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COMMISSION MEETING DATES

November 15-19, 2006, Chicago, Illinois; May 7-10, 2007, Menlo Park, California; September 26-29, 2007, New Orleans, Louisiana; February 2008, Memphis, Tennessee; May 19-22, 2008, Federal Way, Washington; October 13-17, 2008, Ashland, Nebraska

COMMITTEE/PROJECT REPORTS

Rachel's Tears, Hannah's Hopes: Liturgies and Prayers for Healing from Loss Related to Childbearing and Childbirth

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RESPONSES TO RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION D047 POST-ABORTION HEALING SERVICE

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop liturgies supplemental to “Burial of a Child” (*Enriching Our Worship 2*) that respond to the pastoral needs of women and men who have experienced miscarriage, abortion, or other trauma in the childbearing or childbirth process, for presentation to and consideration by the 75th General Convention.

In responding to this Resolution, the SCLM has recognized the pastoral and long-overdue need for liturgies and prayers that minister to people suffering from reproductive loss and grief. The SCLM established a Reproductive Loss Subcommittee which gathered a group of ten liturgists from around the country at a meeting in Collegeville, Minnesota, in April 2005. At that meeting the liturgists prayed, sang, spent time in silence and reflection, told our stories and named the pastoral needs to which these liturgies must speak and minister. The meeting produced a draft text that articulated these needs and models of liturgies and prayers. In July 2005 the document was given to a writer who crafted original prayers and liturgies building upon the working group’s document. In September 2005 the drafts of these prayers and liturgies were widely circulated to stakeholders (leadership in National Organization of Episcopalians for Life (NOEL), Episcopal Women’s Caucus, Hospital Chaplaincy network, Missioners for Ethnic Congregational Development, the full SCLM and selected individuals).

Following the 75th General Convention, the draft of prayers and liturgies, along with formal reviews from the previous triennium, were sent to a new writer for edits and rewrites. Over the course of the triennium the document enjoyed four cycles of revision. In late summer 2008, a final draft was circulated for review to: five bishops, members of the Episcopal Hospital Chaplaincy network, Anglicans for Life (formerly NOEL), the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism, the Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women and several individual stakeholders and liturgists.

As articulated in the manuscript’s introduction, this body of work provides pastoral support to those experiencing the grief, hope, uncertainty and loss that may surround childbearing and childbirth. It is designed to provide flexibility so that pastors and liturgists may create occasions of prayer and opportunities for worship to meet the particular and specific needs of the individuals seeking such resources.

As a supplement to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer rites of Thanksgiving for the Birth or Adoption of a Child, Reconciliation of a Penitent, and Ministration to the Sick, this collection of materials is presented for approval as *Enriching Our Worship 5*.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION A088 ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP 5

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention receives *Rachel’s Tears, Hannah’s Hopes*
- 2 (found on page 205 of this *Blue Book Report*) as the response of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to
- 3 Resolution D047, *Post-Abortion Healing Services*, of the 74th General Convention; and be it further
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- 5 *Resolved*, That this 76th General Convention authorize the use of *Rachel’s Tears, Hannah’s Hopes* to be added to the
- 6 *Enriching Our Worship* series for the 2010-2012 triennium, under the direction of the diocesan bishop or
- 7 ecclesiastical authority.

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP – DAILY PRAYER MEETINGS

April 2007, Oviedo, FL; January 9-11, 2008, Berkeley, CA; May 12- 15, 2008, Seattle, WA

SCLM members: Ernesto Medina, Devon Anderson, Clay Morris

Consultants: Mark Bozutti-Jones, Rebecca Clark, Paul Joo, Lizette Larson-Miller, Julia McCray-Goldsmith, Elizabeth Muñoz, Cristina Smith , Carol Wade, Julia Wakelee-Lynch, Louis Weil.

The SCLM was directed by the 75th General Convention in Resolution A069 to develop liturgical material for inclusion in the Enriching Our Worship series. The Commission was also directed to develop these materials innovatively drawing on and reflecting our church's liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, gender and ethnic diversity. Recognizing that our current daily offices are based on a monastic model of prayer, the SCLM decided to focus its work on the daily offices in order to develop cathedral-style ways of prayer.

The nine liturgists who gathered at the first meeting in Florida in April 2007 prayed, listened, sang and discerned together over a period of five days. Out of this came the basic shape of the project heading forward from that point, as well as a clear sense that the project would require more time than initially anticipated. It was clear the scope of the project would be much larger than we had first thought.

