

CHURCH OF CEYLON

APPENDIX 3

TO THE HOLY EUCHARIST, 2013

- SEASONAL MATERIAL

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SEASONAL MATERIAL

Introduction and Guide

This Appendix has been designed as a resource both for those who wish to design their own special services or for those who wish to directly use it for variations in authorized Divine Services. The Church of Ceylon Lectionary / Sunday Lectionary provides sentences for everyday of the year and much in this Appendix is taken from it and the recent Church of England Common Worship series ‘Times and Seasons.’ It is with **variation and innovation** in worship that the congregations can be drawn into the worship of God in holiness and for all to stand in awe of God.

Every year the Church recalls and re-presents the mysteries of human redemption in Christ, from the preparation for the Lord’s coming, God being with us, through that life, suffering, death, resurrection and ascension to glory of Christ and the Day of Pentecost. In these seasons from Advent to Pentecost, the lectionary readings are seasonal and called **Festival Sundays** and **should not be changed** except for very good reason, and the provisions of this appendix fits into it. The Church’s seasons are part of its collective memory through the centuries but it must be made relevant to this day and the congregations be made aware of it as a living memory. Thus the seasonal material given here is encouraged to be changed to suit the local area and current events but always related to the salvic event of the season.

The following abbreviations are used in this Appendix:

- i - Introductory sentence **by the President**, to set the theme for the service
- r - Introduction to confession – A call to confession

g – The Hallelu Yah Acclamation, said or sung prior to the Gospel announcement, except in Lent and Pre-Lent. (*Hallelu Yah are the Hebrew words for Praise Yahweh/God*).

p – An introduction to the peace

o – The offertory sentence said after the greeting of peace

Proper preface – the short preface that is special for the day or season said before the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy Lord)

Extended preface – the entire seasonal preface after the introductory dialogue at the Great Thanksgiving and before the ‘Holy, Holy, Holy Lord’

c – sentence said before the After Communion prayer

d – an introduction to the blessing or the dismissal

The numbering is the number of the Sunday before or after a main festival e.g. Advent Sunday or the fourth Sunday before Christmas is numbered 4, then the next Sunday 3, the next Sunday 2, the Sunday after Christmas is numbered 1, then the next Sunday 2, the next (which would be after the Epiphany) 3, the next 4. The Sundays before Easter starts with the seventh Sunday before Easter (called Transfiguration Sunday or the Sunday next before Lent) and numbered 7, then the next (after Ash Wednesday) is 6, the next 5 and so on. Easter Day is numbered 1, the next Sunday 2, the next 3 and so on upto Pentecost numbered 7 (the Day of Pentecost is the last day of the Easter season).

In Ordinary Time after Pentecost the Lectionary Readings may be changed to celebrate a feast of Idea such as Dedication, Harvest, Environment, Migrants, Disabled, etc. Hence only a few material are given but sentences as given in the Lectionary could be used.

ADVENT

1. i. Now is the time to wake out of sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. *Rom. 13:11-12*

Or

- i. We wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. *2 Pet. 3:13*
- r. *Invitation to confession:* At the coming of the Lord, things now hidden in darkness will be brought to light and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins. *cf. 1 Cor. 4:5*

During Advent, instead of the Hallelu Yah acclamation, a lamp (or Advent Wreath candle) is lit at the reading of the Gospel acclamation sentence.

- g. Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from among your own people, you shall heed such a Prophet. *Deut. 18:15(Light a blue lamp/candle).*
- p. May the God of peace sanctify you entirely, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ *1 Thess. 5:23*
- o. Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your parent in heaven. *Matt. 5:16*

Proper Preface: And now we give you thanks because in the coming of your child the Lord Jesus Christ as a human being, the day of our deliverance has dawned and through Christ you will make all things new when coming in triumph to judge the world.

Extended Preface: It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise loving Father, who came to dwell among humanity as your Child Jesus Christ for our salvation, and whom we await to come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.

Christ is the one foretold by the patriarchs and prophets with hope and whose way prepared by John the Baptizer with faith, and whom the Virgin Mary bore in her womb with love.

In Christ's love we prepare to celebrate that wondrous birth so that at Christ's coming again we may be found watching and waiting; blameless in spirit, soul and body, our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels.....

c. In accordance with Christ's promise we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. *2 Pet 3:13*

d. Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from your path, and make you ready to meet Christ with confidence when coming in glory; and the blessing

2. i. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. *Eph. 6:17*

r. *As on Advent 1*

g. Prophet Isaiah said: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. *Isa. 9:2 (Light a blue candle).*

p. A voice cries out in the wilderness to prepare the way of the Lord to make it straight – the way of peace *cf Isa. 40:13, John 1:23*

Offertory proper preface and dismissal as on Advent 1

3. i. There are three things that last: faith, hope and love. *1 Cor. 3:13*

OR

i. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. *Philip 4: 4-5*

r. John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near” *Matt.3:1-2* Let us repent

g. John was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. *John 1:8-9*
(*Light a rose/pink candle/lamp*)

p. The dawn from on high will break upon us to give light and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Lk 1.78-79*

Offertory, proper preface and dismissal as on Advent 1

c. John the Baptist said: the bridegroom’s friend rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. *John 3:29*

4. i. The virgin shall conceive and bear a son and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us” *Matt. 1:23*

r. May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, and may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. *1 Thess. 3: 12-13* Let us turn to Christ.

g. Simeon said to the amazement of Mary and Joseph: A light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel. *Lk. 2:32 (Light a blue candle /lamp).*

Introductory to the peace, offertory, preface and dismissal as on Advent 1

c. Our Lord says, ‘Surely I come quickly’

Even so, come Lord Jesus. *Rev. 22:20*

CHRISTMAS

At a hallowing of the crib:

Leader - + Homage to the One God, the Ultimate Reality – That You Are;

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All - + Homage to the One God, the Ultimate Reality – That You Are: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Leader – The wolf and the lamb, the leopard and the kid, the calf and the lion, shall live together (*cf. Isa. 11:6*)

All – And a little child shall lead them

Leader – The people who walked in darkness

All – Have seen a great light (*Isa. 9:2*)

Leader – The Word became flesh and lived among us

All – And we have seen that glory (*John 1:14*)

Leader – Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.
Lk. 2:19.

A prayer for strengthening faith and hallowing of the crib followed by confession and absolution. Hallowing of the crib may be done in mid procession half way through the entrance hymn, instead of the preparatory introductory sentence.

Midnight (Christmas)

i. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. Hallelu Yah ! *Isa. 9:2*

r. *Invitation to confession:* The sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings (*Mal. 4:2*). Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins with penitence and faith.

(bells with Gloria sharp at midnight)

g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. Hallelu Yah! *Lk. 2:11 (Light a white/gold candle/lamp).*

p. This holy night the angels sang ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace. *Lk. 2.14*

o. The magi knelt down and paid the child homage; they offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. *Cf Matt. 2.11 b,d*

c. When night was now half gone, your all-powerful word leaped from heaven, from the royal throne. *Wis. 14b, 15a*

Or

- c. The bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. *John 6:33*
- d. Christ, who by coming into the world gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah!

Intercession

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Father, in this holy night your Son our Saviour was born in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

Lord In your mercy
hear our prayer.

In this holy night Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today.

Lord In your mercy
hear our prayer.

In this holy night there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty.

Lord In your mercy
hear our prayer.

In this holy night Mary, in the pain of labour, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand [...and] all who are in pain or distress.

Lord In your mercy
hear our prayer.

In this holy night your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness.
Bring comfort to [...and] all who suffer in the sadness of our world.

Lord In your mercy
hear our prayer.

In this holy night shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give
us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption.

Lord In your mercy
hear our prayer.

In this holy night the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.'
Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in [...and in] all the
world, and specially to the leaders and law enforcement officers in our
land.

Lord In your mercy
hear our prayer.

In this holy night strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby
lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love.

Lord In your mercy
hear our prayer.

In this holy night heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to
heaven. Hold in your hand [...and] all those who have passed through
death in the hope of your coming kingdom.

Lord In your mercy
hear our prayer.

In this holy night angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints.

Lord In your mercy
hear our prayer.

God of loving kindness, God of loving kindness

Accepts these our prayers today

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(May be sung to the tune of 'Devi Piyaneni!! bara ganna apage yadum, Devi Piyaneni')

Amen.

Proper Preface of Christmastide (Dec. 25 – Feb. 02)

And now we give you thanks because by the power of the Holy Spirit, your child the Lord Jesus Christ took our nature and was born of the Virgin Mary, that being without sin, Christ might make us clean from all sin.

Extended Preface of Christmastide

All glory and honor be yours always and everywhere, gracious Creator, ever living God. We give you thanks for your Child, our Saviour Jesus Christ, a name above all names, who for love of our sinful race humbly emptied self and was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of the All Holy Spirit and lived as one of us. In the mystery of the Ultimate Reality, the Word made flesh, the light and love of your Only Begotten has been revealed to us in the new creation of waters by the Holy Spirit, giving us newness of life to work for your kingdom of justice, unity and peace. In you we live, move and have our being. Therefore with all angels and the company of heaven we sing to proclaim the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Day (Christmas)

- i. I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people; to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord, Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! *Lk. 2:10-11*

Invitation to confession as at midnight

- g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! God's love was revealed among us in this way; God sent into this world God's only Son, so that we might live through Christ. Hallelu Yah! *1 John 4:9 (All lamps of the Advent Wreath are lit throughout Christmastide).*
- p. A child has been born for us, a son given to us and he is named the Prince of Peace. *Isa. 9:6*
- o. The magi knelt down and paid the child homage; they offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. *Matt. 2:11*
- c. When the fullness of time had come, God sent God's son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law. *Gal. 4:4*

or

- c. the Word became flesh and lived among us and we have seen the glory of the Only – Begotten of a Parent full of grace and truth. *John 1:14*
- d. May the Gracious God, bless us with grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life, and to the fellowship of citizens above may the Sovereign of angels bring us all. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah!

Christmastide (Till 6th January)

1 i. They went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger Hallelu Yah! *Lk. 2:16*

r. Invitation to confession as on Christmas night

g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! God's love was revealed in this way; God sent into this world God's only begotten, so that we might live through Christ. Hallelu Yah! *1 John 4:9*

Introduction to the peace, offertory and proper preface as on Christmas Day

c. Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart; and Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in divine and human favour. *Lk. 2:51b-52*

d. May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the magi, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmastide. Hallelu Yah! ...

New Year

i. There is salvation in no one else but Jesus, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved Hallelu Yah! *Acts 4:12*

r. As we come to the Lord in this New Year, let us seek God's grace that we may apply ourselves to wisdom, loving kindness and goodness as we confess our wrong-doing in penitence and faith.

g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! At the name of Jesus every knee should bend and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God. *Philip 2:10-11*. Hallelu yah!

Offertory and preface as on Christmas.

p. My steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you. *Isa. 54:10b*

c. You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant. *Heb. 12:22,24a*

or

d. As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in Christ and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. *Col. 2:6* Hallelu Yah!

Or

To a troubled world, peace from Christ,

to a searching world, love from Christ,

to a waiting world, hope from Christ. Hallelu yah!

Epiphany (OR The Sunday before January 6)

i. Arise, shine: for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you; (and you shall know that I the Lord, am your Saviour and your Redeemer, the mighty one of Jacob) *Isa. 60:1:16b* Hallelu Yah!

r. The grace of God has appered bringing salvation to all through our Saviour Jesus Christ who sacrificed self for us to purify a people as Christ's own. *Cf Titus 2:11-14*. Let us confess our sins.

g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! Christ was revealed in flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world. Hallelu Yah! *Cf 1 Tim 3:16*

At the introduction to of the Gospel, the figures of the Magi may be placed in the crib, and the Gospel read.

p. Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold everything has become new. *2 Cor. 5:17*

o. May all kings fall down before the Lord, all nations give God service. *Ps 72:11*

Proper Preface:

And now we give you thanks because you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have shown your only – Begotten Jesus Christ to be the light to the nations.

c. we have all received grace upon grace. *1 John 1:16*

d. People will come from the East and the West, from the North and South, and sit down at the feast in the Kingdom of God. *Lk. 13:29*
Hallelu Yah!

