

ADVENT *and* CHRISTMAS

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRAYER GUIDE



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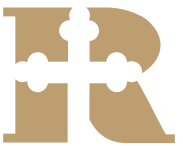

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And the Grinch,
with his Grinch-feet ice cold
in the snow, stood puzzling and
puzzling, how could it be so? It came
without ribbons. It came without tags. It
came without packages, boxes or bags. And he
puzzled and puzzled ‘till his puzzler was sore.
Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn’t
before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn’t
come from a store. What if Christmas,
perhaps, means a little bit more.

— DR. SEUSS
How the Grinch Stole Christmas!
(1957)

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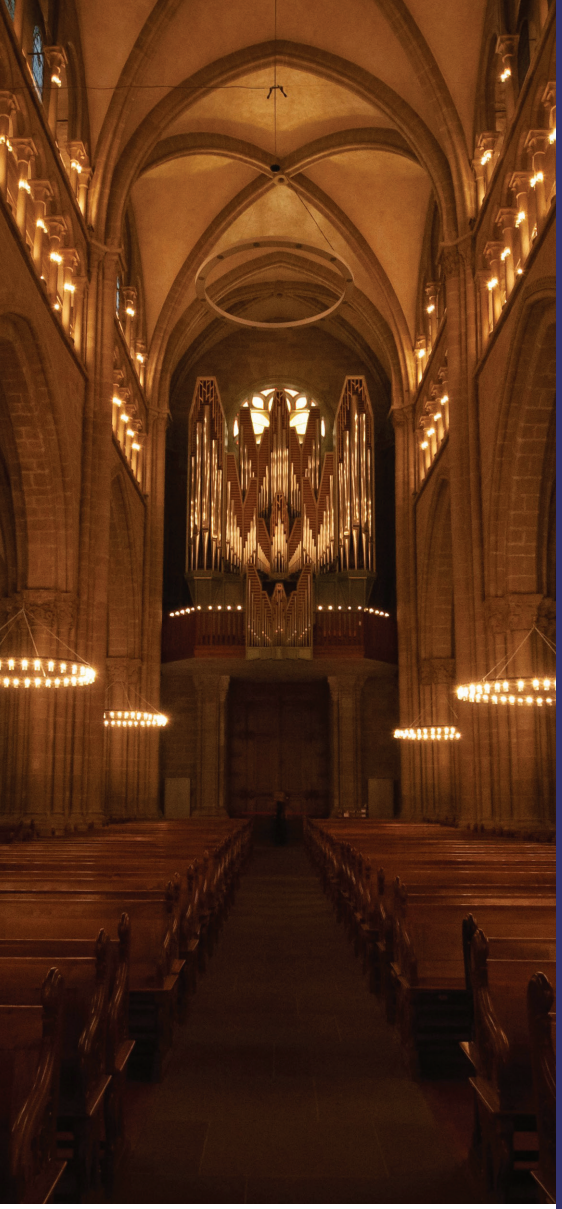
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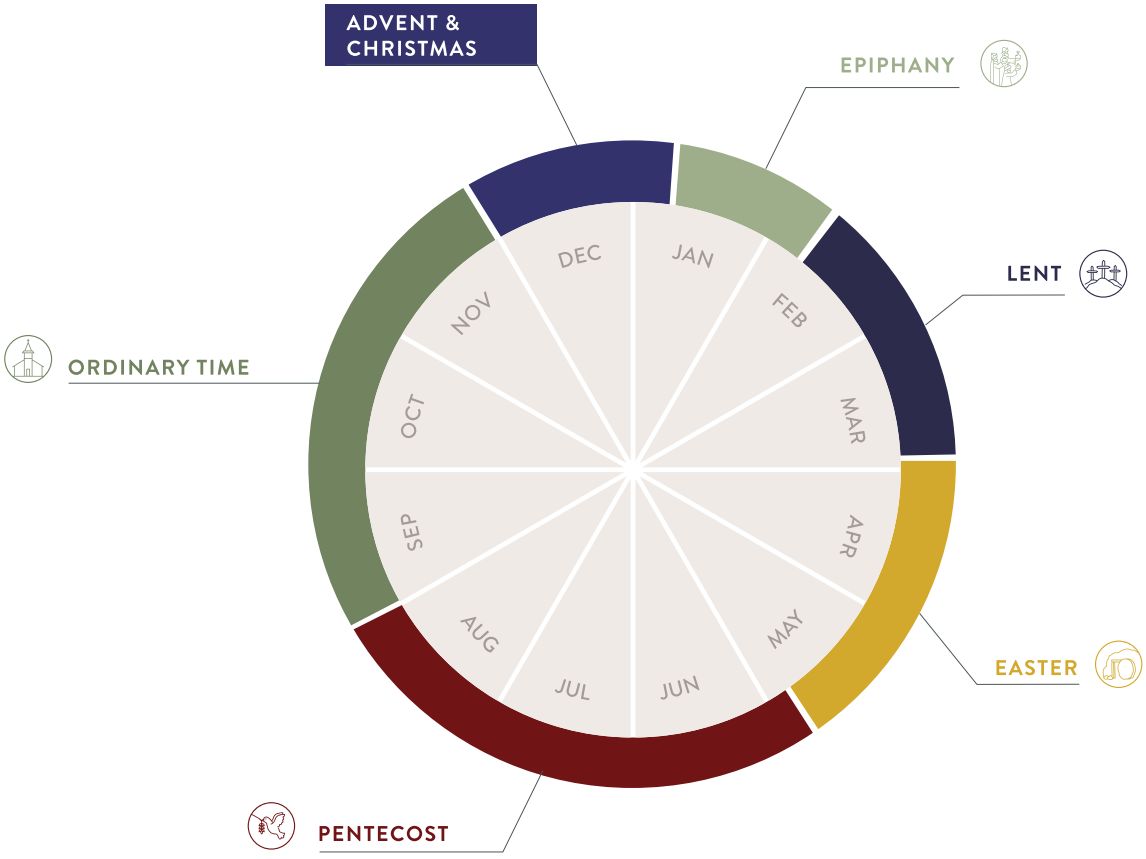
Olivier Miche, Cathédrale Saint-Pierre, Geneva