The basic outline reclaims the practice of praying the hours. Daily Prayer allows for prayer at eight specific times of the day:

- Daylight
- Start of Day
- Mid Morning
- Noon
- Mid Afternoon
- Evening
- End of Day
- Late Night

In addition to prayers being written for these specific times of the day, sets of prayers are being written for the liturgical seasons of the church year. They are identified as follows:

- Advent
- Christmas
- Epiphany
- Lent
- Eastertide
- Ordinary Time (Two tracks are being developed for Ordinary Time: "Rest" and "Grow")

The Rev. Julia Wakelee-Lynch was asked to serve as first round editor/consultant for the project, and a second meeting with three additional consultants was held at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, CA, in January 2008. At that gathering, a rough draft for the season of Lent was developed, which was then tested out in a wide variety of settings in parishes, small groups and by individuals. The response was very positive.

In May 2008, six consultants gathered in Seattle, WA, to assess feedback from the initial draft and begin work on a broader draft which would provide sets of prayers for each season of the church year, adaptable for corporate, small group and personal use. This draft is still in progress, as well as a scholarly introduction, which will provide a broader context for the work, and an end section with notes and appendix of prayer resources.

Our plan is as follows:

1. Complete the whole set of prayers in 2009 and send to a liturgical proof editor;
2. Present to the first full meeting of the SCLM in the new triennium;
3. When the collection is acceptable, send the prayers out for informal trial use in the remainder of the triennium; and
4. Report in full to the 77th General Convention.

RESOLUTION A089 DAILY PRAYER

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on
- 2 Liturgy and Music to complete the work on Daily Prayer and report back to the 77th General Convention; and be
- 3 it further
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- 5 *Resolved*, That the 76th General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance
- 6 to consider a budget allocation of \$15,000 for implementation of this Resolution.

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP – ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

Meeting: April 2007, Oviedo, Florida

SCLM members: Julia Huttar Bailey, Ruth Meyers, Jennifer Phillips

Consultants: Rachelle Brown, Michael Cunningham (co-facilitator), Tom Discavage, Winona Hawley, Vincent Jang, R. C. Laird, Caroline McKenzie, Patricia Millard, Shannon Cate

The 75th General Convention directed the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop liturgical materials for inclusion in the Enriching Our Worship series for the pastoral issues in the context of the adoption of children (A070).

The Committee met April 2007 at the Canterbury Retreat Center in Oviedo, Florida (in conjunction with the group working on Daily Prayer). The voices around the table included adult adoptees, adoptive parents and those whose family members had been placed with adoptive families.

We prayed and shared our own stories about our adoptive experiences. We then developed a comprehensive list of pastoral issues surrounding adoption. It was a difficult meeting at times, but this only made note of the sensitive and personal aspects, as well as the sacredness of adoption. It was clear that adoption, though filled with joy, also involves loss—it is a journey that can include grief, struggle, hope, embrace and joy. The Committee committed itself that the final collection of liturgical material would be pastoral, bold and truthful.

We developed a list of prayers and liturgical rites which would address pastoral benchmarks in the process of adoption, keeping in mind perspectives of all those involved in the process of adoption (i.e. adoptive parents, adoptees, birth parents, siblings and others).

The group asked that Shannon Cate take the information from this gathering and prepare a first draft.

In March 2008, Julia Huttar Bailey, Shannon Cate and Ruth Meyers met to discuss a working draft of the theological assumptions and the basic organizational structure of the project.

At the May meeting of the SCLM, a first draft presentation of material was made. This collection included rites titled “A Celebration of a New Family Through Adoption” and “Welcoming a Foster Child,” along with many prayers. Jennifer Phillips, from the SCLM, agreed to rewrite the prayers to help bring them to a consistent voice.

The SCLM understands the importance of this work and looks forward to completing the project in the next triennium and reporting back to the 77th General Convention.

RESOLUTION A090 LITURGICAL MATERIALS FOR PASTORAL CARE IN THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on
- 2 Liturgy and Music to continue the work of developing liturgical materials for inclusion in the Enriching Our
- 3 Worship series for the pastoral issues in the context of adoption of children; and be it further
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- 5 *Resolved*, That the 76th General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance
- 6 to consider a budget allocation of \$15,000 for implementation of this Resolution.