Or

Christ our Lord, to whom kings bowed down in worship, on whom the Holy Spirit came to reveal as God's child in the river Jordon, and who made a new creation at the wedding in Cana, pour upon you the riches of God's grace Hallelu Yah!

3. i. This is my Son, the beloved with whom I am well pleased. *Matt. 3:17*

r. *As on the Epiphany.*

g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! This is my Son, the beloved obey that One.
Hallelu Yah! *Mk. 9:7b*

p. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual improvement. *Rom. 14: 17, 19*

*Offertory, Proper Preface and Dismissal as on the Epiphany.
Extended Preface as for Christmastide.*

c. To all who did accept Christ, Christ gave power to become children of God. *John 1:12*

4. i. Jesus of Nazareth is a person attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders and signs. *Acts 2:22b*

g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! Jesus revealed that glory and the disciples believed in Jesus. Hallelu Yah! *John 2:19*

p. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. *Ps. 85: 12, 10b*

o. The one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind. For God loves a cheerful giver. *2 Cor. 9:6-7*

Proper Preface and dismissal as on the Epiphany

c. The Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all your undertakings, and you shall surely celebrate. *Deut. 16:15b*

Unity Sunday

- i. Jesus said: May they all be one. As you Parent God, are in me and I am I you, may they also be one in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. *John 17:21*
- g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! You shall love your neighbour as yourself. If you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another Hallelu Yah! *Gal. 5: 14-15*
- p. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. *Col. 3:15*
- o. The disciples decided that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea. *Acts 11:29*

Proper Preface:

And now we give you thanks because of the unity that you have given us in your only Begotten and that you are the God and Parent of us all and through all and in all.

- c. There is one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. *Eph. 4: 4-6*
- d. The Lord Jesus Christ, the child of the living God, teach you to walk in Christ's way more trustfully, to accept Christ's truth more faithfully, and to share Christ's life more lovingly; that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may come as one family to the Kingdom of the Parent God....
- 5A i. Jesus said, go into all the world and proclaim the good news to all creation. *Mark 16:15*
- r. *Introduction to confession as on the Epiphany.*

- g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! The love of Christ urges us on because we are convinced that One has died for all Hallelu Yah!. *2 Cor. 5:14*
- p. Jesus said, Peace be with you. As the Parent has sent me, so I send you. *John 20.21*
- o. According to their ability each would send relief to the believers living in Judea. *Acts 11.29*

Proper Preface and dismissal as on Epiphany.

Presentation OR 6th Sunday of Christmas (Jan 28 – Feb 05)

- 6 i. A light for revelation to the gentiles, said Simeon and both Simeon and Anna praised God at meeting the baby Jesus Hallelu Yah! *Luke 2:32, 28, 38*
- r. *Invitation to Confession:* Jesus said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness but shall have the light of life. *John 8:12* Let us therefore bring our sins into the light of Christ and confess them in penitence and faith.
- g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! Christ was the true light that enlightens everyone coming into the world. Hallelu Yah! *John 1:9* alternate.
- p. By the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high has broken upon us to give light to those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Lk 1:79*
- o. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Parent in heaven. *Matt. 5:16*

Proper Preface

And now we give you thanks because at the meeting of Simeon and Anna with the Christ Child at the Temple, Christ comes near to us in judgement; the Word made flesh searches the hearts of all your people and brings to light the brightness of your splendour.

- c. A light to enlighten the nations. *Lk 23:32a*. Open to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord *Ps. 118.17*
Hallelu Yah!

Having changed to purple robes (Pre-Easter), the clergy and helpers with the congregation bearing lamps go in procession to the font where each lamp is extinguished in the water. The Nunc Dimittis may be sung and thanksgiving responsory for Christmas may be said.

- d. Here we bless one another in the name of the Creator and of the Redeemer and of the Sanctifier. Help us who now go in peace, to shine with your light in the world. Let us serve the Lord. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah!

All: In the name of Christ, Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah!
(Farewell to Hallelu Yah!)

Responsary at the Front

President: Lord God, here we bring to an end our celebration of Saviour's birth. Help us who are born again in the living Lord, to live the life of Christ which has no end and that all in our land will enjoy true freedom.

Blessed be God

All: **Blessed be God's reign forever.**

President: Here we have offered our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Help us who have received the bread of life to be living examples of your love in this our land which celebrates its political freedom at this time.

Blessed be God.

All: Blessed be God's reign forever.

President: Here we rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna. Help us who have found the Lord in the temple to bring hope to the hopeless in our land and be witnesses of the resurrection.

Blessed be God.

All: Blessed be God's reign forever.

President: Here we have greeted the Light of the World. Help us who have now extinguished these lamps never to forsake the light of Christ, but to enlighten the lives of all people who wait for the light to shine in their lives.

Blessed be God.

All: Blessed be God's reign forever.

President: Here we now stand at the place of baptism. Help us who are marked with the cross of Christ to share the Lord's death and resurrection.

Blessed be God.

All: Blessed be God's reign forever.

President: Here we turn from Christ's birth to the passion. Help us to whom Lent is near to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.

Blessed be God.

All: Blessed be God's reign forever.

President: May the blessing of the God of peace and justice be with us; may the blessing of the Son who weeps the tears of the world's suffering be with us; and may the blessing of the Spirit who inspires us to reconciliation and hope be with us;

from now into eternity. Blessed be God. Hallelu Yah!
Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah!

All: Thanks be to God. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah!

All depart after this Farewell to Hallelu Yah.

(This bitter–sweet flavor of the striking change of the After Communion Liturgy indicates the point of transition from Christmas to Easter)

National Day:

i. Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. *John 15:12-13*

g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! You will know the truth and the truth will make you free. Hallelu Yah! *John 8.32*

p. Put things in order, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. *2 Cor. 13:11*

o. They would distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. *Acts 2:45*

Proper Preface: And now we give you thanks because you sent us your child the Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of peace, to preach peace, justice and reconciliation to the people of the world. Your angels heralded that birth with a song of hope for good will among all people; so may justice, mercy, tolerance and peace prevail in our land.

c. Now the Lord is Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom. Thanks be to God for this inexpressible gift. *2 Cor. 3:17, 9:15*

d. May it be the will of the Lord our God, the ultimate reality that as we have been granted to see the dawn of redemption, so may we be given the grace of the Spirit to serve God and all human beings in the

cause of peace and for the relief of want and suffering that all beings may be well and happy.....

Sundays before Easter (i.e. after Feb. 05)

If before Transfiguration Sunday, the proper for National Day may be used on the Sunday after 2nd February.

Any Sunday

i. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. *Ps. 118:24*

r. *Invitation to Confession:* Make in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. *Ps. 51:11*

Traditionally the Hallelu Yah! Acclamation is not said in the Sundays before Easter after February 05

p. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. *John 14:27*

o. Our Paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us celebrate the festival. *1 Cor. 5:7-8*

Proper Preface: And now we give you thanks because on the first day of the week your only-begotten the Lord Jesus Christ overcame death and the grave and opened to us the way of everlasting life.

c. Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Cor. 15:57*

d. The God of all grace who from the death of sin raised you to a new life in Christ, keep you from falling, and establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith....

In some years when the 10th to 8th Sunday before Easter occur after the week following 4 February (such as 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024) please use the proper sentences given in the Sunday lectionary or the above Propers for any Sunday.

Transfiguration Sunday:

TR. i. God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *2 Cor. 4:6*

For invitation to confession see Presentation Sunday (January)

p. Jesus said: Peace be still. *Mk. 4:39*

o. Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Parent God in heaven. *Matt. 5:16*

Proper Preface: And now we give you thanks because the divine glory of the incarnate word shone forth upon the holy mountain; and your own voice from heaven proclaimed your beloved Only-Begotten

c. Jesus said: whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. *John 8:12*

d. Christ the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you, scatter the darkness from your path, and keep you from falling and set you in the presence of that glory.....

ASH WEDNESDAY

i. The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart you will not despise. *Ps. 51:17*

or

Jesus was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan. Then Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God saying “The kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news. *Mk. 1:13-15*

During Lent the Gloria and Hallelu Yah acclamation are traditionally not used. After the sermon The Liturgy of Penitence with or without the hallowing of ash may be done, before the peace – see later.

- p. The Kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. *Rom. 14:17*
- o. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. *Rom. 12:13*

For Extended Preface in the Lent see after the Liturgy of Penitence.

Proper Preface:

And now we give you thanks because you give us the spirit of discipline, that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace, as we prepare to celebrate the pastoral mystery with mind and heart renewed.

- c. Says the Lord, return to me with all your heart with fasting. *Joel 2:12*
- Or

After they had appointed elders for them in each church with prayer and fasting they entrusted them to the Lord. *Acts 14.23*

- d. Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, to take up your cross, and follow Christ.....

THE LITURGY OF PENITENCE

Self-examination and Confession

A Minister now leads a corporate examination of conscience, using the following or another suitable form. It may be sung in procession.

Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.
God the Father,

All have mercy on us.

God the Son,

All have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

All have mercy on us.

Trinity of love,

All have mercy on us.

(Confession in the Liturgy Book Or)

**All Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

All Lord, have mercy.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

All Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you, Lord ...

all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy and impatience of our lives.

All Lord, have mercy.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people.

All Lord, have mercy.

Our anger at our own frustration
and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.

All Lord, have mercy.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts
and our dishonesty in daily life and work.

All Lord, have mercy.

Our negligence in prayer and worship
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.

All Lord, have mercy.

Our inconsiderateness to others, our neglect to prevent road accidents, our tolerance of dishonesty, untruthfulness, corruption, nepotism and violence in society.

All Lord have mercy

Any other common sins maybe added

Accept our repentance, Lord ...

for the wrongs we have done,
for our blindness to human need and suffering,
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

All Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgements,
for uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbours
and for our prejudice and contempt towards those who differ from
us.

All Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation
and our lack of concern for those who come after us.

All Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

All Favourably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

All that we may show your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

All bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

**All (Sing) Holy God, Holy and strong, holy and immortal, have
mercy upon us.**

Silence is kept.

**All We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,**

**love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

If the people are to be marked with ash this should follow here; otherwise the service continues with an authorized absolution and the exchange of the Peace.

Traditionally the ash is obtained by burning the palm crosses of the previous year, brought by members of the congregation.

The Imposition of Ashes

If the imposition of ashes is to follow, the president says

Dear friends in Christ,
I invite you to receive these ashes
as a sign of the spirit of penitence with which we shall keep this
season of Lent.
God our Father,
you create us from the dust of the earth:
grant that these ashes may be for us
a sign of our penitence
and a symbol of our mortality;
for it is by your grace alone
that we receive eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All Amen.

The President and people receive the imposition of ashes, the president first receiving the imposition from another minister. At the imposition the minister says to each person

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.
Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

or the ashes may be imposed without the use of words.

During the imposition silence may be kept, or a hymn, anthem or psalm may be sung.

One of these two prayers may be said by the president

God our Father,
the strength of all who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers;
and because, in our weakness,
we can do nothing good without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in keeping your commandments
we may please you, both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

(or)

The Lord enrich *you* with grace,
and nourish *you* with blessing;
the Lord defend *you* in trouble and keep *you* from all evil;
the Lord accept *your* prayers,
and absolve *you* from *your* offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

All Amen.