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

As another calendar year draws to a close, a new liturgical year is just beginning. During the first centuries of the early church, Christians developed this way of counting time as a tool to help the people of God remember and celebrate the full mystery of the good news of Jesus Christ. Thus, each season of the liturgical year invites us to focus on a different aspect of Jesus' life and ministry. To that end, each season has its own colors, prayers, rituals, and moods to aid in our remembrance and celebration.

By marking the passage of time redemptively, the liturgical year reminds us that God has acted and continues to act in history to redeem His people and bring forth the fruits of His kingdom. Taken together, the liturgical year acts in concert with Scripture and our weekly and daily worship to amplify the invitation to immerse ourselves in the good news of Jesus so that we might truly find life in him.

CHURCH CALENDAR





Jonny Gios



WHAT IS ADVENT?

Dr. Seuss was right. Christmas means a little bit more than what comes from a store. Indeed, it means a lot more! Christmas is about the Incarnation—God coming to be with us in Jesus, and many are familiar with that. Advent, on the other hand, is not so familiar to us. Advent is a word that simply means "coming" or "arrival." It is a four-week period in which the church looks back to Jesus' first coming in the Incarnation, and looks forward with hopeful anticipation to his second coming when he will establish the New Heavens and the New Earth.

For this reason, Advent is a season of waiting. The world is broken, and so we long for Jesus to come back and complete his work of making all things new. The cry of Advent is a cry for those who know something about suffering and longing. It is a time to grieve our own losses. It is also a time to join with all creation, which is, as Paul wrote, "groaning as it awaits the coming redemption." Advent reminds us that this world is not the way that it is supposed to be, but it does so by pointing us to the hope that the second coming of Jesus holds.