DISMANTLING CHRISTIAN ANTI-JUDAISM

Resolution 2006-C001 directed the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music “to collect and develop materials to assist members of the Church to address anti-Jewish prejudice expressed in and stirred by portions of Christian scriptures and liturgical texts, with suggestions for preaching, congregational education, and lectionary use.” We began our work by contracting with the Rev. Dr. Marilyn Salmon, Professor of New Testament Theology at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities and Associate Priest at St. Clement’s Episcopal Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, to help us answer the following questions: Why is it important that the church address anti-Jewish prejudice? Where does anti-Judaism present itself in congregational life? What resources are available to deal with the problem of anti-Judaism? What additional resources are needed, and how do we make them accessible?

What is anti-Judaism and why does it matter?

While the Resolution seeks to address “anti-Jewish prejudice,” a more accurate term is “Christian anti-Judaism.” Addressing Christian anti-Judaism is not, in the first place, about Judaism. It is about authentic Christianity and the church’s truth-telling. We name it “anti-Judaism” rather than “anti-Semitism” because the prejudice is toward the Jewish religion, not a Semitic race. It is Christian, and not Jewish, in content, because the church created and perpetuated anti-Judaism in its story of origins, its biblical interpretations and its theology. Eradicating anti-Judaism from Christian preaching and teaching and biblical interpretation matters for the church because continuing the long “teaching of contempt” toward Judaism undermines the Gospel of Jesus Christ we proclaim.

The Christian story of origins was constructed by creating a caricature of Judaism, an inferior Judaism designed to display the superiority of Christianity. We continue to perpetuate this caricature in careless readings of our scriptures, Old and New Testament, and in any definition of Jesus over and against his Jewish brothers and sisters. Supersessionism is the viewpoint that Christianity displaced Judaism in the story of God’s salvation because of Judaism’s inferiority. Christians reinforce this attitude, whether consciously or not, by asserting that Christianity proclaims a universal salvation while Judaism insists on ethnic exclusivity; by contrasting the freedom of the Gospel with the supposed burden of Jewish Law; by Christian acceptance of Jesus over against Jewish rejection of Jesus; by defining Jewish people in terms of obstinacy, disobedience and blindness.

The imperative to address Christian anti-Judaism is grounded in the following convictions: (1) anti-Judaism is antithetical to the Christian Gospel; (2) Christian supersessionism depends on half-truths and misrepresentations of Judaism; (3) the Christian Gospel of Jesus Christ is compelling on its own terms, without creating a foil, an “other” to display its merits; and (4) Jesus does not need our help to make him look good by demonizing his Jewish brothers and sisters, even those who may have disagreed with him.

In addition to the ethical implications of promoting one’s own religion by misrepresenting another’s, eliminating anti-Judaism is an especially necessary response to the Holocaust. The church throughout its history had already created an environment that made hostility toward Jews acceptable and mass murder possible, by centuries of persecution, forced conversions, crusades and pogroms. The Holocaust is in continuity with this horrific past, but the sheer enormity of its tragedy calls for radical reassessment. Christianity cannot remain unchanged in light of its complicity in the near annihilation of Judaism and Jewish life in Europe in the last century. Theologians, church historians, and biblical scholars have responded to the ethical imperative to examine Christianity’s anti-Judaism. Over the last thirty years, many churches, including The Episcopal Church, have passed Resolutions and voted statements affirming the continued validity of God’s covenant with Jews and denouncing efforts to convert Jews to Christianity. For example, in Resolution D122 of the 1991 General Convention, the Convention “deplore[d] all expressions of anti-Jewish prejudice (sometimes referred to by the imprecise word “anti-Semitism”), in whatever form on whatever occasion, and urge[d] its total elimination from the deliberations and affairs of The Episcopal Church, its individual members, its various units.” Yet very little has changed in liturgy, preaching and teaching in congregational life. Supersessionism persists in sermons, preaching resources, educational material, bible studies and liturgies.

Pastoral relationships are affected by the way we speak of Jews and Judaism in worship. Sermons, hymns, prayers that exclude, diminish or insult any other group potentially cause alienation or harm, and undermine our most

sincere expressions of hospitality and acceptance. This is not in the first place about offending Jews. It is about being fully aware of how our public expressions of faith compromise the gospel we proclaim.

How do we change old habits?