Extended Preface during Lent

It is indeed right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise gracious and everlasting God through Jesus Christ your Only-Begotten and inspired by your All Holy Spirit. For in these symbolic 40 days you lead us into the desert of repentance, that through a pilgrimage of prayers and discipline, fasting and acts of service, you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word and through prayer, you open our minds to your presence in the world and free us to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful minds, we bless you for your mercy and praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.....Holy, holy, holy, Lord.....

(Lent 2)

i. By faith Abraham obeyed the call of God and set out not knowing where he was going and came to the promised land. *Heb. 11:8*

or

Jesus said: you did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. *John 15:16*

p. Depart from evil and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. *Ps. 34:14*

o. Abraham gave one tenth of everything. *Heb. 7:2*

Proper Preface or Extended Preface as on Ash Wednesday

c. All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death...so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead.....we too might walk in newness of life. *Rom. 6:3,4*

Dismissal as on Ash Wednesday

(Lent 3):

i. He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewed by the Holy Spirit, so that having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. *Titus 3: 5a,c,7*

or

Now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. *Rom. 6:22*

p. Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to grace. *Rom. 5:1,2*

o. This is what the Lord has commanded: set aside a contribution for the Lord out of your possessions. Let all give willingly. *Exod. 35:5*

Proper Preface or extended preface as on Ash Wednesday

c. Jesus said: No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. *John 3:5*

or

Those whom God predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. *Rom 8:30*

d. God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence of that glory.

(Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday)

Parishes close to the Cathedral may join the mother church for worship on this Sunday.

i. Those who respect their mother are like those who lay up treasure.
Ecclus. (Sirach) 3:4

or

God made this commandment: Honour your father and mother. *Exod. 20:12a*

p. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. *Rom. 8:6*

o. Jesus said: This poor widow, out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on. *Mk. 12: 44b*

Proper Preface or Extended Preface and Dismissal as on Ash Wednesday

c. She looks well to the way of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her. *Prov. 31:27-28*

If the solemnity of the Annunciation falls close to Mothering Sunday the following sentences may be used –

i. The young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (that is God is with us). *Isa. 7:14b*.

p. Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace goodwill among people. *Lk. 2:14*

or

Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord *Heb. 12:14*

- o. Let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe. *Heb. 12:28b*

Proper Preface or Extended Preface and Dismissal as during the season.

- c. Greetings favoured one! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. *Lk. 1:28, 42*

5. (Lent 5):

- i. Christ died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for the one who died and was raised for them. *2 Cor. 5:15*
- p. Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. *Heb. 12:14*
- o. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Heb. 13:16*

Proper Preface:

And now we give you thanks because for our sins your Only-Begotten the Lord Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross to draw the whole world to Christ and, by suffering and death, became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

- c. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. *Philip. 3:10-11*

or

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. *John 12:24*

- d. Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in Christ a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven...

Palm or Passion Sunday
(Commemoration of the Lord's Entry to Jerusalem)

Palms may be distributed as the congregation gathers or after its hallowing.

- i. Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven! *Matt. 21:9*

The President introduces the celebration using these or other appropriate words

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection.

Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

The people hold up palms or branches while this prayer is said by the President

God our Saviour,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer
and to die;

let these palms be for us signs of his victory
and grant that we who bear them in his name
may ever hail him as our Sovereign,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

The Palm Gospel is read, followed by Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29 with the refrain V.26 after each verse.

*Then the Minister says: Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.
Hosanna !*

All: In the name of the Lord. Hosanna.

During the processional hymns, all follow the Clergy and helpers out of the church possibly through a side door, carrying palm branches, leaves or crosses or without palms. A procession of witness on the roads may be done. The main west door of the church is kept closed. The symbolic entry of Christ into Jerusalem is then done by the clergyperson knocking on the door with an unveiled processional cross. After the procession, when all are in their places, a period of silent reflection is kept, and the service starts with the Holy Week Collect.

(‘Hosanna’ means ‘save now’ a common form of well wishing used as an acclamation at the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles singing Psalm 118:25-26. As the procession and passion Gospel-the two distinctive features of the Palm Sunday Service, are an eloquent proclamation of the Gospel, the creed and sermon may be omitted.

The Passion Gospel is read by 3 or more people or a dramatized reading may be done involving the congregation. There are no responses before and after the Gospel, and is announced as: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.)

p. See now your king comes to you, triumphant and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey. The bow of war shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations *Zech. 9:9b,10b*

or

Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For Christ is our peace. *Eph. 2:13-14a*

o. Jesus said: if any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. *Mk. 8:34*

Proper Preface:

And now we give you thanks because for our salvation Christ was obedient even to death on the cross. The tree of shame was made the tree of glory; and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

c. Christ emptied and humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also exalted Christ and gave him a name above every name. *Philip 2:7a,8-9*

d. Christ crucified, save you now on the sure foundation of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, a firm support for hope and the assurance of sins forgiven....

Holy Week

Monday.

i. All the disciples deserted Christ and ran away. *Matt. 26:56*

- p. For Christ is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and broken down the hostility between us. *Eph. 2:14*
- o. From the peoples no one was with me. I looked, but there was no helper. I stared, but there was no one to sustain me; so my own arm brought me victory. *Isa. 63:3b,5*

Proper Preface, after communion sentence and Dismissal as on Palm Sunday.

Tuesday

- i. When Christ was abused, he did not return abuse; when he was tortured he made no threats but entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. *1 Pet. 2:23*
- p. Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For Christ is our peace. *Eph. 2:13-14a*
- o. God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for all of us. *Rom. 8:32*

Proper Preface, after communion sentence and dismissal as on Palm Sunday.

Wednesday

- i. False witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence *Ps. 27:12b*

Meditation on "The betrayal"

p. He was wounded for our faults, crushed for our sins; upon him lies the punishment that brings us peace, and by his wounds we are healed. *Isa. 53.5*

o. The Son of man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many. *Matt. 20:28*

Proper Preface, After communion sentence and dismissal as on Palm Sunday

Thursday – Morning Chrism Eucharist in Cathedrals

i. To Jesus Christ who loves us and freed us from our sins by Christ's blood, and made us a kingdom of priests serving his God and Parent, be glory and dominion, forever and ever. Amen. *Rev. 1:5b-6*

Confession from Hosea 6. Renewal of commitment to ministry after the Gospel.

p. It is God who has made us one in Christ, and has anointed us and set God's seal on us, and as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. *Cf. 1 Cor. 1:21-22*

(prayer over the oils)

o. The sick should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. James 5:14

Proper Preface

And now we give you thanks because by your Holy Spirit you anointed your only-begotten to be the servant of all and called your church to

serve the world as a kingdom of priests to share in Christ's suffering and to reveal that glory. We bless you for these oils of gladness set apart so that those who are sealed with it may symbolically share in the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ and of healing and wholeness in Christ's blood that they may proclaim your justice and peace

- c. Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by Christ's bruises you have been healed. *1 Pet. 2:24*
- d. God your God has anointed you with the oil of gladness by putting the seal of Spirit in your hearts, that with the suffering and risen Christ you too might walk in the newness of life...

Re-Affirmation of Vows (*all stand*)

The Bishop addresses the clergy.

My sisters and brothers, at his last supper, our Lord Jesus Christ gave his disciples a new commandment, that they should love one another, and he prayed that they might be one. He gave them an everlasting sign of his own love, in the Sacrament of bread and wine. I invite you now to dedicate yourselves afresh for God's service, as stewards of the mysteries of God and ministers of God's grace.

The clergy stand

The Bishop addresses the clergy.

At your ordination as a deacon, you received the yoke of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. Will you continue faithfully in this ministry, to build up God's people in God's truth, and service in God's name.

The clergy respond.

By the help of God, I will.

The deacons sit.

The Bishop addresses the priests and bishops.

At your ordination to the priesthood, you took authority to watch over and care for God's people, to absolve and bless them in God's name, to proclaim the gospel of salvation, and to minister the sacraments of the New Covenant. Will you continue as faithful stewards of the mysteries of God, preaching the Gospel of Christ, and ministering his holy sacraments?

The priests and bishops respond.

By the help of God, I will.

The priests sit.

The Diocesan Bishop addresses the bishops.

At our consecration as a bishop we received the gift of the Spirit, to lead the Church in mission and send out ministers in Christ's name; to promote the churches unity, uphold its discipline, and guard its faith; and to teach and govern the people committed to our charge. We promise, with the help of God to continue faithfully in this ministry, watching over Christ's flock, and building them up in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

The bishops respond and then sit.

By the help of God, I will

The Bishop

Gracious and Holy God, we pray for all who minister, that they may be constant in prayer and steadfast in faith, and serve your people with joy.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for all deacons, that you may pour upon them riches of your grace. As you have called them to service may you make them worthy of that calling.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for all priests, that you will bless them with fullness of your love, so that they may be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments, and lead your people in the way of salvation.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for all bishops, that despite our unworthiness we may be faithful to the great trust that has been handed to us. Grant that we may become like our Good Shepherd and great High Priest, the teacher and servant of all, and so become more and more a sign of Christ's loving presence among God's people.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for the families of those who minister, for their homes, and for all with whom they share their lives.

Lord, hear us.

Gracious God, in your love keep us ever close to you, and may you bring us all to the fullness of eternal life.

Amen.

The Blessing of the Oils

Bishop: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

Please sit.

A Hospital Chaplain brings to the Holy Table the oil for the anointing of the sick and dying.

The Archdeacon says,

The oil for the anointing of the sick and dying.

The Bishop

Blessed are you Sovereign God, gentle and merciful,
creator of heaven and earth.

Your Word brought light out of darkness,
and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth.
Your anointed Son brought healing
to those in weakness and distress.
Jesus broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and death
that we might praise your name for ever.
By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest
on those who are anointed with this oil in your name;
may they be made whole in body, mind and spirit,
restored in your image, renewed in your love,
and serve you as daughters and sons in your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

*A member of The Board of Mission brings the oil to the Holy
Table the oil of Catechumens for those preparing for baptism.*

An Archdeacon

The oil of Catechumens.

The Bishop

Blessed are you Sovereign God,
the protector of all who believe in you.
Your Christ overcame the powers of evil,
lifted high upon the cross.
By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest
on those who are anointed with this oil in your name;
as they prepare for the waters of baptism
may it be for them a sign of your defence in their fight
against sin, the world and the devil,
and bring them to share in Christ's victory.
Blessed be God for ever.

*A Retired Bishop or an Archdeacon brings to the Altar the oil of Chrism
for baptism, confirmation, ordination and consecrating a building, and
says:*

The oil of Chrism.

The Bishop

Blessed are you Sovereign God, Creator of all that is,
upholding by your grace all who hear your call.
Under your Covenant
priests, kings and queens were anointed to serve you
and in the fulness of time you anointed your Son by the Holy Spirit
to be the Christ, the Saviour and Servant of all.
By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest
on those who are anointed with this chrism in your name;
Let it be for them a sign of joy and gladness
as they share in the royal priesthood of the New Covenant
and make known the kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
we lift our voices of thanks and praise.

**Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation, now and forever.
Amen.**

The Anointing

Clergy who have renewed their ordination vows and who wish to move forward for anointing, will be guided by stewards to one of three stations at the crossing.

The bishops say to each

Receive this anointing of the Holy Spirit and be strengthened for the work of ministry. **Amen.**

During the anointing the choir sings O for a closer walk with God – C. V. Stanford (1852-24)

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame.
A light to shine upon the road that leads thee to the Lamb.
Return O Holy Dove return, sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame.
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Words by William Cowper (1731-7800)

The Greeting of Peace

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Evening Lord's Supper

i. I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you. *John 13:34*

After the Gospel the President and any other clergy may wash the feet of 12 persons previously selected (Or the people may wash one another's feet.

