

God, you created the world and do not abandon it. Pour out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Stir us up that we work for justice and peace and the integrity of your good creation. This we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life, now and for ever.

Or:

God, you filled (on this day) the hearts of your faithful with the fire of the Holy Spirit. May we, in this Spirit, know what is right and always perceive his comfort and help. This we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life now, always and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God and Father, we bring these gifts before you. Sanctify us by the fire of your Spirit who once came down on the community waiting and set their hearts on fire through Christ, our Lord.

Or:

Creator of all life, accept what we bring before you today. Let the Spirit whom you gave to your Church be felt in the world through all who believe in you. This we ask through Christ, our Lord.

Proper Preface

Prayer after Communion

God, our Father, we thank you that you have united us, at the table of your Son, to a fellowship of love. Keep your Church in your word, renew it in Christ, and unite it in your Spirit through him, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Or:

God, creator of heaven and earth, you have nourished us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Fill our hearts with the joy of the Holy Spirit. Grant that what we have received in this celebration will once be ours as the gift that remains through Christ, our Lord.

Or:

God, creator of life, the inextinguishable fire of your Holy Spirit always reaches when we celebrate the Eucharist. We thank you for this gift and ask: Let us always perceive the reflection of your future through Christ, your Son, our risen brother and Lord.

Collects – Advent and Epiphany

First Sunday of Advent

Preface of Advent I

Collect

Living God, come to save us. Free us from the power of sin and injustice, and help us to walk in the way of justice to meet Christ so that he may find us awake when he comes, he, our Lord and brother, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our Father, whatever we are and have comes from you. Accept our prayers and gifts as signs that we are yours through Christ, our Lord.

Preface of Advent I

Prayer after Communion

Living and life-giving God, you have again fed us at the table of your Son. May we, in the power of this food, go to meet your Son who will lead us to you, Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord.

Second Sunday of Advent

Collect

Stir us up, holy and strong God, that we may serve you with ready hearts. Do not let the daily tasks and cares prevent us from meeting your Son, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Good God, we bring our gifts and pray: come and help us in our helplessness and limits through Christ, our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Father, we thank you for your word and for the meal which we received. Teach us who joined in this celebration to see the world with your eyes and to love what remains more than what passes away through Christ, our Lord.

For Weekdays in Advent I (until 16 December inclusively)

Collect

Eternal God, you announce your coming in the midst of our dark age. Make us watchful that we count on you in everything and trust you through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Collect

God, our Father, it is through your mercy that we have become a new creation in Christ. Do not turn your eyes from us. Heal all the wounds of our guilt by the coming of your Son, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Collect

Gracious God, may your grace precede our efforts and follow our works, that we may obtain help for our lives and with great desire expect the coming of your Son, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Collect

God of light, let your glory shine in our hearts and take the shadows of death of our sins away, that we may be revealed as children of light when your Son comes, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of our lives, we come before you with prayers and gifts. Whatever we have comes from you. We ask you to call us to your table in the coming kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Preface of Advent I***Prayer after Communion**

God, our Father, you have given us new strength by your word and the bread of life. Lead us through this dark age and turn our eyes to the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord.

Third Sunday of Advent**Collect**

God, our Father, light and joy come into the world by your Son. Help us to give this light and this joy to others so that all people may experience your loving-kindness. We ask this of you, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, giver of all good things, we bring these gifts before you as your Son has commanded us. Give to all the world the salvation which you have promised through Christ, our Lord.

*Preface of Advent I or II***Prayer after Communion**

God of mercy, we have experienced in this holy meal how good you are to us. You free us from all guilt. Approaching the coming feast with much joy we thank and praise you through Christ, our Lord.

Fourth Sunday of Advent**Collect**

Stir up your power, our God, and come. Let your mercy help us that we do not fail to meet your Son by our idleness and languor. We ask this through him, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son and our brother, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and works now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our Father in heaven, what we bring is your gift. Accept these gifts and bless them. We praise you through Christ, our Lord.

*Preface of Advent II***Prayer after Communion**

God, source of all joy, we thank you for having given us, in this meal, a share in your life now already. Make us expect the coming of your Son in joy and be the more eager in your service the more the feast of his birth is at hand, of Christ, our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

God, source of life, you raised Jesus from the dead. He breaks the bread with us and always renews his presence among us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that what we speak and do may bear witness to your mighty acts through Christ, our Lord.

