourn:  
give us strength through Jesus Christ  
to be instruments of your compassion  
to those who are desolate and wounded by life. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**Sunday between 12 and 18 June (Proper 11)**

*1 Kings 21.1-10, (11-14), 15-21a; Psalm 5.1-8; Galatians 2.15-21; Luke 7.36-8.3*

**I**  
Lord,  
you invite our touch,  
beyond decency, beyond order, beyond possession:  
may the anointing woman teach us  
to break the seal of our heart  
and pour it at your feet,  
so that the fragrance of love  
may weave through our rising prayers;  
through Jesus Christ, the Anointed One. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**  
God of compassion,  
you suffer in the grief of your people,  
and you are present to heal and forgive.  
May the sun of your justice  
rise on every night of oppression,  
and may your healing love  
renew each troubled mind;  
for you are the God of salvation and new life,  
made known to us in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Sunday between 19 and 25 June (Proper 12)**

*1 Kings 19.1-4, (5-7), 8-15a; Psalms 42 & 43; Galatians 3.23-29; Luke 8.26-39*

**I**

Lord,  
you step upon on our guarded shore  
and confront our chaos:  
may we who are divided and overwhelmed by the forces of death  
learn from you to speak our own name  
and proclaim your works of life;  
through Jesus Christ, the Son of the Most High God. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

God, our refuge and hope,  
when race, status or gender divide us,  
when despair afflicts us,  
and community lies shattered,  
comfort us with the stillness of your presence,  
so that we may confess all you have done;  
through Christ, to whom we belong  
and in whom we are one. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Sunday between 26 June and 2 July (Proper 13)**

*2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77.1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5.1, 13-25; Luke 9.51-62*

**I**

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts,  
you call us to obey you,  
and you favour us with true freedom.  
Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son,  
so that, leaving behind all that hinders us,  
we may steadfastly follow your paths,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

**II**

God,

you set us free in Jesus Christ.  
Grant that we may live gracefully in this freedom  
without selfishness or arrogance,  
becoming servants through love  
to the freedom of the gospel  
for the sake of your reign. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002)*

### **Sunday between 3 July and 9 July (Proper 14)**

*2 Kings 5.1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6.(1-6), 7-16; Luke 10.1-11, 16-20*

**I**

God,  
whose kingdom comes near:  
share with us the authority that sets others free  
and send us on the way of challenge and conversion;  
through Jesus, who empowers us. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

Healing God,  
like your prophet Elisha and the seventy disciples,  
make us agents of your transforming power  
and heralds of your reign of justice and peace,  
so that all may know the wholeness you bring  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2015)*

### **Sunday between 10 and 16 July (Proper 15)**

*Amos 7.7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1.1-14; Luke 10.25-37*

**I**

Compassionate God,  
whose love demands our all:  
reveal to us our wounds  
and give us grace to know our neighbour  
who tends us with foreign hands;  
through Jesus Christ, the merciful one. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

Divine Judge,  
you framed the earth with love and mercy.  
Keep us faithful in prayer,  
so that we may be filled with the knowledge of your will,  
and not ignore or pass by another's need,  
but plumb the depths of love in showing mercy. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**Sunday between 17 and 23 July (Proper 16)**

*Amos 8.1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1.15-28; Luke 10.38-42*

**I**

Eternal God,  
you draw near to us in Christ  
and make yourself our guest:  
amid the cares of our daily lives,  
alert us to your presence  
and make us attentive to your voice,  
so that we may treasure your word above all else.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son. **Amen.**  
*A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.*

**II**

Ever-faithful God,  
whose being is perfect righteousness:  
you reconcile us in your Son  
with the helpless and the needy,  
with those we would ignore or oppress,  
and with those we call our enemies,  
so that we, as your hands of love, may serve all people  
and sit at the feet of those  
who need our compassionate care. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**Sunday between 24 and 30 July (Proper 17)**

*Hosea 1.2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2.6-15, (16-19); Luke 11.1-13*

**I**

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught the disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

**II**

Lord of gifts,  
share with us a hunger  
for the bread of your kingdom  
and give to us a yearning impatience with injustice;  
through Jesus Christ, our Jubilee. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**III**