President: Jesus said: if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. *John 13:14-15, 34*

Washing and drying of feet, which may end with this prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, who before instituting your holy Sacrament at the Last Supper, washed the feet of the apostles and taught us the grace of humility: give us the will to be the servants of others as you were the servant of all and gave up life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns

with the Parent God and the Holy Spirit, one God, at the beginning, the middle and forever. Amen.

- p. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. *John 14:27*
- o. Take for me an offering; from all whose hearts prompt them to give. *Exod. 25:2*

Extended Preface

It is indeed right to give you thanks, and praise
Parent God, through Jesus Christ our Lord
and by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
For on this night Christ girded with a towel
and, taking the form of a servant,
washed the feet of his disciples
and gave us a new commandment
that we should love one another as Christ has loved us.
Knowing that the hour had come,
in his great love Christ gave this supper to his disciples
to be a memorial of his passion,
that we might proclaim Christ's death until Christ comes again,
and feast with Christ in the kingdom.
Therefore earth unites with heaven
to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
as they proclaim your glorious name
forever praising you and saying Holy... Holy... Holy....

Or, Proper Preface: And now we give you thanks because your only-begotten the Lord Jesus Christ when the hour had come, in great love gave this supper to the disciples, instituting these holy mysteries, that we, redeemed by Christ's death and restored to life by that resurrection might proclaim Christ's death and feast with Christ in the kingdom.

*In the great thanksgiving at the words of institution paragraph start by saying ‘On **this** very night...’*

c. Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift. 2 Cor. 9:15

If a watch (Matt. 26:41) is to be kept, there is no dismissal. When the Sacrament is to be reserved for administration on Good Friday, it should be kept in a separate chapel/place apart from the main sanctuary of the church, in order that on Good Friday the attention of the congregation may be on the bare main Holy Table. A hymn may be sung while the Sacrament is taken to a separate place, and between verses the Presider says repeatedly: “This same night is a vigil to be kept for the Lord”. Vigil readings may be taken from the Lectionary, and after each reading one of the 13 lamps is extinguished until there is darkness (L. Tenebrae), and all disperse to the words: “All the disciples deserted Christ and fled (Matt. 26:56b)”.

If the night vigil to watch and pray (Matt. 26:41) is not kept the following dismissal may be used:

d. When the disciples had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father, ‘If it is possible take this cup of suffering from me.’ He said to the disciples ‘How is it that you were unable to keep watch with me for one hour? The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinful people. Come let us go.’ Christ became obedient to the point of death. Go in peace. (Matt. 26:30, 39, 45 – 46a, Philip. 2:8)

In churches that observe the custom of stripping the Holy Table and its environs, this may be done after the evening Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist, by stripping it bare in silence or it may be accompanied by the recitation of Psalm 22 or 88 without the Gloria Patri ending. Before and after the Psalm, the following antiphon is said by all:

They divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots (*Ps. 22:18, John 19:24b*)

While removing each item, each person says aloud:

All the disciples deserted Christ and fled (*Matt. 26:56b*)

Then the presider washes the Holy Table with wine and water saying aloud:

Blood and water came out of Jesus' side (*John 17:34*)

Some congregations now do the Jewish Passover Meal called the Haggadah or Sedar, after reading the Old Testament Lesson (*Exod. 12:1-14*). The furnishings should have been re-arranged with a long table (or several) in the middle – the main aisle with an empty chair. Four children ask 4 questions:

1. Why is this night different from all other nights?
2. Why on this night do we eat only unleavened bread?
3. Why on this night do we eat bitter herbs?
4. Why on this night do we eat standing up?

A narrator answers the questions:

On this night God rescued the Israelites (us) from slavery and injustice;

There was no time for the bread to rise; bitter herbs in salt are eaten to remind us of the bitterness of slavery and injustice; and the food is eaten standing because we were ready to go without a moment delay.

The Passover celebrated this way for 13,000 years, came to be celebrated by the Lord Jesus, God's Anointed, on that last night with companions, and by the crucifixion and resurrection liberated not only the Israelites as at the first Passover but also the whole of humanity who believed.

Then all partake of the dishes from the table standing: rotti, bitter herbs in salt, eggs that renew life, and goat's meat (instead of the Passover Lamb). Hymns are sung.

After the Gospel reading (*John 13:1-17, 31-35*) a selected 12 person's feet are washed and cleaned with towels by the Clergy and Lay Officers, or feet washing and cleaning are done by one another in the congregation during the singing of hymns. The Confession and prayers follow.

Then the Epistle is read (*1 Cor. 11:23-26*), the Peace exchanged and the Clergy and congregation celebrates the Ministry of the Sacrament, and all go in procession to assemble for a night vigil (*Exod 12:42*) to 'watch and pray' (*Matt. 26:41*) until midnight when all depart in darkness **without a dismissal** in imitation of the scattering of the disciples on this night (*Matt. 26:56*), and also because of the unitive nature of the 'Three Days' before Easter.

Good Friday

Whilst it is usual to have the three hours preaching, services on Good Friday, it may be combined with or a separate Liturgy done consisting of:

1. *The preparation and Ministry of the Word with 3 – 4 sermons.*
2. *The proclamation of the cross – a wooden cross in silent procession (and members who so wish holding the cross – a 4th c practice).*
3. *Special Intercessions*
4. *(Communion from the presanctified bread and wine)*

There should be many periods of silence, and the service ends with a concluding prayer without a dismissal or blessing.

GF. i. Come, let us return to the Lord, who has torn us and will heal us. God has stricken us, and will bind up our wounds. After two days, God will revive us, and on the third day will raise us up, that we may live in God's presence. Let us humble ourselves; let us strive to know our God. (*From Hosea 6:1-3*)

r. Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow. *Lam. 1:12*. Let us repent and confess our sins.

p. He was wounded for our faults, crushed for our sins; on him lies the punishment that brings us peace, and by his wounds we are healed. *Isa. 53:5*

o. O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

I brought you up from the land of Egypt, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord. With what shall I come before the Lord?
Mic 6:3-4a

c. What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God. *Micah 8:8*

No dismissal

Holy Saturday (Morning Ante-Communion only)

- i. We have been buried with Christ in baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, so we too might walk in newness of life. *Rom. 6:4*
- p. Christ was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which Christ also went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison. *1 Pet. 3:18b-19*
- o. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The tombs also were opened and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After Christ's resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. *Matt. 27:51-53*

No dismissal

Evening Vigil of the Resurrection.

All assemble at the entrance to the church with unlit lamps/candles and the Presider gives a short introduction to the service after which the introductory salutation is made.

- i. Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ has been sacrificed. *1 Cor. 5:7*

The new fire may be kindled, and the Presider may pray :

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light; set us aflame with the fire of your love, and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory. In the name of the Lord Jesus we pray **Amen.**

The Paschal Candle is held in front of the Presider who traces his finger on it in the form of a cross saying as follows:

Vertical: Christ yesterday and today

Horizontal: the beginning, middle and forever

Top & bottom: Alpha and Omega

Each number of the year: All time belongs to Christ and all ages to Christ be glory and power through every age and forever. **Amen**

Nails or incense balls are then inserted into the candle signifying the wounds of Christ.

1

By Christ's holy

4

guard us

2

and glorious
wounds

5

and keep us.

3

may Christ our Lord

The Presider then lights the Paschal Candle from the new fire, saying:

May the light of Christ, rising in glory as the Light of the world, wash away all darkness of sin and ignorance from our minds and from the world, and bring healing and cleansing to all people. The light of Christ.

All : Thanks be to God

All proceed to the Baptistry

Presbyter Lift up your hearts
All We lift them to the Lord

Presbyter Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
All It is right to give God thanks and praise

The Presbyter may say the following as a single prayer or its Litany version inserting the words 'The Light of Christ' at the place of the stroke (/) to which all respond 'Hallelu Yah'.

Gracious God, we thank you for your gift of water and the Holy Spirit./ for your sustaining and life giving power. From the beginning your grace has been made known through water and the Spirit.

Your Spirit moved over the waters at the creation of light and life, and you led your people by light to freedom through the Sea of Reeds./

By the water of the flood you made a sign of the waters of baptism that makes an end of sin and the birth of a new life. (-Salt may be added to the water symbolic of the salt of the earth)./ In the fullness of time you sent the Lord Jesus, who was baptized in the waters of the Jordon and anointed by the Holy Spirit.

(- Olive Oil may be hallowed symbolic of the seal of the Holy Spirit)./ The Lord Jesus Christ was immersed in the baptism of the deep waters of suffering and death and was raised to life, and then sent your Spirit to set hearts aflame and enlighten all people in Christ./

The Presbyter stretches hands over the water and the candidates (making the sign of the cross)

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and this water that those baptized in water may with Christ and in thanksgiving die to sin, be raised with Christ and be born to new life in the family of your Church;/ and please may this baptism (today) be a sign to all of us of the rule of God and of the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

As a visible expression of our affirmation and mutual recognition of Baptism all are invited to the Font, to put a hand into the water and mark their heads with it, and light a lamp / candle from the Paschal candle and then to take their seats in the church.

The Paschal candle is then passed from and to hand through the congregation until it reaches the place around the Holy Table the following being said as it changes hands –

V. The Light of Christ

R. **Thanks be to God (or Hallelu Yah!)**

When the paschal Candle is placed in the stand the Minister or choir will sing an Easter song of Praise (exultet). The collect, Gloria and Ministry of the Word as given in the lectionary proceeds. (The lit Paschal Candle, lit at all liturgical services during Eastertide, symbolizes the presence of the Risen Christ among the disciples).

g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! These are the words of the first and the last, who was dead and came to life forever. Hallelu Yah! *Rev. 2:8*

Any baptisms may take place. If after the National New Year, anointing of all at the Baptistry: May this chrism of salvation be a sign + of your newness of life in the Risen Lord.

p. Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said: Peace be with you. Hallelu Yah! *John 20.19b*

- o. Our Paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us celebrate the festival. Hallelu Yah! *Rev. 2:8*

If the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is celebrated proper preface and sentences from Easter Day could be used.

- d. God who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith.....

Double Hallelu Yah! at the dismissal.

Sundays of Easter

Easter Day

An informal dawn service could be held, preferably on the sea shore or a riverside or on a hilltop.

Day Service:

1. i. Early on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty. Hallelu Yah! *Cf. John 20:1*

Invitation to confession:

In baptism we have been buried with Christ into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead, so we too might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in Christ by the glory of the Parent God as we confess our sins in penitence and faith. *Rom. 6:4*

Silence for confession and 'Holy God, Holy and Mighty' (Trisagion) done standing (Council of Nicea, AD 325) throughout Eastertide

- g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Hallelu Yah! *Ps. 118:24*

or

Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who, lives and believes in me will never die. Hallelu Yah!
John 11:25, 26

p. Jesus came and stood among them and said “Peace be with you” then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Hallelu Yah! *John 20:19b,20b*

o. Our Paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us celebrate the festival with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Hallelu Yah! *1 Cor. 5:7b. 8a,c*

Proper Preface:

And now we give you thanks because you raised your only-begotten the Lord Jesus Christ gloriously from the dead. For Christ is the true Paschal Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world. By death Christ has destroyed death and by rising again Christ has restored to us eternal life.

c. They were saying “The Lord has risen indeed” and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Hallelu Yah! *Lk. 24: 34a, 35b*

d. God who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, sanctify you by the Holy Spirit with joy and peace in your faith and life, and the blessing of God.....

Hallelu Yah! Christ is risen
The Lord is risen indeed Hallelu Yah!