Of course, Scripture reminds us that we need redemption from our broken world, because we have broken it! Advent calls us to prepare for Jesus' return by repenting and believing. We are to turn away from the false hopes and desires that twist our hearts and destroy our relationships. Instead, we are to turn toward Jesus, who frees us so that we may love and serve one another in grace and truth. Just as John the Baptist was born to prepare the way for Jesus' first coming, so we are given to each other in the community of the church to encourage each other and challenge the world around us to prepare for his coming again.

WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?

At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus—the fulfillment of all our Advent expectations. Derived from "Christ Mass," Christmas is a twelve-day feast beginning at sunset on Christmas Eve. How could it not be a multiday, extravagant, and joyous feast when the King of Kings, the Prince of Peace, Creator and Redeemer has come to make the world and us new?!

“ Daily Morning Prayer and Daily Evening Prayer are the established rites (offices) by which, both corporately and individually, God’s people annually encounter the whole of the Holy Scriptures, daily confess their sins and praise Almighty God, and offer timely thanksgivings, petitions, and intercessions.”

— 2019 BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER



THE DAILY OFFICE

The Daily Office is the ancient Christian practice of stopping at set times during the day (primarily morning and evening) to pray and read Scripture. It’s rooted in the fixed-hour prayer of the Old Testament (cf. Ps 119:164, Dan 6:10) that was the common practice for Jews in Jesus’ day. The early church continued to pray at set times after Jesus’ ascension (cf. Acts 3:1; 10:3, 9, 30), and Christians have been doing the same ever since.

One of the reasons I like both the term and practice of the Daily Office is that it keeps Scripture reading and prayer together in a relationship where each practice encourages and contributes to the other. Scripture reading without prayer can become merely informational and academic. Prayer without Scripture reading can become dry and lifeless. But together they become the foundational way that we enjoy and abide in Jesus.

The Daily Office in this prayer guide is based on the Morning & Evening Prayer offices found in the 2019 Book of Common Prayer.

How to Use This Prayer Guide

1. **Take this prayer guide and a Bible** - *at a set time in the morning, the evening, or both.*
2. **Pray through the prayers and read the Scriptures** - *starting on page 26.*
3. **Take your time! Even if you don't feel like praying, trust that God will meet you in this time.**
4. **If you can, pray and read with others.**

ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

The Scripture lessons are based on the two-year lectionary (i.e., schedule of readings) from the Book of Common Prayer. Over the course of two years, you'll read the entire Old Testament once and the entire New Testament twice. The entire Psalter is read every 60 days.

If you're praying once a day...

- Read all Psalms and Scripture Lessons assigned for the day.

If you're praying both offices every day...

- **Morning** Prayer: Read the first set of Psalms and the Old Testament Lesson.
- **Evening** Prayer: Read the second set of Psalms and the New Testament Lesson.

ABOUT THE COLLECTS COL·LECT OR 'KÄ-LIKT

What's a collect?! A collect is a form of prayer that typically has five parts: (1) an address to God (2) a clause referring to some attribute of God or to one of his saving acts (3) the petition (4) the reason for which we ask (5) the conclusion. The ACNA Catechism defines it this way: "A collect is a form of petition that collects the people's prayers. Over the centuries, the Church has gathered its most cherished prayers to mark times and seasons."

In this prayer guide there are Collects of the Day that change weekly as well as specific morning and evening collects for each day of the week, along with a prayer for mission in the morning and a compline prayer in the evening.

ONE FINAL WORD...

This booklet is meant to be a guide; feel free to shorten or adapt the content to best fit your needs. The goal is to establish a rhythm of prayer and Scripture reading, to abide in Christ and anticipate his coming during Advent and Christmas. May this guide be a helpful resource and a blessing to you this season.

– Pastor Ben Wheeler



William Andrews Nesfield, Birmingham Museums Trust



Daily Prayer Guide

Daily Morning Prayer

LEADER: In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
ISAIAH 40:3

CONFESSION OF SIN

LEADER: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

LEADER AND **PEOPLE**:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

LEADER: Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

LEADER: O Lord, open our lips;

PEOPLE: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

LEADER: O God, make speed to save us;

PEOPLE: O Lord, make haste to help us.