Seventh Sunday in Eastertide**Collect**

God, wonderful in your light, by glorifying your Son you opened the limits of our and your world, of heaven and earth, of time and eternity. Make us scale walls with him and live from his spirit. This we ask through him, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God and Father, may our prayers come to you and accept the gifts which we offer in the joy of this Eastertide. Keep us in the joy until everything has been accomplished through Christ, our Lord.

*Proper Preface (between Ascension Day and Pentecost)***Prayer after Communion**

God, source of all life, you created us anew through the resurrection of your Son. In your loving-kindness turn towards us and abide with your compassion always with us until we rise to life incorruptible and may gaze at you as you are. This we ask through Christ, our Lord.

Pentecost (Masses of the Holy Spirit)**Collect**

Great God, you sanctify your Church among all peoples and nations by pouring the Spirit on this day. Fill all the world with the gifts of your Holy Spirit. What your love worked in the beginning of creation, work today in the hearts of all who believe in you and seek you. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our brother and Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Or:

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you call your people from among all peoples and gather it together in the Holy Spirit. Grant that your Church remains faithful to its mission, that it may be leaven for humanity which you want to renew and transform into one family in Christ. This we ask through him who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Or:

Great God, you entice us in the signs of storm and fire. Send your Spirit into our lives and break the narrow confines of our thoughts by the fire of your wisdom. This we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life now, always and for ever.

Or:

Prayer over the Gifts

God, Father of all people, your Son promised to be in our midst when we gather together in his name. May he himself fill our prayer to your glory, who live and give life now and for ever.

Preface of Easter (I or II)

Prayer after Communion

Good God, you have given us new life in the resurrection of your Son. We thank you for this paschal meal and praise you with all the church through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit today and for ever.

Ascension Day**Collect**

Eternal God, in the ascension of your Son you have exalted humanity and revealed its dignity. Give us the firm trust that we too have been called to that glory into which Christ has gone before us, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Good God, accept the gifts and prayers of your congregation. Set us free from all that separates us from you, and let us love you above all else through Christ, our Lord.

Proper Preface

Prayer after Communion

Our Father in heaven, you have given us who still live on earth a share in the heavenly banquet of eternal life. Direct our minds and hearts more and more to Christ who lives and works with you now and for ever.

Weekdays between Ascension Day and Pentecost**Collect**

Good Father, your Son Jesus promised us to be with us all the days to the end of the age. Send us your Spirit that his promise might find its fulfilment in us. We ask you this through him, Jesus Christ, your Son and our brother, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives in our midst now and for ever.

Or:

God, friend of life, you have given us Jesus that he may walk with us and guide us on our way to you. We thank you and ask: Strengthen us with your Holy Spirit, and keep in us the joy of Easter through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son and our brother, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and works now and for ever.

Or:

Great God, your Son has promised us the Holy Spirit. We ask you: Let us grow in this Spirit in recognising your will, in your truth and your love. We ask you this, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our salvation, accept the gifts which we offer, and through your Holy Spirit make us a gift which is yours for ever through Christ, our Lord.

Proper Preface (between Ascension Day and Pentecost)

For Weekdays in Advent II (after 16 December)**Collect**

God, our Father, in these days we prepare ourselves to celebrate the incarnation of your Son in a dignified manner. Let our prayer come to you and bless our efforts that our life be renewed and find new roots in you. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our brother, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives among us now and for ever.

Collect

O Father, you alone are God. In Jesus Christ, your Son you come to us helpless and yet, you are stronger than all powers of this world. We ask you in these days: Strengthen us by your Word and Sacrament until he comes again, your Son Jesus Christ, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Collect

Father in heaven, we pray: In these days prepare our hearts to be a home for your Son that we may receive him with us and praise and magnify you in joy through him who with you and the Holy Spirit lives among us now and for ever.

Christmas -- In the Night**Collect**

God, source of all life, the radiance of your divine light has dawned upon us in this holy night. Grant that we perceive and keep this mystery in faith until we shall see your glory unveiled. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our brother, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives among us now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in joy and thanksgiving we offer our gifts and pray: Let us grow into the likeness of your Son whom you have given us, Christ, our Lord.