Go in peace and serve the Lord. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah!
In the name of Christ. Amen. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah!

A symbolic Easter Garden with an empty tomb may be made as a place of prayer and meditation during Eastertide.

Minister The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.’ *Matthew 28.5,6*

Blessed are you, O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In your great mercy you have given us a new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

By your blessing, may we who have prepared this garden in celebration of Christ’s victory be strengthened in faith, know the power of Christ’s presence, and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory, for Christ is alive and reigns forever and ever.

All Amen.

Risen Lord Jesus,
as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden
on the morning of your resurrection,
so may we meet you today and every day:
speak to us as you spoke to her;
reveal yourself as the living Lord;
renew our hope and kindle our joy;
and send us to share the good news with others.

All Amen.

THE LITANY FOR EASTERTIDE

O God our Creator: you bring light to those in darkness.
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy**

O God our Redeemer: You raise the dead to life in the Spirit. Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy

O God our Sanctifier: You give pardon and peace to the sinner. Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy

God the Ultimate Reality: That You Are, as we celebrate the rising to life again of our Lord Jesus Christ; help us who are born again into the new creation, to live in newness of life in the Spirit. *Silence.....*let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy

At this time through your only-begotten you showed the light of the empty tomb to Mary Magdalene, Peter and John: Shed that glorious light on all Christian people, that we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross. *Silence.....*Let us pray to the Lord

Lord have mercy

On the first day of the week, your Christ declared peace to those in fear and despair; Grant peace to the world and especially in this our land, dispelling anguish, uncertainty, corruption and violence, that we may all know the peace of Christ. *Silence.....*Let us pray to the Lord

Lord have mercy

During this time the Lord Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit on those who serve you: Empower all ministers, especially....our Metropolitan, and....our Bishop and all other leaders of the Church, that they may sow the light of the resurrection and gather a united harvest for Christ's paddy field. *Silence.....*let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy

Christ is the fulfilling of the law given to Moses celebrated at the Jewish Pentecost: Guide our leaders and those who administer justice, that they may govern our land with justice, loving-kindness and harmony. *Silence.....*let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy

At this time the Lord Jesus became the first fruits of the harvest of the dead; Give us hope that we with generations of those who have gone into your bosom with faith, may enter into your marvelous and perpetual light and peace and rise in glory. *Silence...*let us pray to the Lord

Lord have mercy

It was at the close of the grain harvest that the Holy Spirit descended on the Church: at this time of harvest give us grace to use the fruits of the earth and of labour, maintaining the integrity of the environment your created, for the elimination of poverty, want and waste. *Silence.....* let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy

It was the call of the Spirit that made Thomas and Peter to declare their belief and love to the risen Lord: Grant conversion and sanctification to those in unbelief that they may be liberated with us to worship in unity at the feast of God. *Silence....*let us pray to the Lord

Lord have mercy

At the time of the first Eastertide the disciples were made glad by the presence of their Redeemer and by the Creator sending the fire of the Sanctifier on them: give us that same Spirit in this new year to proclaim the good news of your victory to all creation, that all beings may be made well and happy by God's peace, God's peace, God's peace. *Silence.....*let us pray to the Lord

Lord have mercy

An Easter prayer

Easter 2

2. i. Jesus said: Do not doubt but believe. Hallelu Yah! *John 20:27c*

r. Invitation to confession:

Our Paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed for us. Therefore let us celebrate the festival, by putting away the old yeast of malice and evil and confessing our sins with sincerity and truth. Hallelu Yah! *1 Cor. 5: 7b-8*

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal (Trisagion) said or sung standing.

The Presider prays over a vessel of water

God of loving kindness, your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth; in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins and the gift of life eternal. Sanctify this water we pray. Renew the living spring of your life that came from your side within us, that we may be free from sin and filled with your saving health through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Whilst saying the absolution the Presider and people are sprinkled.

g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! My Lord and my God. Hallelu Yah!
John 20:28

p. A week later, Jesus came and stood among them and said “Peace be with you” Hallelu Yah! *John 20:26a,c*

o. Our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us celebrate the festival with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Hallelu Yah! *1 Cor.5:7b, 8a,c*

Proper preface as on Easter Day OR the following extended preface –

Extended Prefaces

E1 It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in this 50 day long Great Easter Sunday
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of Christ's passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Only-Begotten,
has conquered the power of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
Christ has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the power of all creation
sing forever the hymn of your glory.....

E2 We give you thanks and praise
for the gospel we have received.
Christ died for our sins. Alleluia
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia

Death comes to all through Adam,
and sin reigns for a time.
New life without end comes through Christ,
and he reigns forever. Alleluia
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia

Death, where is your victory?
Death, where is your sting?
Death is swallowed up in victory,
the victory you give us in Christ. Alleluia
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia

We have been crucified with Christ,
and live the risen life,

to praise you forever with angels and archangels.

Holy, holy, holy Lord ...

- c. Jesus said, Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Hallelu Yah! *John 20:29*
- d. May Christ who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, enable you to cast away any doubt and fill you with the newness of life.....

National New Year

(If April 14 is before Easter, celebration is postponed to after Easter 1)

- i. Clothe yourselves with love which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Hallelu Yah! *Col. 3:14*

Before Confession:

Bear with one another and just as Christ has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Hallelu Yah! *Col. 3:13*. Let us confess our sins.

- g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Hallelu Yah! *Ps. 118:24*
- p. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Hallelu Yah! *Col. 3:15*
- o. All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that has been given you. Hallelu Yah! *Deut. 16:17*

People may bring up the produce of their land, milk-rice, curd, honey, implements of work and of play, and the collection to the rails near the Holy Table, for the customary New Year anointing of persons. The Presbyter anoints each person saying.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen.
(*Matt. 28:19*)

Then the Presbyter says to all:

God your God has anointed you with the oil of gladness, by putting the seal of the Spirit in your hearts, that with the risen Christ so you too might walk in the newness of life. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! *Ps. 45:7b, Cor. 1:21-22, Rom. 6:46*

After the service the food is shared in a family New Year meal.

Proper Preface as for Easter Day.

- c. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to the Parent God through Christ. Hallelu Yah! *Col. 3:17*
- d. For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to plant and a time to pluck; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to laugh; and a time to dance. We wait for a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness is at home....
Eccles. 3: 1,2b,3b,4b,d: 2 Pet. 3:13b

Easter 3

3. i. The Lord has risen indeed, and they told how Christ had been made known to them in the breaking of bread. Hallelu Yah! *Lk. 24: 34a, 35b*

Before the Confession

- r. Christ died to sin, once for all; but now lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ

Jesus. *Rom 6:10-11* Hallelu Yah! Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Trisagion confession standing.

- g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! Jesus said, I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Hallelu Yah! *John 6:35*
- p. While the disciples were talking about the incident on the road to Emmaus, Jesus stood among them and said Peace be with you Hallelu Yah! *Lk. 24:36*

or

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, for Jesus said “Follow me” Hallelu Yah! *Col. 3:15, John 21:19b*

- o. When Christ was at the table with them, Christ took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Christ. Hallelu Yah! *Lk. 24:30-31*

Proper Preface for Easter Day or Extended Preface at Easter 2

- c. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Cor. 15:57*

Dismissal as for the National New Year or Easter Day

Easter 4

4. i. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.
And I lay down my life for the sheep, in order to take it up again.
Hallelu Yah! *John 10:4, 17b*
- r. *Before the confession:* I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep
says the Lord God. I will seek the lost and I will bring back the
strayed. Hallelu Yah! *Ezek. 34:15-16b*. Let us confess our sins and
return to the Shepherd of the fold.

Trisagion confession standing

- g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! You were going astray like lost sheep, but
now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.
Hallelu Yah! *1 Pet. 2:25* Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah!

or

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in
it Hallelu Yah! *Ps. 118:24*

- p. Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in
Christ. Hallelu Yah! *1 Pet. 5:14*
- o. Worth is the lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and might. Hallelu Yah! *Rev. 5:12*

Proper Preface or Extended Preface as on Easter Day or Easter 2

- c. He will feed his flock like a shepherd. Hallelu Yah! *Isa. 40:11a*
- d. The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus
Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the
eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do Christ's
will, working in you that which is pleasing before God.....

Easter 5

5. i. Jesus said, I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Hallelu Yah! *John 14:6*

or Jesus said, I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit. Hallelu Yah! *John 15.5*

Rest of the Propers may be taken from Easter Day. The extended Preface from Rogation Week or Easter 2 may be used.

d. May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with Christ's newness of life.....

Rogation Week/ Easter 6

6. i. Jesus said: If you love me, keep my commandments, and I will ask the Father and God will give you another Advocate to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth. Hallelu Yah! *John 14:15-17a*

or

Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you Hallelu Yah! *Hosea 10:12*

Invitation to Confession

r. May the loving-kindness of the Lord our God be upon our land, and prosper the work of our hands (*from Ps. 90:17*). Let us ask God to forgive our complacency and delusion of self-sufficiency.

g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Hallelu Yah! *Ps. 118:24*

or

Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! Jesus said, I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. And the Father will give you another advocate, the Spirit of truth, to be with you forever. Hallelu Yah! *Cf. John 14: 12b, 13, 16, 17a*

p. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Hallelu Yah!
Philip 4:6-7

o. The one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, for God loves a cheerful giver. Hallelu Yah! *2 Cor. 9: 6b-7*

Proper Preface of Easter Day or the following Extended Preface for Rogationtide

Extended Preface for Rogationtide

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praises,
gracious God and Parent,
through Jesus Christ your Only Begotten.
Through Christ you have created us in your own image, and made us
stewards of your good creation.
Through Christ you teach us to exult in the birds of the air,
the lilies of the field, the precious and life-giving crops of the earth.
Through Christ you free us from the slavery of sin,
giving Christ Jesus to die upon the cross
and to rise again for our salvation.
Through Christ you bring your work of new creation,

as we look for a new heaven and a new earth
in which your righteousness dwells.

Therefore, we join with angels and archangels,
forever praising and *saying*: **Holy, Holy, Holy**

c. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Hallelu Yah! *1 Cor. 15:57*

Or

If anyone is in Christ there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! Hallelu Yah! *2 Cor. 5:17*

d. May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and who sent the Holy Spirit to be the source of all goodness and growth pour upon you all blessings that you may use these gifts to God's glory and the welfare of all peoples.....

Rogationtide Litany

It is traditional in the 6th Sunday of Easter and the 3 days following to sing or say a litany in procession either in church or in the streets, after the Penitence. This may also be done on St. Mark's day (24 April) or the Sunday following. The following litany may be said or sung in parts or full or adapted to the area.

Processional Litany for Rogationtide

I.

Let us pray.

God the Father, Lord of creation,
have mercy upon us.

God the Son, through whom all things were made.
have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit, who renews the face of the earth.
have mercy upon us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, crating and saving God,
have mercy upon us.

Remember, Lord, your mercy and loving-kindness towards us.
Bless this good earth, and make it fruitful.
Bless our labour, and give us all things needful for our daily lives.
Bless the homes of this parish and all who live within them.
Bless our common life and our care for our neighbour. Here us good
Lord.

Here us, good Lord

II

For all cities, towns and villages,
and for their well-being and prosperity
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the rural economy and for its regeneration,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who tend the countryside
and preserve its order and beauty,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For traditional rural skills and crafts
and for those who exercise them,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all farms and fields, all who work them,
and for the whole farming industry,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who make farming policy,
and for all with authority in government,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

III

For a blessing on our land we pray.

Hear us, good Lord

For healthy crops and abundant harvests we pray.

Hear us, good Lord

For the care and welfare of the animals
and for the veterinary profession we pray.

Hear us, good Lord

For the harvest of the soil
and for the fruits of the earth in their seasons we pray.