LEADER: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

PEOPLE: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

LEADER: Praise the Lord.

PEOPLE: The Lord's Name be praised.

THE PSALMS & LESSONS



Reference the schedule of Scripture readings found on page 26.

After each Scripture reading:

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ABIDING

Pause at the start of the day. Enjoy communion with the living God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Listen to the voice of God in the Scriptures. Read. Meditate. Pray. Contemplate. Seek God's face.

THE PRAYERS

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And with your spirit.

LEADER: Let us pray.

LEADER AND PEOPLE:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

LEADER: O Lord, show your mercy upon us

PEOPLE: And grant us your salvation.

LEADER: O Lord, guide those who govern us;

PEOPLE: And lead us in the way of justice and truth.

LEADER: Clothe your ministers with righteousness

PEOPLE: And let your people sing with joy.

LEADER: O Lord, save your people;

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LEADER: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

PEOPLE: And defend us by your mighty power.

LEADER: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

PEOPLE: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

LEADER: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

PEOPLE: And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

The Leader then prays the following collects.

COLLECT OF THE DAY #1



THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

Reference the Weekly Collects found on page 30.

** Changes Weekly*

COLLECT OF THE DAY #2

DAY OF THE WEEK

Reference the Morning Collects found on page 34.

** Changes Daily*

PRAYER FOR MISSION

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pray for the specific needs of your family and friends

Pray for Redeemer and our mission

Pray for leaders, members, and regular attenders of Redeemer

Pray for other churches in Tyler

Pray for our neighbors, Tyler, and the world

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

LEADER: Let us bless the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

LEADER: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14



Daily Evening Prayer

LEADER: Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.
MARK 13:35-36

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COLLECT OF THE DAY #3

DAY OF THE WEEK

Reference the Evening Collects found on page 36. ➤

** Changes Daily*

COMPLINE PRAYER

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous, and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

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Keeping prayer and Scripture together becomes a foundational way that we enjoy and abide in Jesus.

Ben White



Scripture &Collects



PSALMS & LESSONS

DATE	PSALMS	FIRST LESSON (OT)	PSALMS	SECOND LESSON (NT)
November 29	75-76	Isaiah 42	79, 82	Luke 8:22-56
November 30	78:1-18	Isaiah 43	78:19-40	Luke 9:1-17
December 1	78:41-73	Isaiah 44	80	Luke 9:18-50
December 2	81	Isaiah 45	83	Luke 9:50-62
December 3	84	Isaiah 46	85	Luke 10:1-24
December 4	86-87	Isaiah 47	88	Luke 10:25-42
December 5	89:1-18	Isaiah 48	89:19-51	Luke 11:1-28
December 6	90	Isaiah 49	91	Luke 11:29-54
December 7	92-93	Isaiah 50	94	Luke 12:1-34
December 8	95-96	Isaiah 51	97-98	Luke 12:35-53
December 9	99-101	Isaiah 52	102	Luke 12:54-13:9
December 10	103	Isaiah 53	104	Luke 13:10-35
December 11	105:1-22	Isaiah 54	105:23-44	Luke 14:1-24
December 12	106:1-18	Isaiah 55	106:19-46	Luke 14:25-15:10
December 13	107:1-22	Isaiah 56	107:23-43	Luke 15:11-32
December 14	108, 110	Isaiah 57	109	Luke 16
December 15	111-112	Isaiah 58	113-114	Luke 17:1-19
December 16	115	Isaiah 59	116-117	Luke 17:20-37
December 17	119:1-24	Isaiah 60	119:25, 48	Luke 18:1-30
December 18	119:49-72	Isaiah 61	119:73-88	Luke 18:31-19:10
December 19	119:89-104	Isaiah 62	119:105-128	Luke 19:11-28
December 20	119:129-152	Isaiah 63	119:153-176	Luke 19:29-48
December 21	118	Isaiah 64	120-121	Luke 20:1-26
December 22	122-123	Isaiah 65	124-126	Luke 20:27-21:4
December 23	127-128	Isaiah 66	129-131	Luke 21:5-38
December 24	132-133	Song of Songs 1	134-135	Luke 22:1-38
December 25	19	Song of Songs 2	85, 110	Luke 2:1-14
December 26	136	Song of Songs 3	137-138	Luke 22:39-53
December 27	139	Song of Songs 4	141-142	Luke 22:54-71
December 28	140	Song of Songs 5	143	Luke 23:1-25