Provident God,  
with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips,  
help us so to seek that we may truly find,  
so to ask that we may joyfully receive,  
and so to knock that the door of mercy  
may be opened for us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.*

**Sunday between 31 July and 6 August (Proper 18)**

*Hosea 11.1-11; Psalm 107.1-9, 43; Colossians 3.1-11; Luke 12.13-21*

**I**

Living God,  
you have placed in our hands  
the wealth we call our own:  
give us wisdom,  
so that our possessions may not be a curse,  
but a means of blessing in our lives  
and the lives of others.  
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.*

**II**

Lord of abundance,  
you demand our life entire and whole:  
lead us out from prisons of greed  
to a place of riches uncontained and always new;  
through Jesus Christ, our wealth. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**Sunday between 7 and 13 August (Proper 19)**

*Isaiah 1.1, 10-20; Psalm 50.1-8, 23-24; Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16; Luke 12.32-40*

**I**

Watchful God,  
kindle a new flame in our complacent hearts  
and take from our hands the burden of worthless things,  
so that we may be ready to receive a greater gift:  
the love of Jesus Christ, our Servant King. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

Father,  
by faith Abraham set out from his home  
to seek the land of your promise.  
May we, like him, look for the city  
that none but you can design and build.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.*

**Sunday between 14 and 20 August (Proper 20)**

*Isaiah 5.1-7; Psalm 80.1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11.29-12.2; Luke 12.49-56*

**I**

God of restless fire and urgent river's flow:  
unsettle the false peace which hides our divisions;  
unfold our hearts to sense your presence;  
unloose your kingdom and make us one in Jesus Christ,  
the first of many brothers and sisters. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)*

## II

Judge eternal,  
you love justice and hate oppression.  
Give us courage to stand  
with all victims of bloodshed and greed;  
and give us fire to proclaim your burning gospel  
for the sake of Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Sunday between 21 and 27 August (Proper 21)**

*Jeremiah 1.4-10; Psalm 71.1-6; Hebrews 12.18-29; Luke 13.10-17*

## I

God of the sabbath,  
this is the day and this is the hour  
when women long oppressed stand with dignity,  
and when your healing escapes our desire for control:  
may your joy stretch the fabric of our hearts  
and inspire us to loosen each other's bonds;  
through Jesus Christ, the shamer of the powerful  
and the raiser of the dead. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## II

Living God,  
you formed us in the womb  
and appointed us to be prophets to the nations:  
stretch out your hand to cure our infirmity and dispel our fear,  
so that we may know the freedom of serving you in Christ  
and proclaim the wonders you have done. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Sunday between 28 August and 3 September (Proper 22)**

*Jeremiah 2.4-13; Psalm 81.1, 10-16; Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16; Luke 14.1, 7-14*

## I

Inviting God,  
laying open your table to those without status or power,

and setting a place for the foreign and the unwanted:  
overturn our tables of power  
and teach us to receive bread from strange and wounded hands;  
through Jesus Christ, the one given for all. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## II

God of power and justice,  
like Jeremiah you weep over those who wander from you  
and who enter into chaos and destruction.  
By your tears and through your mercy,  
teach us your ways and write them on our hearts,  
so that we may follow faithful the path you show us. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Sunday between 4 and 10 September (Proper 23)**

*Jeremiah 18.1-11; Psalm 139.1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14.25-33*

## I

Jealous God,  
you call us to hate the life  
that is an echo of death and a whisper of fear:  
give us the courage to pass through shadows  
and count the cost of a love beyond measure;  
through Jesus Christ, the one who is fully alive. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)*

## II

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004)*

### **Sunday between 11 and 17 September (Proper 24)**

*Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1.12-17; Luke 15.1-10*

I

God of the dirtied hands, the wandering feet:  
you seek out the lost before they ever turn to you.  
Take us with you into the abandoned places  
to find a new community outside our fortress walls;  
through Jesus Christ, the Searching One. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

II

Merciful God,  
you seek us in the hidden places of our ignorance  
and in the forgotten corners of our despair.  
Gather us into your loving embrace,  
and pour upon us your wise and holy Spirit,  
so that we may become faithful servants  
in whom you rejoice with all the company of heaven. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **Sunday between 18 and 24 September (Proper 25)**