Hear us, good Lord

For seasonable weather we pray.

Hear us, good Lord

For protection from blight, pestilence and disease we pray.

Hear us, good Lord

For those engaged in agricultural research we pray.

Hear us, good Lord

For the service industries that support rural life we pray.

Hear us, good Lord

For the ministry of your Church in rural areas we pray.

Hear us, good Lord

For parts of the world where the harvests have failed we pray.

Hear us, good Lord

For charities and aid agencies we pray.

Hear us, good Lord

IV

For our daily bread:

we pray to you. O Lord

For all who work on the land to bring us our food in due season:

we pray to you. O Lord

For all who fish the rivers, tanks, lakes and seas:

we pray to you. O Lord

For all who process foods and prepare them for distribution and sale:

we pray to you. O Lord

For all supermarkets and shops, and for all who work in them:

we pray to you. O Lord

For those who work in food research:

we pray to you. O Lord

For those who distribute food to those in need:

we pray to you. O Lord

For the will to share your bounteous gifts:

we pray to you. O Lord

V

For the world of work in all its diversity:

hear us, good Lord

For the industry and workplaces of this *parish/community*:

hear us, good Lord

For the right ordering of work in time of technological change:

hear us, good Lord

For communities that have lost traditional industries,
and for their regeneration:

hear us, good Lord

For all expanding industries and for the promise of new jobs:

hear us, good Lord

For small businesses and co-operatives:

hear us, good Lord

For local trade and commerce:

hear us, good Lord

For all service industries that provide for our daily needs;

hear us, good Lord

For the unemployed and for those living in poverty:

hear us, good Lord

For school leavers and all who are seeking to enter employment:

hear us, good Lord

For the retired and those unable to work:

hear us, good Lord

For all who work as volunteers:

hear us, good Lord

VI

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and meditation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen.

C

The following readings may be used at suitable points in the procession. A selection may be made from either Table A or Table B, according to circumstance. Suitable hymns or songs may be used in place of the psalmody.

A

1. Deuteronomy 26.1-11
2. Job 38.1-11,16-18
3. Ezekiel 47.6-12
4. Ecclesiasticus 38.27-32
5. Acts 14.8-18
6. 2 Corinthians 9.9-11a
7. Philippians 4.4-7
8. Mark 11.22-24
or Matthew 6.7-15

B

- Genesis 8.12-23
- Leviticus 26.1-13
- Deuteronomy 8. 1-10
- Hosea 2.18-23
- James 4.7-11
- Romans 8.18-25
- 1 Corinthians 3.10-14
- John 6.22-40
or John 12.23-26

ASCENSION DAY AND 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7. i. This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way you saw him go into heaven. Hallelu Yah! *Acts 1:11b*

or

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. Hallelu Yah! Ps. 96:3

Invitation to confession:

r. Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace boldly confessing our sins, so that we may receive mercy. *Heb. 4:14, 15b-16a*

g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! Go out into the whole world and make disciples of all nations. Hallelu Yah! *Matt. 28.19*

p. Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father. Hallelu Yah! *John 14: 27a, 28b*

o. Christ was blessing them and was carried up into heaven and they worshipped him with great joy. Hallelu Yah! *Lk. 24:51,52*

Proper Preface:

And now we give you thanks because you have highly exalted your only-begotten, the Lord Jesus Christ and given the name which is above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow (and we pray that we too in Asia shall accept that name and be well and happy under the gentle rule of the risen and ascended Lord Jesus Christ. We

pray that you will call through your Holy Spirit many to proclaim your word and to be stewards of the mysteries of Christ, and also some to a life of renunciation and caring ministry)

Or

Extended Preface:

it is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate joyfully the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of the passion and resurrection your only-begotten Jesus Christ has restored in humanity the image of your glory and opened to us the gate of eternal life, and by the ascension, gave us the sure hope that where Christ is we may also be and evermore to pour upon your Church the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit; through whom you bestow upon your people a rich diversity of gifts and ministries and raise up men and women to proclaim your word, to care for your people, to be stewards of the mysteries of Christ, and to a life of renunciation, and thereby to build up the Church in Asia to unity to the greater glory of your name. Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing as the angels and archangels sing this endless hymn praising you and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.....

c. The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into the harvest. Hallelu Yah! *Matt. 9:37,38*

or

Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age, Hallelu Yah!
Matt. 28:20

- d. The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God. Go and make disciples of all peoples....

The week prior to the Day of Pentecost are ember days and days of prayer in preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

PENTECOST

Introduction

Jesus Christ whom we worship is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and we have walked with the Lord through that journey of love. We have faced the agony of Christ's suffering and death on a cross. We have rejoiced at Christ bursting free from the bonds of death. We have enjoyed Christ's risen presence with us and recognized Christ in the breaking of bread. We have celebrated Christ's return to the throne of heavenly grace before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord. And now with the disciples of that time and in every generation we rejoice the birth of the Church with the coming of the God's gift to God's own people and through whom we make Christ known to the world. *Silence*

As we wait in silence, Lord God

All: fill us with your Spirit

As we listen to your word, Lord God

All: Fill us with your Spirit

As we long for your renewing, Lord God

All: Fill us with your Spirit

As we share your empowering, Lord God
All: Fill us with your Spirit

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us (*Rom. 5:5*). Hallelu Yah!

.....*Long silence*.....

Blessed be God.

All: Blessed be God's reign forever. Amen

The Gloria and collect follows.

- g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love. Hallelu Yah!

After the Ministry of the word, the people may be anointed as given for the National New Year after Easter 2

- p. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Hallelu Yah! *Rom. 15:13*

or

It is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting God's seal on us and giving us the Spirit in our hearts. Hallelu Yah! *2 Cor. 1:21-22*

- o. You shall keep the festival of weeks for the Lord your God, contributing a freewill offering. Hallelu Yah! *Deut. 16:10*

Proper Preface:

And now we give you thanks for having sent forth your holy and life giving Spirit upon the Universal Church and gives us power to proclaim the gospel to all peoples and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

c. We must always give thanks to God because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. Hallelu Yah! *2 Thess. 2:13*

d. *As on Easter 7. Double Hallelu Yah! at the end of the dismissal*

or

Lit candles/lamps are distributed to the congregation.

After communion the Clergy change from red to green coloured robes and takes the Easter lamp/candle into the hands and the people hold up their lamps, whilst the following is said

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, overflowing in love. With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit. You said I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh and now the flame of heaven rests on every believer. Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word; the young see visions and the old dream dreams. With the new wine of the Spirit they proclaim your reign of love. Amid the birth pangs of the new creation the Church the new way of light is made known. With the light of Christ, the light of the world, we go forth in peace.

All : In the name of the Lord. Amen.

To the singing of a hymn to the Holy Spirit, the clergy carrying the Paschal lamp/candle process to the Font followed by the congregation carrying their lit lamps/candles.

At the font –

Presider: Lord here we stand at the place of baptism and bring to an end our celebration of the Redeemer's resurrection. Help us who are born again into the new creation, to live in the newness of life in the Spirit...Blessed be God

All : Blessed be God's reign

Presider : Here we have offered our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving on the ingathering of the harvest of the dead. Help us who have received the bread of life and the Spirit out poured to share in the fruits of the Spirit.....Blessed be God.

All : Blessed be God's reign

Presider: Here we have rejoiced with the disciples at the appearance of the Risen Lord and at the outpouring of the fire of the Spirit. Helps us in whom the Spirit dwells to be joyful in the service of the Church and civil society....Blessed be God's reign

All : Blessed be God

Presider : Here we have greeted the Good Shepherd – the light of the world. Help us who now extinguish the Easter lamp/candle (*the Paschal lamp/candle is dipped into the water and the light extinguished. Others blow out the flame*) to walk in the light of the Spirit and bring the world alive with the love of the Risen Christ the first fruits of the harvest of the dead.....Blessed be God

All : Blessed be God

Presider: Here the Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, redemption and sanctification. Bless and guide the rulers in this land to usher good governance, justice and peace. As we bless one another in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, help us to shine with your light in the world as we go in peace to serve the Lord. Hallelu Yah ! Hallelu Yah !

All : In the name of Christ – Amen. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah!

Trinity Sunday

- i. There are three that testify in heaven the Parent, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one. *1 John 5:7*

OR

Day and night without ceasing they sing: Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come *Rev.4:8*

- r. Introduction to confession: God in Christ forgives us and heals us by the Holy Spirit. Put away all bitterness and anger, slander together with all malice and confess our sins to God. (*Eph 4: 32b,31*)
- g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, who was, and who is and who is to come, the Almighty. Hallelu Yah! *Cf Matt.28:19 Rev. 7:8*
- p. Peace to you from our Parent God, Peace from God's only Begotten, who is our Peace. Peace from God's All Holy Spirit, the life giver. The peace of the triune God is always with you.
- o. God has sent the Spirit of God's Child into our hearts, crying "Abba! (Father)" *Gal 4:6*

Proper Preface: And now we give you thanks because you have revealed the glory of your eternal fellowship of love with your only-Begotten and with the Holy Spirit, three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one God, ever to be worshipped and adored.

- c. We must always give thanks to God, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. *2 Thes. 2:13*
Or

There are three that testify in heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one *1 John 5:7*

- d. God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace.....

HARVEST THANKSGIVING
(See also Rogationtide, Easter 6)

The church may be decorated with leaves and flowers, as in the Jewish and Sri Lankan tradition for this nature festival. As this is the equivalent of the Jewish festival of tabernacles (ingathering, succoth) it is suggested that it be held on a Sunday in September, or as in Sri Lanka Harvests in January or April.

4. i. The Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all your undertakings, and you shall surely celebrate. *Deut 16:15*

Or

The earth has yielded its increase; God our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us. *Ps 67: 6-7*

Introduction to confession:

- r. Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

Instead of the Gloria, Canticle 8 (Benedicite – A song of creation may be used)

- g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! See how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is gathering fruit for eternal life. Hallelu Yah (*John 4:38-39*)

P The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. *Gal.5: 22-23*

Or

The Lord will give what is good and our land will yield its increase. Loving Kindness and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. *Ps. 85: 12,10*

o All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that the Lord has given you. *Deut. 16: 17*

It is suggested that the people bring up in procession symbols of the Harvest, the fruit of their labour, and of their occupations after the bread and wine, and also milk–rice and honey for later sharing.

Proper Preface

And now we give you thanks and praise for the return of seedtime and harvest, for the increase of the farming and industrial ground and the gathering in of its fruits (And we here consecrate our first and our best to you who created all things and who gave human beings the power to subdue the earth for the benefit of all).

Extended Preface

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, on this day of ingathering of the harvest, of our labour and of industry in this our land of milk and honey to always give you thanks, Holy Creator, Gracious and Eternal God. We bless you for the splendour of creation, for the beauty of this world, for this mystery of love. At the right time you sent your Only–Begotten who was broken on a tree and rose again from the grave as the first fruits of your new creation, for our salvation.

Consecrate us this day to be faithful stewards in the preservation of our environment that you have created, and to answer your call to any ministry in the Church and in the world, to reap in plenty for Christ. Send your Holy Spirit to hover over this Tabernacle this day, so that in thanksgiving, we may share with others this ingathering of the resources of the land, industry and commerce you have given us to be the stewards, for the good of all in harmony with all creation, so that all beings be well and happy under the Ultimate Realty, That You Are, whom we praise, joining with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.....

- c The earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work. You bring forth food from the earth, bread to strengthen the human heart and wine to gladden the human heart. *Ps 104:13b,14c,15c,15a*

Or

He who supplied seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness *2 Cor.9:10*

- d May God our creator who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air, bestow on you God's care and increase the harvest of your righteousness

Or

May the food that you eat, the work that you do, the money that you earn, and the leisure that you enjoy keep you mindful always of the needs of others; may it bring charity and love to your homes and may it remind you of the charity that should exist not only

among Christians who are fed on the same spiritual food of the Word and Sacraments, but also among all humanity that the Lord our God created.....