Preface of Christmas II

Prayer after Communion

God, close to us, we rejoice over the birth of our Saviour. Grant that we follow him in all the ways of our lives and come to your eternal joy through him, Christ, our Lord.

Christmas Day I**Collect**

All-merciful Father, your Word became flesh and brought us your light. Help us to pass on this light. We ask this of you, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of peace, fill these gifts of the earth with your blessing. Unite us in this holy meal with your Son and grant us your loving-kindness through him, Christ, our Lord.

*Preface of Christmas II***Prayer after Communion**

Merciful God, we give you thanks. As you have given us your Son and united us with him in this meal, so preserve our joy and our gratitude through him, Christ, our Lord.

Christmas Day II**Collect** *BAS* *

God, you wonderfully created us in your image and likeness and yet more wonderfully restored us. May we share the divine life of your Son who humbled himself to share our humanity. This we ask you, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Good God, accept our prayers and offers and this whole world with its weal and woe for which, out of love, you gave your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Preface of Christmas II***Prayer after Communion**

God, our Father in heaven, we thank you that you have made us glad by the birth of your Son and nourished us in this meal. Yours is the glory for ever.

Between Christmas and Epiphany

First Sunday after Christmas (Sunday in the Octave)

Collect

God, our Father, your Son has become like us in every respect and shown us the way of life. Make us share his mind and pass on his mercy and loving-kindness. We ask you this through him, Jesus Christ, our Lord and brother, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Octave Day of Christmas (1 January)

Collect

God and creator, you care for the work of your hands and meet us in Jesus Christ, our brother, who brings your salvation to the poor, release to the captives and joy to those who mourn. Open us, we ask you, to the mystery of his birth, give us faith and bless our lives, so that the world may know what you began among us in Jesus Christ, your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life now and for ever.

Second Sunday after Christmas

Collect

God of light, you illumine all who believe in you. Reveal yourself to us that we may know you and turn our hearts to you. This we ask you through Jesus Christ, our Lord and brother, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, creator of the universe, in this paschal celebration you give us a share in your divine life. Grant that we may recognise the traces of your love in this world and direct our lives on you, through Christ, our Lord.

*Preface of Easter (I or II)***Prayer after Communion**

God, rich for all who call upon you, we thank you that we were guests at the table of your Son whom you saved from death into your incorruptible life. Let us live as people of Easter and always praise your goodness through Christ, our Lord.

Weekdays before Ascension Day II**Collect**

Living God, you did not abandon Jesus in death but proclaimed him living before his disciples. Let us perceive in faith that he is now in our midst, speaks to us and breaks us the bread, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Or:

God of loving-kindness, you are with us in Jesus Christ, your risen Son. We ask you: Set us free from the power of death, and let us in self-sacrificing love witness to the life which you always give us through Jesus Christ, your Son and our brother, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives in our midst now and for ever.

Or:

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by raising your Son you have given hope to the world and rescued your faithful from eternal death. Give us always a joyful heart and a firm faith in him, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and works now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, our gifts are signs of our openness and our trust. Accept them and all the world with its well and woe, through Christ, our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

God and Father, we thank you for Jesus, the bread for the life of the world. Strengthen us through him on our way through this time to the goal of your eternity.

Sixth Sunday in Eastertide**Collect**

God of all life, in great gladness we praise the resurrection of your Son. Let the paschal mystery which we celebrate in these fifty days shape and transform all our lives. We ask you this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our brother, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and works now and for ever.

Holy God, you received our brother Jesus, your beloved Son, into your eternal glory. It is your will that we will also live with him for ever. Guide us to this great goal through the word of your truth and the Spirit whom you have given us through him, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Or:

Good God, you entrusted your creation to us and will set it free from its bondage to decay, like us. Make us live in your creation and preserve it as those you have redeemed. We ask this through him, our Lord Jesus Christ, your risen Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and works now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, creating and completing this world, in bread and wine we bring your creation before you and ask: Heal its wounds through Christ, our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

God, our salvation, through this paschal food Christ lives in us and we live in him. Let us abide in him and witness to him in word and deed, to Christ, our Lord.