*Jeremiah 8.18-9.1; Psalm 79.1-9; 1 Timothy 2.1-7; Luke 16.1-13*

I

O God,  
you are rich in love for your people:  
show us the treasure that endures  
and, when we are tempted by greed,  
call us back into your service  
and entrust us with the wealth that never fails.  
We ask this through your Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**  
*A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.*

II

O God,  
anoint us with the healing Spirit of consolation and joy,  
so that we may rejoice in the richness of your love  
and be faithful stewards of your many gifts. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**Sunday between 25 September and 1 October (Proper 26)**

*Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91.1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6.6-19; Luke 16.19-31*

**I**

God of Abraham, Moses and the prophets,  
your covenant binds us as sisters and brothers:  
help us to overcome the scandal of poverty  
and the chasm of indifference,  
so that we may recognize you in the wounded poor;  
through Jesus Christ, the Builder of Bridges. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

Holy God,  
you reach out in love through Jesus Christ to save us.  
Unchain us from our desire for wealth and power,  
so that we may release others  
from prisons of poverty, hunger and oppression. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**Sunday between 2 and 8 October (Proper 27)**

*Lamentations 1.1-6; Lamentations 3.19-26 or Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10*

**I**

Lord,  
help us to know ourselves  
and call us to answer and serve;  
through Jesus Christ, the Master of the Table. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

God,  
you weep with those who are oppressed,  
with those who are uprooted from their homeland  
and with those who are without shelter or security.  
Grant that your faithful love may reach out through us,  
so that your healing mercy may rise like the dawn.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayer (2002) alt.*

**Sunday between 9 and 15 October (Proper 28)**

*Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7; Psalm 66.1-11; 2 Timothy 2.8-15; Luke 17.11-19*

**I**

O God of hosts,  
in your love your people find healing.  
Grant that the pains of our journey  
may not obscure the presence of Christ among us,  
so that we may always give thanks for your healing power  
as we travel on the way.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**II**

God of the known and unknown,  
open us to those we would exclude and despise;  
heal and liberate us when we are outcast,  
so that we may learn to praise your name  
with hearts that are whole;

through Jesus Christ, the Rejected One. **Amen.**

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**Sunday between 16 and 22 October (Proper 29)**

*Jeremiah 31.27-34; Psalm 119.97-104; 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5; Luke 18.1-8*

**I**

God of the dispossessed,  
you teach us to hunger for justice  
even when the weak are shut out  
and the powerful turn over in their beds:  
in the heat of our anger  
and the bitterness of our complaints,  
give us courage to protest,  
the persistence to pray and the heart to love;  
through Jesus Christ, the true judge. **Amen.**

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)*

**II**

Holy God,

we lift our eyes to you in hope and awe.  
Grant that we may reject all apathy of spirit,  
all impatience and anxiety,  
so that, with the persistence of the widow,  
we may lift our voice again and again  
to seek your justice. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002)*

**Sunday between 23 and 29 October (Proper 30)**

*Joel 2.23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4.6-8. 16-18; Luke 18.9-14*

**I**

O God of salvation,  
we come to you in joy,  
for you have heard the prayers of the poor  
and raised up the lowly.  
Pour out your Spirit on young and old alike,  
so that our dreams and visions may bring  
justice and peace to the world. **Amen**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**II**

God beyond our knowing,  
we make you into an idol  
to serve our own needs.  
Humble our arrogance  
by the strangeness of your coming  
and the wonder of your mercy;  
through Jesus Christ, the friend of Pharisees and tax collectors. **Amen**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**Sunday between 30 October and 5 November (Proper 31)**

*Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4; Psalm 119.137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1.1-4, 11-12; Luke 19.1-10*

**I**

Lord of the lost,  
you come into our homes and call us your own:  
may our tables be graced by your presence as guest

and our possessions freed to serve the poor;  
through Jesus Christ, the Seeker. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

O God,  
you seek out and save the lost,  
and invite us to the banquet of your eternal home.  
Visit your people with the joy of salvation,  
so that we may rejoice in the riches of your forgiveness  
and reach out in welcome to share with others  
the feast of your love; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**Sunday between 6 and 12 November (Proper 32)**