PSALMS & LESSONS

DATE	PSALMS	FIRST LESSON (OT)	PSALMS	SECOND LESSON (NT)
December 29	144	Song of Songs 6	145	Luke 23:26-49
December 30	146	Song of Songs 7	147	Luke 23:50-24:12
December 31	148	Song of Songs 8	149-150	Luke 24:13-53
January 1	1-2	Genesis 1	3-4	John 1:1-28
January 2	5-6	Genesis 2	7	John 1:29-51
January 3	9	Genesis 3	10	John 2
January 4	8, 11	Genesis 4	15-16	John 3:1-21
January 5	12-14	Genesis 5	17	John 3:22-36
January 6	96-97	Genesis 6	67, 72	Matthew 2:1-12
January 7	18:1-20	Genesis 7	18:21-52	John 4:1-26
January 8	19	Genesis 8	20-21	John 4:27-54
January 9	22	Genesis 9	23-24	John 5:1-24
January 10	25	Genesis 10	27	John 5:25-47
January 11	26, 28	Genesis 11	31	John 6:1-21
January 12	29, 30	Genesis 12	33	John 6:22-40
January 13	34	Genesis 13	35	John 6:41-71
January 14	32, 36	Genesis 14	38	John 7:1-24
January 15	37:1-17	Genesis 15	37:18-41	John 7:25-52
January 16	40	Genesis 16	39, 41	John 7:53-8:30
January 17	42-43	Genesis 17	44	John 8:31-59
January 18	45	Genesis 18	46	Matthew 16:13-20
January 19	47-48	Genesis 19	49	John 9
January 20	50	Genesis 20	51	John 10:1-21
January 21	52-54	Genesis 21	55	John 10:22-42
January 22	56-57	Genesis 22	58, 60	John 11:1-44
January 23	59	Genesis 23	63-64	John 11:45-57
January 24	61-62	Genesis 24	65, 67	John 12:1-19
January 25	68:1-18	Acts 9:1-22	68:19-36	John 12:20-49
January 26	69:1-18	Genesis 25	69:19-37	John 13
January 27	66	Genesis 26	70, 72	John 14:1-14

PSALMS & LESSONS

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January 28	71	Genesis 27	73	John 14:15-31
January 29	74	Genesis 28	77	John 15:1-17
January 30	75-76	Genesis 29	79, 82	John 15:18-27
January 31	78:1-18	Genesis 30	78:19-40	John 16:1-15

NOTES

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Julie Beth Wileman

December

COLLECT OF THE DAY

#1

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29 to DECEMBER 5

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

CHANGES WEEKLY ON SUNDAY

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 6 to DECEMBER 12

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 13 to DECEMBER 19

O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 20 to DECEMBER 23

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**.

CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen**.

January

COLLECT OF THE DAY

#1

CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 25

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CHANGES WEEKLY ON SUNDAY

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 27 to JANUARY 2

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
JANUARY 3 to JANUARY 5

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 6

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
JANUARY 10 to JANUARY 16

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

MORNING COLLECT OF THE DAY

#2

According to the Day of the Week

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CATECHISM OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA

A COLLECT FOR:

Sunday

Strength to Await Christ's Return — O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Monday

The Renewal of Life — O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Tuesday

Peace — O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Wednesday

Grace — O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us by your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger and that, guided by your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in your sight through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Thursday

Guidance — Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Friday

Endurance — Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Saturday

Sabbath Rest — Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EVENING COLLECT OF THE DAY

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According to the Day of the Week

FIVE PARTS OF A COLLECT

(1) An address to God
(2) A clause referring to some attribute of God, or to one of his saving acts
(3) The petition
(4) The reason for which we ask
(5) The conclusion