Fourth Sunday in Eastertide

Collect

God, the light of your wisdom illumines those who err that they may find back to you. Help us so to live that we are not only called Christians but in truth are. We ask you this through him, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord and brother, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Good God, accept the gifts which your church offers you in the joy of Easter. As you have given it reason for such rejoicing, keep the joy until all has been fulfilled through Christ, our Lord.

Preface of Easter (I or II)

Prayer after Communion

God, giver of all good things, we thank you for the bread of life and the wine of gladness which we received from your hand. Guided by you, let us always be grateful in word and deed through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Fifth Sunday in Eastertide

Collect

God, our Father, you have redeemed us through your Son and accepted us as your beloved children. Look on all who believe in Christ. Clinging to you make them find the true liberty through him, our Lord Jesus Christ, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

The Prayers over the Gifts and after Communion are the following or taken from those of Christmas.

On the Octave Day, the prayers for New Year's Day may also be taken.

Collect (on Weekdays)

God, source of all life, you made your Son take our flesh that he may set the world free from the powers of evil. Give us a share, we ask you, in the freedom of your children through Jesus Christ, your Son and our brother, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives among us now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Our God, you sanctify the world by the incarnation of your Son. Accept our gifts and make us perceive what you have prepared for those who love you, through Christ, our Lord.

Preface of Christmas I

Prayer after Communion

God and Father, rejoicing over the birth of our Saviour we have celebrated his meal. For his sake give us the power to offer you our whole life through him, Christ, our Lord.

The Epiphany

Collect

God, hidden and yet present, today you have made the glory of your Son appear in our lowliness and have made him known as the saviour of the world. As you brought the wise men to him from afar, so bring us ever closer to him our Lord and brother Jesus Christ. To him,

with you and the Holy Spirit, all worship, praise and glory now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Father of all light, like the wise men we bring our worship and our gifts to you. Accept us, with all we are and have, by him who appeared today, Christ, our Lord.

Proper Preface

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, great God, for the gifts of your love. Illumine, we pray, all the ways of our lives with your light which has shone on us in Christ, our Lord.

Weekdays after The Epiphany

Collect

God, shepherd of your people, you call and gather a people serving you from all the nations of the earth. Establish your gentle rule over all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death that they may know and praise you through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our Father, you show yourself to all who seek you. Give us an experience of the life of your Son in the fellowship and communion of this bread and this cup until you gather us into your kingdom through him, Christ, our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

God of never-ending love, we thank you for the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Strengthen us by this meal on our way to you through Christ, our Lord.

**Sunday of the Baptism of Jesus
(First Sunday after The Epiphany)**
Collect

God of loving-kindness, at his baptism in the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your beloved Son. Grant to us, who have been born again by the water and the Holy Spirit, to live as your sons and daughters through him, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and works now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, accept our gifts and grant us your Holy Spirit who came down on Jesus at his baptism. We ask this through him, Christ, our Lord.

Proper Preface

Prayer after Communion

Good God, you have given us your word, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Help us to listen to your Son that we may not only be called your children but are in truth through him, Christ, our Lord. we thank you for the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Strengthen us by this meal on our way to you through Christ, our Lord.

**Weekdays after the Sunday of
the Baptism of Jesus**
Collect

Eternal God, your only Son, born of you before all times, has visibly appeared in our flesh. As he has become like us, so create our inmost being anew after his image. We ask this of you, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our creator, this bread and this wine are tokens of our love to you. Accept them through Christ, our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Merciful God, your Son has commanded us this celebration as a memorial to him. Preserve in us the longing for this meal and make us live from it, until you bring the world and times to fulfilment through Christ, our Lord.

**Sunday of the Wedding at Cana
(Second Sunday after The Epiphany)**
Collect

God, friend of life and joy, you revealed your glory and majesty to us in Jesus. Make us look at him, hear his word and follow him in faith. This we ask through him, Jesus Christ, our Lord and brother, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Living God, accept what we offer today. In our community and in the poor and tormented, let us experience the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Preface of Easter (I or II)

Prayer after Communion

God of truth, you gave your Son in our hands in the signs of bread and wine. May your Spirit take us that we may be strengthened in faith and grow in love to you and to each other, through him, Christ, your risen Son, our brother and Lord.