Intercessions for a Harvest Festival

Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world and for all God's People in their daily life and work.

God, the beginning and end of all things, in your providence and care you watch unceasingly over all creation; we offer our prayers that in us and in all your people your will may be done, according to your wise and loving purpose in Christ our Lord.

We pray especially for..... our Metropolitan.....our Bishop, our Clergy and all others holding responsible positions in our Church
Lord of all life

Hear our prayer

We pray for all through whom we receive sustenance and life; for farmers and agricultural workers, for packers, distributors and company Boards; as you have so ordered our life that we depend upon each other, enable us by your grace to seek the well being of others before our own.

Lord of all creation

Hear our prayer

We pray for all engaged in research to safeguard crops against disease, and to produce abundant life among those who hunger and whose lives are at risk. Prosper the work of their hands and the searching of their minds, that their labour may be for the welfare of all.

Lord of all wisdom

Hear our prayer

We pray for Governments and Aid Agencies and those areas in the world and in our own country where there is disaster, droughts, floods, strife and starvation. By the grace of your Spirit touch our hearts and the hearts of all who live in comfortable plenty, and make us wise stewards of your gifts.

Lord of all justice

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are ill, remembering those in hospital and nursing homes and all who are known to us; We pray for all who care for them. Give skill and understanding to all who work for their well-being

Lord of all compassion

Hear our prayer

We remember those who have died, whom we entrust to your eternal love in the hope of resurrection to new life.

Lord of all peace

Hear our prayer

We offer ourselves to your service, asking that by the Spirit at work in us others may receive a rich harvest of love and joy and peace.

Lord of all faithfulness;

Hear our prayer

God of grace, as you are ever at work in your creation, so fulfill your wise and loving purpose in us and in all for whom we pray; that with them and in all that you have made, your glory may be revealed and the whole earth give praise to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

CHRISTIAN HOME AND FAMILY SUNDAY AND WEEK

(Second Sunday and week in September- Proper 18th or 16th Ordinary Sunday, or First Sunday of Christmas or the Sunday and Week that

includes the International Family Day, 15 May- if not a major Grade 1 Solemnity)

i As the father is tender towards the children; so is the Lord tender to those who fear the Lord. *Ps 103:13*

Introduction to confession.

Restore us to yourself O Lord, that we may be restored. *Lam.5:21* Let us confess our sins against others, particularly to members of the family and against God.

O.T. Lesson	Psalm	N.T. Lesson	Gospel
Prov.31:10-31	127;128	Eph.5:21-6,4	Matt. 2:1-12, 19-23
1 Sam 7:20-28		Eph.3:14-21	Mk. 10:2-16
Joshua 24:1-8,14		Rom.8:11-17	Lk 2:41-52

g. Whenever we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those of the family of faith. *Gal.6:10*

p. Put things in order, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. *2 Cor. 13:11*

o. Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Eph. 5: 1-2.*

Proper Preface:

And now we give you thanks because in earthly childhood you entrusted your Child, the Lord Jesus Christ to the care of a human family. In Mary and Joseph you give us an example of love and devotion to Christ and a pattern of family life.

- c Whoever does not provide for relatives, and especially family members has denied the faith.. *1 Tim 5:8*
- d God the Parent of us all, fill your home with love and peace.....

GENERAL FOR ORDINARY TIME

In Ordinary Time from Pentecost to Advent, the sentences given in the Lectionary may be used or suitable sentences for the occasion selected. However the following general Propers are given for those who have not prepared for the specific day. The last in each set of Propers may be used for Feasts and Commemorations and the Sunday of that week

i. Introductory Sentence

Jesus said: God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth. *John 4:24*

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalms 118:24*

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be Praised. *Ps. 113:3*

Jesus said, come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. *Matt.11:28*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Rom.1:7*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless the Lord's holy name; Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits. *Psalms 103 1-2*

You are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundations of the apostles and the prophets, with Christ Jesus as the corner stone *Eph.2: 19-20*

r. **Introductions to confession**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the Good News. *Mk.1:15*

To the Lord our God belong loving-kindness and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against God and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God. *Dan. 9: 9-10*

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. *Ps. 51:17*

I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. *Lk. 15:18*

Thus says the Lord of hosts, amend your ways and your doings and let me dwell with you in this place. *Jer. 7:13*

g. **Before Gospel acclamations.**

Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer Hallelu Yah *Ps. 19:14*

Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Hallelu Yah? *1 Tim. 1:15*

Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! Jesus said, I am the light of the world, whosoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. Hallelu Yah! *John 8:12*

Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life. Hallelu Yah! *1 Sam.3:9; John 6:68*

Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! Welcome with meekness the implanted word, that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word and not merely hearers, *James 1: 21-22*

Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! Jesus said: I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my father. Hallelu Yah! *John 15:15*

p. Peace

Grace, mercy and peace will be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, in truth and love. *2 John 3*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation. *Isa. 52:7*

The kingdom of God is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. *Rom 14: 17,19*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. *Rom 15:13a*

Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. *Heb. 12:14*

May the God of peace sanctify you; May God so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus with the saints. *1 Thes. 5:23; 3:13*

o. **Offertory**

Let your light so shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Parent in heaven *Matt 5:16*

It is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. *Heb 10:10*

Let us give thanks by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe. *Heb. 12: 28b*

On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, for the collection. *1 Cor. 16:2*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay your vows to the Most High. *Ps 50:14*

King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. *Gen 14:18*

Support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus. It is more blessed to give than to receive. *Acts 20: 35*

Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. *Rom.12:13*

Proper Preface for Any Sunday

And now we give you thanks because on the first day of the week your only-Begotten the Lord Jesus Christ overcame death and the grave and opened to us the way of everlasting life.....

Proper Preface for Apostles and Evangelists

And now we give you thanks because your Only-Begotten Jesus Christ after his resurrection sent forth apostles and evangelists to preach the gospel to all nations and to teach us the way of truth

Proper Preface for Saints Days

And now we give you thanks for the work of your grace in the life of..... and that by the same grace you lead us in the way of holiness setting before us the vision of your glory.

Proper Preface for Any Day

And now we give thanks because you sent your Only-Begotten The Lord Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to you and through Christ sent witnesses in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel and to gather together a community of love that call upon your name in every place and in every age.

Extended Preface for Any Sunday

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Holy Father, loving and eternal God. From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade. This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people, unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing Sabbath of the Lord, And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly hosts, we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise.

Extended Preface for a Saints Day – Sunday following

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Holy Father, loving and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. We rejoice in the glorious splendour of your majesty for you have given us a share with N in the inheritance of the saints in light. In the darkness of this passing age they proclaim the glory of your kingdom. Chosen as lights in the world, they surround our steps as we journey on towards the city of eternal light where they sing the everlasting song of triumph. In communion with angels and archangels and all who have served you on earth and worship you now in heaven, we raise our voices to proclaim your glory, forever praising you and saying.

c. After Communion Sentences

Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift. *2. Cor. 9:15*

Thanks be to God who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Cor. 15:57*

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. *1 Cor. 12:13*

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. *1 Cor. 12: 26-27*

This is the victory that conquers the world, even our faith. *1 John 5:4*

Jesus said: Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. *John 6: 56*

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith *Heb. 12: 1-2*

d. Blessings or Dismissal

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life....

Christ the good shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep, draw you and all who hear his voice to be one flock within one fold.....

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith.....

Christ, who has nourished us with the living bread, make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day;.....

May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith.....

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling upto eternal life, perfect in you the image of glory.....

May God in Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit give you grace to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.....

KINGDOM SEASON (November)

ALL SAINTS DAY / SUNDAY AND OCTAVE

(Hallowtide)

- i You are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. *Eph 2:19-20*

Or

With the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of that glorious inheritance among the saints and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe. *Eph 1:18-19*

A short introduction to the service and on the Kingdom season may be given.

Introduction to confession

- r. Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside the sin that easily distracts, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith. *Heb. 12:1-2*
- g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called you out of darkness into that marvelous light. Hallelu Yah! *1 Pet.2:9*
- p. Christ is our peace, in his flesh Christ has made both groups into one and has broken down the hostility between us, reconciling both groups to God in one body. Christ came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. *Eph. 2:14,16a, 17*

Extended Preface for the Kingdom Season

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should always sing of your glory, Holy Father, gracious and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come. Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised. In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity. Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation we glorify your name, forever praising you and saying:

Extended Preface for All Saints Day/Sunday

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Holy Father gracious and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we give you thanks, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses and glorified in the assembly of your saints. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. We, your holy Church, acclaim you. In communion with angels and archangels, and with all who served you on earth and worship you now in Heaven, we raise our voice to proclaim your glory, forever praising you and saying:

- c Hallelu Yah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exalt and give God the glory. *Rev. 9:6 –7*
Or
Give thanks to God joyfully who has enabled us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. *Colossians 1:12*

- d God who has prepared for us a city with eternal foundations, stir up the Spirit within you and give you grace to share the inheritance of the saints in glory....

Intercessions for the Kingdom Season

United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

Merciful Lord,

Strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit, that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation to the praise of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Bless N our Metropolitan and N our bishop and all Ministers of your Church, that by faithful proclamation of your word, we may be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets into a holy temple in the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Empower us by the gift of your holy and life giving Spirit that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ from glory to glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our Prayer.

Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above, that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Give wisdom to the rulers of our land, those who administer justice and implement the law that the peace and justice of your kingdom may prevail in Sri Lanka.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy; all who minister to the sick and dying; and all who bring light to those in darkness.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin or disfigured by pain, that, raised from death to life in Christ, their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy,

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Remember in your mercy all those gone before us who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity; preserve in your faith your servants on earth, guide us to your kingdom and grant us your peace at all times.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Hasten the day when many will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at table in your kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory, with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises; by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED AND REMEMBERANCE SUNDAY

i. I thank my God every time I remember you Hallelu Yah! *Philip 1:3*

Or

Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, so will it be for those who have died: God will bring them to life with Jesus. Hallelu Yah!
1 Thes 4:14

Or

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine on them. Hallelu Yah! (*2 Esdras 2:24b, 35b*)

Presider: God is with us. God's love unites us; God's purpose steadies us, God's Spirit Comforts us... Christ is arisen. Hallelu Yah!

All: **Hallelu Yah! The Lord is risen indeed**

Introduction to confession

r. The loving-kindness of the Lord never ceases, the Lord's Compassion never comes to an end. Let us confess our sins.

Or

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? *Micah 6:8*

The Trisaglon is the preferred and Eastern confession.

c Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! The gospel was proclaimed even to the dead, so that they might live in the spirit as God does. Hallelu Yah
1 Pet.4:6

Or

Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! Jesus said, this is indeed the will of God, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day. Hallelu Yah! *John 6:40*

After the Ministry of the Word -

On Remembrance Sunday (Remembering)

Presider: We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between peoples, that all may together live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives and minds, in wars, strifes and conflicts past and present, have been given, maimed and taken away.

Grandparent: They shall grow not old
As we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them
Nor the years condemn

Grandchild: At the going down of the sun
And in the morning,
We will remember them

All: **We will remember them. We will remember them.**

2 Minutes silence

(Bugle/Dead March or Russian Kontakion for the dead, or similar instrumental music will bring the silence to a close)

Representatives from the congregation will place the following on a small table symbolizing life, hope and remembrance – called the Analogion in the Eastern Church. Bible, cross, paddy, a lighted lamp, photograph, flowers, dead persons' likes or professional instruments etc

Then a former Service person reads the Kohima Epitaph:

When you go home
Tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow
We gave our today. Silence

Presider: Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

All: We will

Presider: Will you seek to heal the wounds of war and strife?