*Haggai 1.15b-2.9; Psalm 145.1-5, 18-22; 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17; Luke 20.27-38*

**I**

Living God,  
burning wild and unconfined:  
free us from the fear of death  
and take away the limits  
which bind our imagination  
and choke our compassion,  
so that we may feel your pleasure  
in all that brings us life;  
through Jesus Christ, risen and ascended. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

Almighty God,  
you hold the power of the universe within your hands.  
Transform us through Jesus Christ our Saviour  
and strengthen us in every deed and word. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**Sunday between 13 and 19 November (Proper 33)**

*Isaiah 65.17-25; Canticle 3 (Isaiah 12.2-6); 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13; Luke 21.5-19*

I

God, who is faithful  
when all the foundations crumble:  
in the time of crisis,  
as holy places fall and nations stumble,  
give us the conviction to bear witness to your love,  
whatever the cost;  
through Jesus Christ, your Word and Wisdom. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

II

O God,  
in Christ you give us hope  
for a new heaven and a new earth.  
Grant us wisdom to interpret the signs of our times,  
courage to stand in the time of trial,  
and faith to witness to your truth and love. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002)*

**The Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Reign of Christ (Proper 34)**  
*Jeremiah 23.1-6; Canticle 19 (Luke 1.68-79); Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43*

I

God of unbroken weakness,  
you scorn our lust for power.  
Keep us faithful to Jesus Christ,  
crucified and victorious,  
in whose authority we dare to speak your truth,  
even in the face of injustice and death. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2016)*

II

Holy God,  
our refuge and strength,  
you have redeemed your scattered children,  
gathering them from all the corners of the earth  
through your firstborn, Jesus the Christ,  
in whom all things are held together.  
Make us a just and righteous people,

worthy by grace to inherit  
the kingdom of light and peace,  
where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**COLLECTS FOR PRINCIPAL FEASTS  
AND FEASTS THAT TAKE PRECEDENCE OF A SUNDAY**

*The Principal Feasts observed in this Church are the following:*

- *Easter Day*
- *Ascension Day*
- *The Day of Pentecost*
- *Trinity Sunday*
- *All Saints' Day, 1 November*
- *Christmas Day, 25 December*
- *The Epiphany, 6 January*

*These feasts take precedence over any other day of observance. All Saints' Day may be observed on the Sunday following 1 November, in addition to its observance on the fixed date. With the exception of All Saints' Day, the collects for the Principal Feasts will be found above in the cycles for Years A, B and C.*

*All Sundays of the year are feasts of our Lord Jesus Christ. In addition to the days listed above, the only feasts appointed on fixed days to take precedence of a Sunday are*

- *The Naming of Jesus*
- *The Baptism of the Lord*
- *The Presentation of the Lord*
- *The Birth of John the Baptist*
- *Saint Peter and Saint Paul*
- *The Transfiguration of the Lord*
- *Saint Mary the Virgin*
- *Holy Cross Day*
- *Saint Michael and All Angels*

*Harvest Thanksgiving may be observed on a Sunday as determined by local custom.*

*The collects for the Naming of Jesus and the Baptism of the Lord will be found above in the cycles for Years A, B and C. The collects for the other feasts that take precedence of a Sunday will be found below.*

## **The Presentation of the Lord (2 February) Years ABC**

*Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 84 or Psalm 24:7-10; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40*

**I**

God of love,  
you gave your Son  
to be a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.  
With Simeon and Anna  
and all who hail redemption's happy dawn,  
may we sing your praise and proclaim salvation  
in Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. **Amen.**  
*Propers Working Group (2016)*

**II**

God of Anna and Simeon,  
whose law makes known the gift of life,  
whose love exposes our hardness of heart:  
by your Spirit, may we receive your faithful word  
and know your reconciling presence offered for all the world;  
through Jesus Christ, the Light and Glory of God. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## **The Birth of John the Baptist (24 June)**

*Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 85.7-13; Acts 13.14b-26; Luke 1.57-80*

**I**

God our strength and our hope,  
grant us the courage of John the Baptist,  
constantly to speak the truth,  
boldly to rebuke evil,  
and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake;  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*A New Zealand Prayer Book (1989) alt.*