**Third Sunday in Eastertide --
Sunday of the Good Shepherd**
Collect

God, Shepherd of your people, you did not abandon Jesus, your Son, in death but raised him to life incorruptible. He calls us all by our names and into your liberty. Make us listen to his voice and follow him on the ways of our lives. We praise you through him in the Holy Spirit now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of tender love, you spread the table of life before us and fill us the cup of salvation. Grant us comfort in the fellowship of our saviour and good shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Proper Preface

Prayer after Communion

Lord and Saviour, good shepherd, you lead us to the waters of life. Let us reach your eternal kingdom in the power of this food, where there will be one shepherd and one flock. To you be praise and glory now and for ever.

**Weekdays before Ascension Day
I**
Collect

God, origin and goal of every human being, you raised Jesus from the dead and made him Lord over heaven and earth. His kingdom is present where your word is proclaimed and his bread is broken. Let our hearts be aware of his presence and live in it until he comes in glory, Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and gives life with you now and for ever.

Or:

God, friend of life and of humans, you raised your Son Jesus from the shadow of death and also called us into a communion which death cannot destroy. Let us live from the confidence that you will fulfil in us what you have begun in Jesus, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Or:

Prayer after Communion

God, friend of life, you saved Jesus from the death and called him to your glory. He is present among us as often as we celebrate this meal in remembrance of him. For this we thank you through him, Christ, our Lord.

During Easter Week 3**Collect**

God, creator of all things, each year you raise nature to new life. We have become a new creation through the death and resurrection of your Son. Let us also live as renewed people through Jesus Christ, your Son and our brother, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives among us now and for ever.

Or:

God, we did not see your Son Jesus Christ with our own eyes, and our hands did not touch his body, and yet we dare to believe in him. Make us certain of his presence. Let us believe, though we do not see. To you be glory for ever.

Or:

God, author of all life, we believe and proclaim that our Lord Jesus Christ died and rose for us. Raise us also to new life through the power of the Holy Spirit. We ask this of you, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God and Father, like the communities of the Apostles we want to contribute to joint works of love in different ways. What we offer to you today let be a sign of our love through Christ, our Lord.

Preface of Easter (I or II)

Prayer after Communion

God of life, you destined us yourself to be branches at the vine of Jesus Christ. You give us life when we abide in him. We thank and ask you: Let us bear fruits through him, Christ, our Lord.

Or:

God of faithfulness, you never abandon humanity. In this paschal meal we have remembered the passion of your Son and celebrated his resurrection. You called him from death to life as the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Be with your eternal love with our lives, until we have been completed in you through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Second Sunday in Eastertide**Collect**

Everliving God, you have strengthened the apostle Thomas in the faith in the resurrection of your Son. Carry us when we doubt, and lead us on the way of Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of life, the gifts which we have prepared are tokens of our dedication to you. As bread and wine are sanctified in the power of the Spirit, so sanctify us also according to the image of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Proper Preface

Prayer after Communion

Good God, we thank you for your life-giving Word and for the fellowship with your Son. Make us one of heart and soul by your Spirit, and lead us, in the strength of this food, to the marriage banquet of eternal life through Christ, our Lord.

Weekdays after the Sunday of the Wedding at Cana**Collect**

God, creator of world and human beings, your goodness and loving-kindness have appeared on earth in your only Son. Open our eyes, we ask you, for his signs and strengthen our faith in the power of your love through him, Jesus Christ, your Son and our brother, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives among us now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God and Father, the bread and the wine on this altar are tokens of our dedication. Be in our midst when we celebrate the meal of your Son until he comes again, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

God, giver of all good gifts, in the bread which we broke, and in the cup which we shared, you have given us a sign of your coming kingdom. May the gift which we have received bear fruit in our lives through Christ, our Lord.

Collects - Lent and Eastertide

Lent

Ash Wednesday

Collect

Faithful God, we begin this period of remembrance and of preparation for Easter, putting our trust in you. We ask you: Be with us and lead us in these forty days, that we turn to you, listen to your word and serve you in our fellow humans through your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and brother, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives in our midst, now and for ever.

or:

God of mercy and forgiveness, do not leave us in these days of penitence. Assist us with you healing Spirit, that with ready hearts we may walk on the way which your Son has shown us, Jesus Christ, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, look upon these gifts, signs of our readiness to turn around. Give us love toward each other without which we cannot exist before you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Preface of Lent I

Prayer after Communion

God, our salvation, give us an ever deeper experience of what this meal means for our lives, and let the forty days until Easter become for us an acceptable time through Christ, our Lord.