All: We will

Presider: Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All: We will.

Presider: Make your commitment to peace by saying after me-

All: Parent God, we pledge ourselves, to serve you and all humanity, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering.

And for the praise of Your name.

Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom, give us courage, give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.

P. Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid. Hallelu Yah! *John 14:27*

O. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. Hallelu Yah! *John 15:13*

C and d as on All Souls day

On All Souls Day (- Transitional Farewell)

After the Ministry of the Word OR before the Dismissal

Leader: Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Hallelu Yah!
John 11:25-26

Christ is arisen Hallelu Yah!

All: Hallelu Yah! The Lord is risen indeed

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb (*Rev. 5:12*). You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God. Hallelu Yah! *Rev. 5:9-10*

The names of those to be remembered may be read aloud from the analogion – a small table symbolizing life, hope and remembrance, that proclaims the resurrection and the renewal of life. The members of the congregation will place the following on the analogion. A Bible, cross, lighted lamp, single flower, bowl of rice and any item of remembrance.

2 Minutes silence is observed

Leader: They have done what they could (*Mk 14:8*) Memory eternal.
Hallelu Yah!

All: **Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy and immortal, Have mercy on us** (*3 times*)

Presbyter: Loving God, we commend, the faithful departed to your perfect mercy and wisdom, for in you alone we put our trust. Grant them to find your mercy on the Great Day. **Amen.**

Presbyter: The Lord will give you everlasting rest. Hallelu Yah!

All: Because perpetual light will shine on you forever more Hallelu Yah! (*2 Esdras 2:34b,35b*)

Presbyter: We shall not die (*1Corinthians 15:51*)

All: We shall all be changed (*1Corinthians 15:51*)

Presbyter: The last trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised imperishable (*1 Corinthians 15:52*)

All: We shall all be changed (*1 Corinthians 15:52*)

Presbyter: This mortal body must be clothed with imperishability and immortality. (*1 Corinthians 15:53-54*)

All: We shall all be changed

Presbyter: This is the Word of the Lord that will not pass away (*Luke 21:33*)-

Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life, even in death, anyone who believes in me will live (*John 11:25-26*)... *Silence.* May the Lord grant that they will find mercy from the Lord on the Great Day (*2 Timothy 1:18*)

All: Amen. Today you will be in Paradise (Luke 23:43) and in God's Memory Eternal (from the Orthodox burial service and Col.3:3-4)

The relatives may offer a white cloth to the church (Mataka vasthra)

Presbyter: The departed have received glorious garments from the Lord. (*2 Esdras 2:39*) May your wishes be fulfilled

(*Ichitam Patthitam*) Hallelu Yah! Christ is arisen! (*Luke 24:5*)

Relatives: **The Lord is risen indeed. Hallelu Yah!** (*Luke 24:34*)

Presbyter: Loving God, we commend all those who have died in the Lord to your perfect mercy and wisdom, for in you alone we put our trust. May you in Christ keep their memory eternal and raise them in glory when Christ is revealed, and assure us of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Holy Eucharist

(-Thursday or Sunday after Trinity Sunday. It may be coincidental with Anglican Communion Sunday, close to 26th May)

H. E. i. As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until the Lord comes *1 Cor. 11:26*

r. Invitation to confession: Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves and confess your sins *cf 1 Cor.11: 27-28a*

or

r. Introduction to confession: Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you, Hallelu Yah! (*Eph 4:30,32*) Let us confess our sins.

g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! Jesus said, I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever and the bread that I will give is my flesh. Hallelu Yah! *John 6: 51*

- p. We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Therefore make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. *1 Cor. 10: 17; Eph 4:3*
- O. Let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe *Heb.12: 28b*

Or

It is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all *Heb. 10:10*

Proper Preface – And now we give you thanks because by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us one body in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine shared together to proclaim your glory until the Lord comes.

- c. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. *John 6:56*
Or, the following traditional devotions (O sacrum convivium) before consuming the elements:

A hymn on the Blessed Sacrament, all kneeling

Presbyter: How holy is this feast in which Christ's virtue is in our food eaten: Christ's Passion is recalled, grace fills our hearts and we receive a pledge of the Glory to come.

You gave them bread from heaven to eat. *John 6: 31b*

All: Your bread gives life to the world. *John 6:33*

Presbyter: Let us pray

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May this Sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

All The Divine Praises

(Congregation repeats after the Presbyter, line by line)

Blessed be God, blessed be God's holy name. Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true human. Blessed be Jesus Christ in that death and resurrection; on the throne of Glory; and in the Sacrament of the body and blood (or New Life) of Christ. Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the giver and sustainer of life. Blessed be God in the Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord and God. Blessed be God in the angels and saints. Blessed be God. Amen..

All depart after a suitable dismissal

Creation Sunday (such as on Proper 5th Sunday)

C. i. God saw everything that God had made, and indeed it was very good *Gen 1:31*

r. Introduction to confession. The whole creation has been groaning in labour pains and we ourselves groan for God's redemption *Cf Rom 8;22,23* Human sin disfigure the whole creation. We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Leader: Creator of life. in the midst of poisoned water, polluted air and mountains of waste, we who are responsible groan with creation.

All: **Lord have mercy**

Leader: Redeemer of all, with you is the well of life for you are our peace. In the midst of corruption, poor governance, violence, crime and war, we groan with creation.

All: **Christ have mercy**

Leader: Sustainer of all that is good, we who are made in the likeness of the creator have gone astray and we groan with creation.

All **Lord have mercy**

- g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! God has spoken to us by the Son, through whom God also created the world. Hallelu Yah! *Heb. 1:2*

Covenant to be repeated by all before the peace (and may be done by the congregation moving outside the church in the garden):

We covenant this week with all creation, with what was, is and will be; with every living creature – those that sustain us and those we sustain; with all that lives in the water and with the water itself; with all that flies through the air and with the air itself. We confess that our own kind has put all creation at risk. We mark our covenant by the rainbow, as our pledge never again to destroy creation-through our greed, our negligence, our selfishness and our sins. We remember that we are earth, and to earth we must return.

On this day as we worship together as one body, made one with all Christians, by the cleansing waters of baptism with the life giving air of the All Holy Spirit, and as we eat the living bread made with human hands and drink of the fruit of the grape made to gladden the human spirit, we pledge ourselves this day to conserve and preserve the purity of God's creation to enable all beings to be well and happy, in the name of the Ultimate Reality the One God; Creator, Liberator and Sustainer.

- p. You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. *Isa 55:12*

- o. The one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. *2 Cor.9:6-7*

Proper Preface – And now we give you thanks because in our Risen Lord, the new creation is being brought to perfection, a broken world is being renewed, and creation itself will share in the glorious liberty of the children of God.

- c. For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, provided it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by God’s word and by prayer. *1 Tim. 4:4-5*
- d. God, the creator of the earth and all its fullness, give you grace to care for the harmony of life and the environment that you may use God’s gifts to glorify God and the welfare of all people.....

Dedication or Patronal Festival

The Presider or a senior member of the congregation welcomes all and gives a short account on the beginnings of the Parish and a history of the church and ends with the Introductory sentence.

- P. i. How awesome is this place, this is none other than the house of God, and this is the gateway of heaven. Hallelu Yah! *Gen. 28.17*

Let us pray

Almighty God
Watchful and caring.
Our source and our end,
All that we are and all that we have are yours,
Accept us now,
As we give thanks to you for this place

Where we have come to praise your name,
To ask your forgiveness,
to know your healing power,
to hear your word,
and be nourished by the body and blood of your Son,
Be present always to guide and to judge
To illuminate and to bless your people.

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

- r. Introduction to confession. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you. *1 Cor. 3:16* But we have grieved the Spirit that dwells in us. Let us confess our sins.

After the Gloria, the Clergy, wardens and helpers will process to the Baptistry, Lectern, Pulpit and Holy Table to the singing of a hymn (eg. We love this place O God) and between verses at each place the following prayers are said:

At the Baptistry/Font:

S.S. Teacher: We thank you, Loving God, for the water of baptism, in it we are buried with Christ, from it we rise to a newness of life to share in Christ's Resurrection, and through it we are re-born by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Only begotten, we celebrate our fellowship in the one Lord, One Baptism and One Church in faith, hope and love; for in baptism is the root of the unity and membership of the whole Church, and in baptism is the foundation of the ministry of the whole people of God including the Historic Episcopate, Presbyterate and Diaconate and all other ministries.

A Sunday school pupil continues: Please hallow and re-dedicate this Baptistry and we pray that all who are here baptized may continue

forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Redeemer and be well and happy.

+ To whom, to you Creator God and to the All Holy Spirit who sanctifies, be all glory and honour, now and forever. **Amen.**

At the place of Bible Reading.

Reader: Gracious God, your eternal Word speaks to us through the words of the Holy Bible containing all things necessary for salvation. Here we have read of your mighty acts and purposes in history, and here we have learnt about those whom you have chosen as agents of your will. Here we have accepted with faith and reason, the tradition of the Canon of the Scripture and of the Historic Creeds as sufficient standards of our faith.

The Curate continues at the pulpit: Inspired by the revelation of your Only-Begotten and of the Holy Spirit, we seek your present purpose. Give those who preach from this place words of the Truth, and give those present ears to hear and minds to obey. We seek this (and bless)
+ In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

The procession moves to the place of the Holy Table

At the Holy Table

Vicar: Hear us, O Parent God of loving kindness, in the name of your only-Begotten Jesus Christ, and with your Holy and Life-giving Spirit, bless and hallow this congregation and the Holy Table, where we recall in receiving of the grace of the Holy Sacraments; the whole of the atoning work of our Lord Jesus

Christ – the life, cross, resurrection, ascension and coming again in glory; where we celebrate life events of our own Christian journey; and which is to our frail minds, symbolic of your presence with us always. + in the Name of the Eternal One God: The Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier. **Amen.**

Clergy and servers move to their seats. Lay Officers come to the chancel steps:

Lay Officers: Glorious God, to whom and in the name of (*name of church*) we celebrate the Patronal Festival/ Consecration of this house of prayer, we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship here; and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and each being filled with the Holy Spirit may become a living temple acceptable to you; consecrate us in the Truth so that for things essential there will be unity; in non-essentials diversity, and in all things charity, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom be glory and honour, now and forever. Amen.

g. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! The assembly of Israel determined that every year at that season the days of dedication of the altar should be observed with joy and gladness. Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! *1 Maccabees 4:59*

or

Hallelu Yah! Hallelu Yah! Lord we love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides Hallelu Yah! *Psalms 26:8*

P. Peace be to this house from God our Parent God. Hallelu Yah!
Peace to this house from God's only Begotten who is our peace.

Hallelu Yah! Peace to this house from the All Holy Spirit of God, the life giver Hallelu Yah!

- O. Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Hallelu Yah! *2 Peter 2:5*

Or

Jacob said: This stone which I set up for a pillar, shall be God's house, and of all that you give me, I will surely give one tenth to you (*Gen. 28:22*). Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house (*1 Peter 2:5a*) Hallelu Yah!

Proper preface: And now we give you thanks for your blessings on this house of prayer, where through your grace we offer you the sacrifice of praise and are built by your Spirit into a temple built without hands, even the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Only-Begotten.

- c. You have now consecrated yourselves to the Lord; come near, bring sacrifices and thank offerings to the Lord. *2 Chron 29:31*

A General Thanksgiving or a prayer of commitment may be said by all before the blessing.

- d. May the God of all grace who has called you to worship at this place of prayer, establish, strengthen and settle you in the household of faith to be living temples of the Holy Spirit, that you may proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Christ.....