The first step toward addressing Christian anti-Judaism is to engage in consciousness-raising, learning to recognize the anti-Judaism in the way we tell our Christian story. We need to hear “with Jewish ears,” to imagine how what we preach or teach or read from scripture might sound to a Jewish person. This may be as simple as a resolve not to repeat misinformation about Jews and Judaism, not to presume we know more than we do about Judaism, especially in the time of Jesus, by relying solely on the New Testament as a source of information.

In this triennium, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music focused on biblical interpretation in preaching as key to telling the story of Jesus Christ without contempt toward Judaism. The lectionary biblical texts and sermon interpretations are the medium for persistent and public perpetuation of anti-Jewish stereotypes. Moreover, those responsible for preaching are usually ordained leaders who also make decisions about education, liturgy and music. If the leadership is committed to addressing anti-Jewish prejudice, they may begin to raise the consciousness of others. On the other hand, the initiative may come from laity or other church leaders who raise the consciousness of the rector.

There are resources available for congregational leaders who commit themselves and their congregations to address anti-Jewish prejudice. A brief annotated bibliography included here is representative of some excellent and reliable printed resources. These are weighted toward preaching and lectionary resources but include some recommended reading for liturgy and education.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Joddock, Darrell, ed., *Covenantal Conversations: Christians in Dialogue with Jews and Judaism* (Fortress, 2008). The topics/chapters correspond to “Talking Points: Topics in Jewish-Christian Relations” published by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Office of Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations in 2002. Each chapter includes a response by a Jew conversant with the topic and with dialogue. Chapters cover biblical interpretation, covenant theologies, stereotypes of Jews and Judaism, the land of Israel, and a proposed Christian view of the Mideast conflict. The contributing authors are Lutherans, but the perspective is not narrowly denominational. The book includes questions for discussion on each chapter and recommendations for further reading and study. Highly recommended reading for clergy, for use with adults, congregational staff, education leaders.
- Boys, Mary C., *Has God Only One Blessing?* (Paulist, 2000). This book is especially good for Christian educators and those for whom the topic of Christian anti-Judaism and Jewish-Christian dialogue is new territory. The author has the ability to make difficult and potentially threatening ideas easy to understand and appreciate. She provides good examples and good charts comparing Christian stereotypes of Jews and Judaism with historically accurate ones. This book also includes questions for further discussion.
- Salmon, Marilyn, *Preaching Without Contempt: Overcoming Unintended Anti-Judaism* (Augsburg Fortress, 2006). The primary audience is preachers, and the book assumes that most will have some theological education and training in that area. For this audience, it provides a rationale for learning to recognize unintended anti-Judaism in preaching biblical texts and strategies for eliminating them. Illustrations from sermons are included. Particular problems are addressed in chapters on supersessionism, the Pharisees and the Law, the Gospel of John, and passion narratives. A bibliography identifies other resources.
- David Lott, ed., *New Proclamation Year C, 2006-07, Advent through Holy Week* (Fortress Press, 06). The section on Holy Week demonstrates biblical exegesis that is mindful of the themes of the season without demonizing the Jews, all too common during Holy Week.
- Allen, Ronald J., and Williamson, Clark M., *Preaching the Gospels Without Blaming the Jews: A Lectionary Commentary* (Westminster John Knox: 2004). If a preacher has some awareness of the issue but is not inclined to read a whole book on the subject, this book is the first choice. It offers brief commentary on every gospel reading assigned by the Revised Common Lectionary, focusing on pitfalls and possibilities in

the text, in no more than one-and-a-half pages. It has the potential to help preachers develop good habits, good instincts, and may lead to further exploration as to why this matters.

- Allen, Ronald, and Williamson, Clark, *Preaching the Letters without Dismissing the Law* (Westminster John Knox, 2006).
- Allen and Williamson, *Preaching the Old Testament: A Lectionary Commentary* (Westminster John Knox, 2007).
- Swanson, Richard W., *Provoking the Gospel of Matthew: A Storyteller's Commentary* (Pilgrim Press, 2007). See also *Provoking the Gospel of Mark* and *Provoking the Gospel of Luke* by this author. This series is a resource for interpreting the gospels that simply takes for granted that it is unacceptable to proclaim the gospel story at the expense of Jews and Judaism. CD included, with examples for storytelling and dramatizing the gospel. The books follow the Revised Common Lectionary. Great potential for reimagining worship and Christian education for all ages.
- Fredriksen, Paula, and Reinhartz, Adele, eds., *Jesus, Judaism and Christian Anti-Judaism: Reading the New Testament after the Holocaust* (Westminster John Knox, 2002). The contributing authors to this collection of essays include Jewish and Christian New Testament scholars. This is an excellent book for getting a good foundation for the context of the NT literature *within* first-century Judaism. It provides an accessible reconstruction of early Judaism for Christians accustomed to defining Judaism as a foil for the superiority of Christianity. The primary audience is undergraduates and seminarians.
- Levine, Amy-Jill, *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus* (HarperCollins, 2007). A. J. Levine, an orthodox Jew, teaches New Testament at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. The book is compelling because of its humor, its poignancy and its subject—Jesus—from the perspective of a Jew who knows and reveres Jesus the Jew and persuades Christians to appreciate Jesus' Jewishness.