First Sunday of Lent

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, you prayed and fasted forty days in the wilderness and resisted temptation. We ask you: Be with us when we are weak, and send us your Spirit that we may know and overcome what separates us from you, who with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit are with us all the days and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

We thank you, our God, for all that you have entrusted to us. Bless these gifts and grant us to serve our sisters and brothers in the power of your love through Christ, our Lord.

Preface of Lent I

Prayer after Communion

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in Jesus you have given us the bread that gives life to the world. We thank you for it and ask: Repel self-indulgence and lack of love from our midst and lead us by your love to eternal salvation in him, Christ, our Lord.

Easter Monday

Collect

Living God, in the celebration of the resurrection of your Son you give us new life and unending joy. Be always close to us in your Son that we may walk free on the way to your glory and praise and bless you in the Holy Spirit now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, accept the gifts and prayers of your congregations. Let us find joy and true life in you through Christ, our risen Lord.

Preface of Easter (I or II)

Prayer after Communion

God, giver of all life, in the breaking of the bread we have known Christ, the Risen One. Nourish us always with this food, and enable us to proclaim your goodness and love to the world. We ask this through him, Christ, our Lord.

During Easter Week 1 (Holy Baptism)

Collect

Living God, by water and the Holy Spirit you have born us anew to paschal life. Keep this life in us through your risen Son, Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and works now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Good Father, we bring bread and wine for the Easter meal with Jesus. Keep us in the joy of your baptized through him, Christ, our Lord.

Preface of Easter (I or II)

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, in our baptism and in the celebration of the Easter meal you have given us a pledge of our future glory. Keep us in the communion with you until you bring us to completion in your eternity.

During Easter Week 2 (The Children of God)

Collect

Living God, through the resurrection of your Son you have given your salvation to the world. Make us heirs of your incorruptible life through him, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and works now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our salvation, accept the gifts which we offer in the joy of Easter. Let them be signs of our thankfulness and devotion to you through Christ, our Lord.

Preface of Easter (I or II)

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave your life for the life of the world. Make us partakers of your mystery that only whose life is given will find life. To you be blessing, praise and glory now and for ever.

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have strengthened us with your word and sacrament. Let your power be strong in us that we may serve you and each other in joy and patience, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and work now and for ever.

God of life, we bring you our gifts in the joy of this paschal vigil. Grant that this joy becomes visible in our lives as well through him, our risen Lord.

Preface of Easter I

Eucharistic Prayer XIX

Prayer after Communion

God, shepherd of your people, we thank you that you have fed us in this holy meal with the true paschal lamb, Jesus Christ. Let us, in the power of this food, live as risen ones in him, Christ, our Lord.

Dismissal

The solemn blessing may be used. The Easter dismissal, with "Alleluia" added, is suitable also after the regular blessing.

The Fifty Days of Easter**Easter Sunday - The Day****Collect**

God of life, your Son has overcome the death and opened the door to eternal life. Rejoicing in the feast of his resurrection we ask you: Renew us by your Spirit that we too may rise to new life through him, Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our Father, accept the gifts and prayers which, in the joy of Easter, we bring to the altar as signs that we are yours. Give us your blessing and strength through the death and the resurrection of your Son, Christ, our Lord.

Preface of Easter I

Prayer after Communion

God, giver of all good gifts, we thank you for food and drink at the table of your Son. Fill us with the spirit of love and unite us in the faith, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection and proclaim your praise in all the world through Christ, our Lord.

On Weekdays**Collect**

Gracious God, for the sake of your Son you forgive the sinners their sins and grant the just their reward. We acknowledge our failure; have pity on us in our weakness and forgive us what we have done wrong. We ask this through him, Jesus Christ, your Son and our brother, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives in our midst now and for ever.

Or:

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, you resisted temptation. Forgive us when we are weak, and send us your Spirit that we may know and overcome what separates us from you, who with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit are with us all the days and for ever.

