

Christian Year

Ash Wednesday

“Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

“Therefore we beseech [Christ] to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

- Book of Common Prayer

Palm Sunday

“As on this day we keep the special memory of our Redeemer’s entry into the city, so grant, O Lord, that now and ever, he may triumph in our hearts. Let the King of grace and glory enter in, and let us lay ourselves and all we are in full and joyful homage before him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

- H.C.G. Moule

Holy Week

“Grant, O Lord, that in your wounds I may find my safety, in your stripes my cure, in your pain my peace, in your Cross, my victory, in your Resurrection my triumph, and a crown of righteousness in the glories of your eternal kingdom.”

- Jeremy Taylor

Good Friday

“Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord, Jesus Christ, was contented to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.”

- Book of Common Prayer

Easter

“O God, who for our redemption did give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection has delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same thy Son, Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.”

- Book of Common Prayer

Ascension

“Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with this Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.”

-Book of Common Prayer

Pentecost

“Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit.

With rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers, come, Holy Spirit.

With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame, come, Holy Spirit.

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation, come, Holy Spirit.

With power from above to make our weakness strong, come, Holy Spirit. Amen.”

-Reformed Worship

Advent

“Heavenly Father, during Advent, may we remember the greatest gift ever given: Your only Son, Jesus Christ. Fill our hearts with joy day by day as we think of our Savior putting aside His heavenly glory and coming among us. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, grow our understanding and wonder of His birth. By Christmas day, may our hearts overflow with rejoicing and thanksgiving.”

The Nativity: Christmas Day

“O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who liveth and reigns with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.”

-Book of Common Prayer