**II**

God of unexpected birth  
and desert waters:  
silence our cynicism  
and give us a new voice,  
so that with John the Baptist  
we may proclaim your overwhelming grace;  
through Jesus Christ, the One who is to come. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**Saint Peter and Saint Paul (29 June) Years ABC**

*Ezekiel 34.11-16; Psalm 87; 2 Timothy 4.1-8; John 21.15-19*

**I**

O God,  
source of every good gift  
and sure foundation of our unity,  
as we celebrate your servants, Peter and Paul,  
grant your church a share  
in their zeal for preaching the gospel.  
Strengthen us in our witness  
to our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

**II**

Living God,  
you crowned the faith and preaching  
of your servants, Peter and Paul,  
with a share in Christ's triumphant death.  
Through the example of their lives  
rekindle our zeal for proclaiming the gospel.  
Grant this through Jesus Christ,  
our rock and our sustainer. **Amen.**  
*Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

## **The Transfiguration of the Lord (6 August) Years ABC**

*Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28-36*

### **I**

Holy God, mighty and immortal,  
you are beyond our knowing,  
yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
Transfigure us into his likeness,  
so that, as a people changed and changing,  
we may illumine the world with your compassion.  
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **II**

Lord of the mountain peak,  
whose light reveals the earth  
to be a dwelling place for love;  
Lord of the overshadowing,  
whose darkness confounds  
the lie that we can possess you:  
transform our hearts and minds,  
so that we may listen to him  
who bears the weight of glory  
in the lightness of our flesh,  
Jesus Christ, your Chosen One. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## **Saint Mary the Virgin (15 August) Years ABC**

*Isaiah 61:7-11; Psalm 34:1-9; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 1:46-55*

### **I**

Almighty God,  
in choosing the virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son,  
you made known your gracious regard  
for the poor, the lowly, and the despised.  
Grant us grace to receive your word in humility,  
and so to be made one with your Son,

Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)*

**II**

Mighty One,  
whose power does not reside in fleshless lonely purity,  
whose word is enwombed at the heart of creation:  
we praise you for Mary,  
whose hospitable Yes made a place for Love;  
whose song of transformation makes thrones and rulers tremble;  
whose prayer is heard because she is one of us;  
through Jesus Christ, Mary's Child. **Amen.**

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **Holy Cross Day (14 September) Years ABC**

*Numbers 21.4b-9; Psalm 98.1-6; I Corinthians 1.18-24; John 3.13-17*

**I**

Healer of the nations,  
your beloved was lifted on the wood of the cross  
and exalted as Lord of all creation.  
Grant that all who believe in him  
may have the gift of eternal life and share in the glory  
of your promised reign of justice and peace,. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**II**

God of compassion,  
Jesus was lifted up on the cross,  
a sign of your steadfast love  
and a pledge of your will to save.  
Grant healing of soul and life eternal  
to those who look upon the cross in faith;  
through Jesus Christ, our peace and our salvation. **Amen.**

*Opening Prayers (1997)*

## **Saint Michael and All Angels (29 September)**

*Genesis 28.10-17; Psalm 103.19-22; Revelation 12.7-12; John 1.47-51*

**I**

God of Jacob,  
in whose grace heaven is moved to touch the earth:  
give us courage to name the powers  
that war against your compassion for all creation  
and to carry your message of peace  
that looses the shackles of our dreams;  
through Jesus Christ, who defeated death for ever. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

God who created all things,  
seen and unseen,  
make us messengers of your compassion,  
so that with Michael and the hosts of heaven  
we may end ancient conflicts  
and pave the way for justice, kindness and humility;  
through Christ, the firstborn of creation. **Amen.**  
*A New Zealand Prayer Book (1989) alt.*

## **Harvest Thanksgiving I**

*Deuteronomy 8.7-18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9.6-15*

**I**

Gracious One,  
you satisfy the need of every living creature.  
Fill us with gratitude for the abundance of the earth  
and for the bonds of love and care  
that unite all creation into one family.  
May our thanks be the soil  
in which dreams of justice grow and thrive;  
through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