Prayer after Communion

Good Father and eternal God, you have gathered us at the table of your Son and strengthened us with your gifts. Grant us as everlasting salvation what we have celebrated under this hidden sign, the fellowship in your Spirit with Christ, who is praised now and for ever.

Second Sunday of Lent**Collect**

God, our Father, on the mountain you testified to Jesus as your beloved Son and ordered us to listen to him. Nourish us with his word and purify the eyes of

our hearts that we may be able to recognise his glory. We praise you through him in the Holy Spirit now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord, creator of the world. Yours is all that we are and have. Accept these signs of our thanks to your honour through Christ, our Lord.

Preface of the Transfiguration

Prayer after Communion

God of light and life, you have given us a share in the glory of your Son. We thank you that we may experience now already what you have prepared for us in the life eternal through Christ, our Lord.

On Weekdays**Collect**

Holy God, you rejoice over all who turn around to you. Turn our hearts to you and give us new eagerness in the Holy Spirit, that we may remain steadfast in the faith and be ready to do the good through Jesus Christ, your Son and our brother, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives in our midst now and for ever.

Or:

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave your life to death. But we want to stick to our lives and keep them. We ask you: Take us with you on your way that we may find the true life with you. To you be glory for ever.

Prayer after Communion

God, our Father, you have strengthened us at the table of your Son with the word and the bread of life. You have given us a share in his life and in his glory. We thank you and ask: Be with us with your Spirit, and strengthen our hope in the eternal fulfilment with you through Christ, our Lord.

Third Sunday of Lent

Collect

God, full of compassion and mercy, you know our human poverty. Look on our need and grant us forgiveness. Keep your hand over us and prevent us from all dangers that might threaten us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son and our brother, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and works now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

We ask you, O God, to look on our gifts, signs of our devotion. Accept them and give us strength to care for each other in love through Christ, our Lord.

Preface of Lent II

Prayer after Communion

God, Father of the poor and needy, you have strengthened us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. You want to be with us on all our ways through this time. We thank and praise you through Christ, our Lord.

On Weekdays

Collect

Holy God, we cannot prove ourselves before you with what we do. Help us to overcome with your grace whatever presses us down. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and gives life now and for ever.

Or:

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave your life for the life of the world. Make us partakers of your mystery that only whose life is given will find life. To you be blessing, praise and glory now and for ever.

Prayer after Communion

God, our Father, as you have given us your word and the bread of life, we thank you for your goodness and pray: be with us throughout these forty days of preparation and help us to live from the gospel through Christ, our Lord.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Collect

All-merciful Father, in your Son you wonderfully reconciled humanity with you. Give us the courage of faith that with a glad heart we may meet you through him, our Lord Jesus Christ, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, friend of life, we offer you our gifts in joyful expectation of Easter. Grant that this joy may become visible also in our lives through Christ, our Lord.

Preface of Lent II

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, God, our salvation, for this food and for your word, the true light enlightening every human being. Heal the blindness of our hearts that we may know what is right before you, and sincerely love you through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

On Weekdays

Collect

Father in heaven, you sent your Son into the world that he might overcome the power of evil. Strengthen us that we may not be overcome by the temptations. We ask this through him, our Lord Jesus Christ, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you now and for ever.

Or:

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, you gather your church on earth and have the word of reconciliation proclaimed in it. Send us your Spirit that we may receive the good news in our hearts and live together as children of our Father in heaven. To you be glory for ever.

Prayer after Communion

Good God, your word which we heard and the meal which we celebrated render your mighty acts alive in our midst. We thank you and we ask you to complete what you have begun in us through Christ, our brother and Lord.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Collect

Our Father in heaven, for love to the world your Son has handed himself over to death. Make us abide in his love and live from it. We ask this through him, our Lord Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and works now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

God, giver of all good gifts, we offer you bread and wine, the signs of your goodness with which you feed us. We thank and praise you through Christ, our Lord.

Preface of the Passion I

Prayer after Communion

Great God, in the celebration of the eucharist you give us communion with you and with each other. Make us living members of the body of your Son who has become one with us in this meal, Christ, our Lord.

On Weekdays

Collect

Wonderful and merciful God, in the passion and death of your Son you have shown your love to the world. Open our eyes for the mystery of our salvation through him, Jesus Christ, your Son and our brother, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives in our midst now and for ever.