A COLLECT FOR:

Sunday

Resurrection Hope — Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Monday

Peace — O God, the source of all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Tuesday

Aid Against Perils — Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Wednesday

Protection — O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Thursday

The Presence of Christ — Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

Friday

Faith — Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

Saturday

Eve of Worship — O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow give you glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
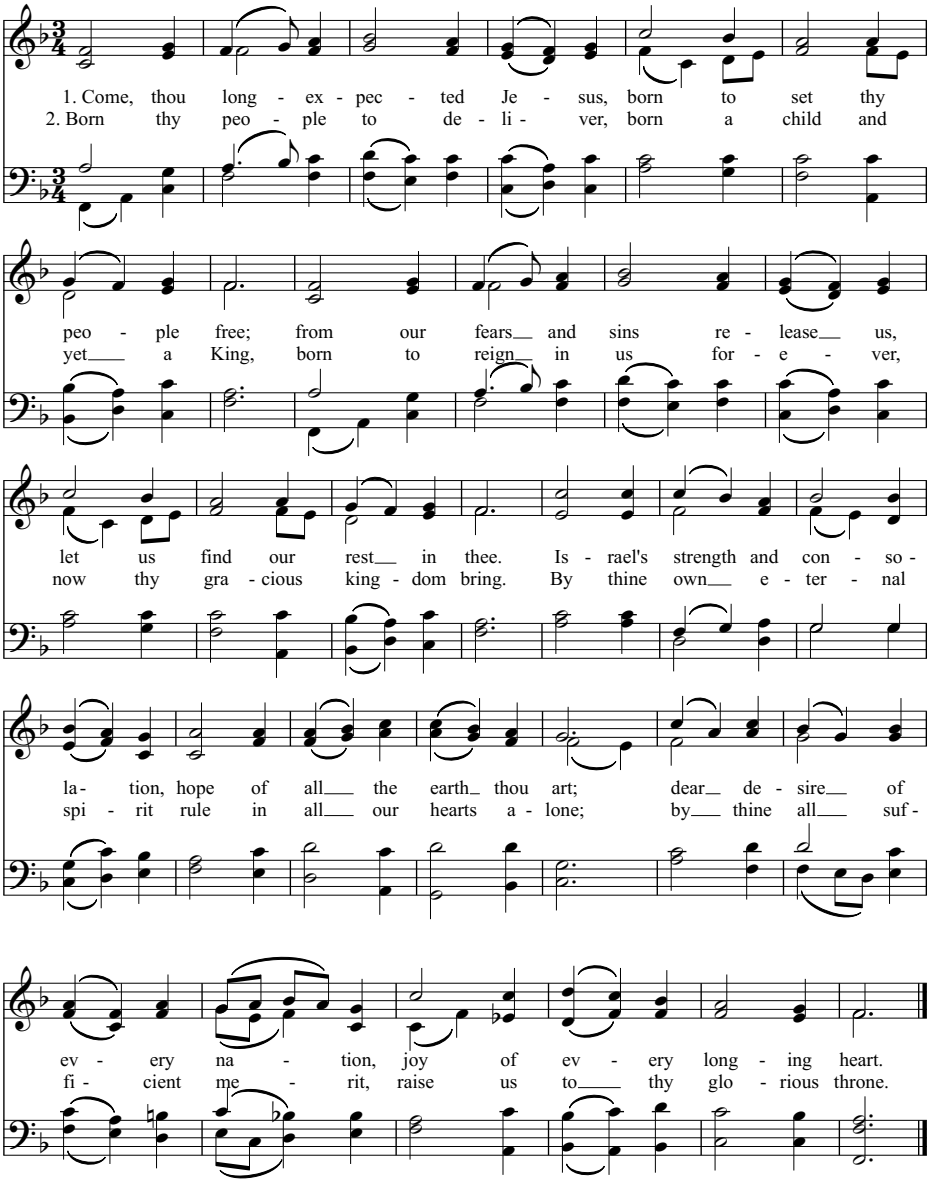


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