Giving and forgiving God,

you created the good earth and blessed it.  
Give us glad and generous hearts,  
so that we may rejoice and give thanks  
for the abundance of your creation,  
the depths of your mercy and your care for all;  
blessed are you, O God, Source of all being,  
eternal Word and Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## **Harvest Thanksgiving II**

*Joel 2.21-27; Psalm 126; 1 Timothy 2.1-7; Matthew 6.25-33*

### **I**

God of heaven and earth,  
we sing of your bounty and your goodness  
in the abundant harvest,  
in the changing seasons,  
and in the wonder of nature.  
With generous hearts,  
may we share what we have received  
with those who have little,  
so that none may hunger or thirst  
and all may know your wide justice;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **II**

God of evolving diversity,  
made known in seed and soil,  
and in the wonder of animal worlds:  
free our hearts from anxiety  
and open them to learn from the life  
which surrounds us;  
through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **Harvest Thanksgiving III**

*Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 100; Philippians 4.4-9; John 6.25-35*

#### **I**

Creator God,  
you made the goodness of the land,  
the riches of the sea,  
and the rhythm of the seasons.  
As we thank you for the harvest,  
may we cherish and respect  
this planet and its peoples;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004)*

#### **II**

God, whose word is engrained  
in all we eat and drink:  
free us from the greed  
that destroys the roots of life;  
teach us to eat the living bread  
in whom all hungers are satisfied  
by the life that gives of itself and is never sapped,  
Jesus Christ, the living Word. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

### **All Saints' Day (1 November) Year A**

*Revelation 7.9-17; Psalm 34.1-10, 22; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12*

#### **I**

God of all people,  
from every tribe and language;  
you called true witnesses  
who sang your praise,  
lived your grace and worked for peace.  
May we share their faith  
and live by their example,  
so that we might be a blessing  
to the hunger of your world;  
through Jesus Christ, whose body we are. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**II**

God of the ages,  
your saints who lived in faithful service  
surround your throne  
and praise you night and day.

May we, your saints on earth,  
join our voices with theirs to proclaim  
your rule of righteousness and peace,  
which comes to us through Jesus Christ  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**All Saints (1 November) Year B**

*Wisdom 3.1-9; Psalm 124; Revelation 21.1-6a; John 11.32-44*

**I**

Source of all being, beginning and end,  
we praise you for those  
who have served you faithfully.  
Replenish our hope in your eternal kingdom,  
so that we may have life in all its fullness,  
unbound by the fear of death;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

**II**

Lord of heaven's reach and of earth reborn,  
you call us from starless graves  
to sing under infinite skies:  
we praise your name  
for those who have walked this way  
unheralded and unnumbered but known to you,  
their beginning, their end, their joy in life.

Give us the same grace to be unbound  
and to take the step of faith, through Jesus Christ,  
the Alpha and the Omega. **Amen.**

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## **All Saints (1 November) Year C**

*Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31*

### **I**

God of all holiness,  
in your realm of glory,  
those who are poor now will receive the kingdom  
those who are hungry now will be filled,  
and those who weep now will laugh and leap in joy.  
Strengthen us by this vision,  
so that, with the saints before us,  
we may bring near your justice and peace;  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

### **II**

Holy God,  
giver of blessing to hungry and hated,  
you overturn tables of privilege and greed.  
Teach us a new way of being  
beyond reward,  
beyond revenge,  
so that we may do to others  
as we would have them do to us;  
through Jesus Christ, who prays for all who crucify him. **Amen.**  
*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## SEASONAL PRAYERS OVER THE GIFTS

### Advent

God of abundance,  
we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation,  
and with them our very lives.  
Teach us patience and hope  
as we care for all those in need  
until the coming of your Son,  
our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

### Christmas

Good and loving God,  
we rejoice in the birth of Jesus,  
who came among the poor  
to bring the riches of your grace.  
As you have blessed us with your gifts,  
let them be a blessing for others.  
With the trees of the field,  
with all earth and heaven,  
we should for joy at the coming of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

### Lent

God our provider,  
you have not fed us with bread alone,  
but with words of grace and life.  
Bless us and these your gifts,  
which we receive from your bounty,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)*

