

PROPER PREFACES

THE LORD'S DAY

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

AT ANY TIME

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is thy living Word from before time and for all ages; by him thou didst create all things, and by him thou makest all things new.

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Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine own image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

ADVENT

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

CHRISTMAS

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born [as at this time] for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin.

EPIPHANY

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, in substance of our mortal flesh, manifested forth his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness into his own glorious light.

PRESENTATION, ANNUNCIATION, *and* TRANSFIGURATION

Because in the Mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

LENT

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

HOLY WEEK

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who, having loved his own which were in the world, loved them unto the end, and on the night before he suffered, did institute these holy mysteries: That we, receiving the benefits of his Passion, and being quickened by his Resurrection, might be made partakers of his divine nature.

EASTER

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

ASCENSION

Through thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who, after his most glorious Resurrection, manifestly appeared to all his Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

PENTECOST

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down as at this time from heaven, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them into all truth; giving them boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of thee, and of thy Son Jesus Christ.

TRINITY SUNDAY

Who, with thine only-begotten Son, and the Holy Ghost, art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance. For that which we believe of thy glory, O Father, the same we believe of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, without any difference of inequality.

ALL SAINTS'

Who, in the multitude of thy saints, hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

CHRIST THE KING

Through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords; for thou hast seated him at thy right hand in glory, and put all things in subjection under his feet, that he may present them to thee, O Father, perfectly restored in beauty, truth, and love.

APOSTLES *and* ORDINATIONS

Through the great shepherd of thy flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even unto the end of the ages.

DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before thee a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in thy sight.

BAPTISM

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord thou hast received us as thy sons and daughters, made us citizens of thy kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Because in the love of wife and husband, thou hast given us an image of the heavenly Jerusalem, adorned as a bride for her bridegroom, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who loveth her and gave himself for her, that he might make the whole creation new.

BURIAL

or COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

PENITENTIAL OCCASIONS

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin: by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

ROGATION DAYS *or* THANKSGIVING DAY

Because the wonders of thy Creation reflect thy goodness and beauty, and thy gifts of sun and rain, seed-time and harvest manifest thy continual care and love for all that thou hast made.

CANADA DAY *or* INDEPENDENCE DAY

Because thou hast made us in thine own image, that we might serve thee on earth in freedom, justice and peace; and have given us the hope of our eternal citizenship with thee in thine heavenly kingdom.

REMEMBRANCE DAY *or* MEMORIAL DAY

For by the sacrifice of thy Son on the Cross, all who turn to him in the tribulation of war will find their peace with him in paradise.

COMMON OF A MARTYR

For the witness of thy martyrs, who took up their cross and followed thee even unto death, and revealed thine power made perfect in human weakness.

COMMON OF A MISSIONARY OR EVANGELIST

For the gifts of thy Holy Ghost poured upon prophets and evangelists to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth, and to bring all peoples under the reign of Jesus Christ our Lord.

COMMON OF A PASTOR

Through Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep; in him thou didst call faithful pastors and anoint them with thy Holy Ghost, to feed thy flock by Word and Sacrament, and to lead them in the way of everlasting life.

COMMON OF A TEACHER OF THE FAITH

For thou hast imparted gifts of wisdom and knowledge to those who teach the Gospel in word and deed, to build up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.

COMMON OF A MONASTIC OR RELIGIOUS

For calling to the consecrated life those who leave everything for the sake of thy kingdom, and who show forth in this world an anticipation of the abundant life thou hast promised in the age to come.

COMMON OF AN ECUMENIST

Through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; in him thou hast brought us to the knowledge of thy truth, and united us by the bond of one Faith and one Baptism, that we might love one another and manifest thy love to the world.

COMMON OF A RENEWER OF SOCIETY

For thou dost never turn away, and dost continually send among us those who seek justice, defend the oppressed, feed the poor, and bind up the brokenhearted.

COMMON OF A REFORMER OF THE CHURCH

For thou, the master builder, never abandonest thy Church which thou hast built of living stones; thou sendest us those who restore its ancient walls and re-unite its broken ramparts, that it may be a holy temple of thy presence.

COMMON OF ANY COMMEMORATION

For the grace and virtue manifest in [*N.* and all] thy saints, who have been the chosen vessels of thy love, and the lights of the world in their generations.