THE NEXT TRIENNIUM

We recommend that this work continue with the development and dissemination of resources for The Episcopal Church, as detailed in the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION A091 DISMANTLE CHRISTIAN ANTI-JUDAISM

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on
2 Liturgy and Music to continue to collect, develop and disseminate materials that assist members of the Church to
3 address Christian anti-Judaism expressed in and stirred by portions of Christian scriptures and liturgical texts,
4 including the preparation of a pamphlet explaining Christian anti-Judaism and ways to address it in teaching,
5 evangelism, and congregational life; the development of age-appropriate educational materials for children; the
6 identification and evaluation of available resources pertaining to liturgy and music, giving special attention to Holy
7 Week and Easter liturgies and to the diverse traditions of song in The Episcopal Church; and to report the results
8 of its efforts to the 77th General Convention; and be it further
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- 10 *Resolved*, That the 76th General Convention request that the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops
11 develop, in consultation with the Standing Commissions on Liturgy and Music and on Ecumenical and
12 Interreligious Relations, a statement defining Christian anti-Judaism and why it demands our attention, and to
13 report to the 77th General Convention; and be it further
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- 15 *Resolved*, That the 76th General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance
16 to consider a budget allocation of \$10,000.00 for implementation of this Resolution.

OPEN COMMUNION

In Resolution D084: UPHOLDING COMMUNION OF THE BAPTIZED, the 75th General Convention directed the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to be in consultation with the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops on the subject of “a pastoral and theological understanding of the relationship between Holy Baptism and Eucharistic practice.” We are grateful for our consultation with the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops and stand ready to cooperate with them on this important issue in the future.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Members: Samuel Chueng, Julia Huttar Bailey, Carl MaulsBy, Sandra Montes, Clayton Morris, Jeannine Otis, Frank Tedeschi and Ted Yumoto. Consultants: Marilyn Haskell and R. C. Laird

The last General Convention directed in Resolution A073 that the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music “continue the work begun in the Praise and World Music Hymnal Supplement project.” After reviewing the reports and listening to the submissions forwarded to this Committee from the previous Triennial SCLM Music Committee, the 2007-2009 Committee could not agree on what Praise & World Music was suitable for use in The Episcopal Church. This lack of clarity, we found, reflected the lack of clarity found in the larger church. At the same time we are aware of the abundance of viable material specifically in the area of World Music. Publishing format and expense was also a difficult issue.

Recommendations: Given the scope of our study and discussions, we have concluded that time would be best spent on the development of a World Music resource and not Praise Music. The Committee hereby recommends that SCLM allocate resources for the review, collection and dissemination of world music.

RESOLUTION A092 WORLD MUSIC

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on
- 2 Liturgy and Music to continue the work begun in the World Music project; and be it further
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- 4 *Resolved*, That the 76th General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance
- 5 to consider a budget allocation of \$35,000 for implementation of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION A093 MUSIC SURVEY

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on
- 2 Liturgy and Music to collect comprehensive data from across The Episcopal Church to determine congregational
- 3 music needs and wants; and be it further
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- 5 *Resolved*, That the 76th General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance
- 6 to consider a budget allocation of \$15,000.00 for implementation of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION A094 RECRUITING MUSIC LEADERS

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on
- 2 Liturgy and Music to consult with musicians from the variety of Episcopal music and educational organizations
- 3 and devise an action plan for the recruitment and training of people, especially youth, to become Episcopal
- 4 Church music leaders; and be it further
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- 6 *Resolved*, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music evaluate the plan and report back to the 77th
- 7 General Convention.