## **Easter**

Blessed are you, O God,  
ruler of heaven and earth.  
Day by day you shower us with blessings.  
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,  
give us glad and generous hearts,  
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

## **Ordinary Time**

### **I**

Holy God, gracious and merciful,  
you bring forth food from the earth  
and nourish your whole creation.  
Turn our hearts toward those  
who hunger in any way,  
so that all may know your care;  
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,  
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

### **II**

God of all creation,  
all you have made is good,  
and your love endures forever.  
You bring forth bread from the earth  
and fruit from the vine.  
Nourish us with these gifts,  
so that we might for the world  
signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

### **III**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
Through your goodness  
you have blessed us with these gifts:

our selves, our time and our possessions.  
Use us, and what we have gathered,  
in feeding the world with your love,  
through the one who gave himself for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

## **General**

### **I**

God of mercy and grace,  
the eyes of all wait upon you,  
and you open your hand in blessing.  
Fill us with good things at your table,  
so that we may come to the help of all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

### **II**

Merciful God,  
as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills  
were gathered together to become one bread,  
so let your church be gathered together  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,  
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

## SEASONAL PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

### Advent

God for whom we wait,  
in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day  
when the hungry will be fed with good things.  
Send us forth to make known your deeds  
and to proclaim the greatness of your name,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

### Christmas

Radiant God,  
with our eyes we have seen your salvation,  
and in this meal we have feasted on your grace.  
May your Word take flesh in us,  
so that we may be your holy people,  
revealing your glory made known to us  
in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

### Lent

Compassionate God,  
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage;  
may our fasting be hunger for justice;  
our alms, a making of peace;  
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

## **Easter**

Life-giving God,  
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection  
you send light to conquer darkness,  
water to give new life,  
and the bread of life to nourish your people.  
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,  
so that we may show your glory to all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

## **Ordinary Time**

### **I**

We give you thanks, almighty God,  
that you have refreshed us  
through the healing power of this gift of life.  
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,  
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)*

### **II**

O God,  
we give you thanks  
that you have set before us this feast,  
the body and blood of your Son.  
By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need  
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)*

### III

God of abundance,  
with this bread of life and cup of salvation  
you have united us with Christ,  
making us one with all your people.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

### General

#### I

Gracious God,  
in this meal you have drawn us to your heart,  
and nourished us at your table with food and drink,  
the body and blood of Christ.  
Now send us forth to be your people in the world,  
and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

#### II

O God, our life, our strength, our food,  
we give you thanks for sustaining us  
with the body and blood of your Son.  
By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world,  
so that more and more we will give you praise  
and serve your earth and its many peoples,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

## **An Excursus on Concluding Doxologies**

The Consultation on Common Texts, of which the Anglican Church of Canada is a member, offers the following examples of traditional conclusions to guide liturgical planners who prefer or require one for the collect.<sup>1</sup>

### ***Traditional Long Conclusions***

*When the prayer is addressed to the first person of the Trinity:*

We ask this [*or We pray*] through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever [*or now and for ever*].

*When the prayer is addressed to Christ or mentions Christ at the end:*

You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever [*or now and for ever*].

*or*

. . . who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever [*or now and for ever*].

*When the prayer is addressed to the Holy Spirit or mentions the Holy Spirit at the end:*

You live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, for ever and ever [*or now and for ever*].

*or*

. . . who lives and reigns with the Father and the Son, one God, for ever and ever [*or now and for ever*].

### ***Traditional Short Conclusions***

*When the prayer is addressed to the first person of the Trinity:*

We ask this [*or Grant this or We pray*] through Christ our Lord [*or Saviour*].

*When the prayer is addressed to Christ or mentions Christ at the end:*

We ask this [*or grant this or we pray*] through Christ our Lord [*or Saviour*].

*or*

. . . who is Lord for ever and ever [*or now and for ever*].

*or*

. . . who lives and reigns for ever and ever [*or now and for ever*].

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<sup>1</sup> Consultation on Common Texts, *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 24-25.

*When the prayer is address to the Spirit:*

We ask this [*or Grant this or We pray*] through the same Holy Spirit, for ever and ever [*or now and for ever*].

*or*

. . . who is Lord forever and ever [*or now and for ever*].