EXPLANATION

Canon II.5 states “It shall be the duty of every Minister to see that music is used as an offering for the glory of God and as a help to the people in their worship in accordance with The Book of Common Prayer, and as authorized by the rubrics or by the General Convention of this Church... In fulfilling this responsibility the Minister shall seek assistance from persons skilled in music.” The Music Committee of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music has identified in The Episcopal Church an acknowledged church-wide shortage of “persons skilled in music.” Though the Leadership Program for Musicians (an ecumenical program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, The Episcopal Church, The Presbyterian Association of Musicians, and the United Church of Christ Musicians’ Association) is effective in training people who already have some basic instrumental and song-leading skills, there is a need to prepare people, particularly youth, to participate in this or some other program.

CALENDAR COMMITTEE

The following members of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music served as members of the Calendar Committee during the 2000-2003, 2003-2006 and/or 2006-2009 triennium: Neil Alexander, Barry Howe, Greg Howe (Convener, 2007-), Henry Louttit, Paula Maclean, Paul Marshall, Ruth Meyers, Gordon Panton, Phoebe Pettingell, Jennifer Phillips, Jeffery Rowthorn (Chair, 2000-2006), Wayne Smith, Mildred Springer, and Louis Weil. Consultants: Frank Griswold, Ted Hackett, Ellie McLaughlin, and Arthur Williams

The primary work of the Calendar Committee during this triennium has been the completion of a major revision of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*. With the encouragement of then-Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold, a detailed evaluation of the scope and adequacy of the commemorations and accompanying propers began in the triennium following the 2000 General Convention. Upon receipt of this initial report, the 74th General Convention in Resolution 2003–A100 directed the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to undertake a revision of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* that would reflect the cultural diversity of The Episcopal Church, of the wider Anglican Communion, of our ecumenical partners and of our lively experience of sainthood in local communities.

As the Calendar Committee began its work after the 2003 convention, we immediately recognized that it would not be possible to accomplish so major a revision in one triennium because of its scope and depth, and so we established a timeline for the completion of the revision over two triennia. In Resolution 2006–A058, the 75th General Convention affirmed the work that had begun, in anticipation of the submission of the completed revision for consideration by the 76th General Convention in 2009. The result of this revision, entitled *Holy Women, Holy Men*, is found on pages 266-582 of this Blue Book Report.

At the beginning of our work, we studied the process of calendar development in the Catholic Church and, more specifically, in The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. On the basis of this review, we created new principles of revision as agreed norms within which the proposed revision would be developed. These principles, adopted by the 75th General Convention in Resolution 2006–A057, were published in *Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2006* and have guided our work during this triennium. As we brought this work to completion, we reviewed those principles of revision, along with the procedures for continuing alteration of the calendar that were adopted by the 1994 General Convention. These “Guidelines and Procedures for Continuing Alteration of the Calendar of The Episcopal Church” were accepted by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music in October 2008 and are presented for approval by this General Convention. They are included in the proposed volume *Holy Women, Holy Men*, found on pages 266–582 of this Blue Book Report.

After establishing the principles of revision, the Commission evaluated the present state of our calendar and compared it to the available calendars of more than twenty provinces of the Anglican Communion, the calendars of our ecumenical partners (Rome, the Orthodox, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the United Methodists), and similar resources. We consulted with our church’s missiologists and historians, and received valuable help from such groups as the Episcopal Women’s History Project and the Union of Black Episcopalians, among others. In August 2005 a consultation held in Atlanta was attended by all four Ethnic Missioners of The Episcopal Church—African-American, Asian, Latino/Hispanic, and Native American—and representatives of the Chinese and Filipino communities. We noted a number of omissions in LFF. For instance, the 18th and 19th century missionary movement was only lightly represented. In studying the saints of this movement, we were inspired by many figures from Christian traditions often ignored by Episcopalians (e.g., Baptist William Carey who first translated the Bible into many languages of the Indian subcontinent, the Orthodox Abba Herman of the Aleutian islands, Lillian Trasher of the Assemblies of God, the Southern Baptist Lottie Moon in China), in addition to many Anglicans who spread the Gospel among their own people in Africa and Asia, as well as North America. We have also included founding figures of another of our close ecumenical partners, the Philippine Independent Church.

Our work this triennium has also taken account of the relevant Resolutions referred to us by the 75th General Convention in 2006:

- The 2006 Convention authorized the trial use of several commemorations: Harriet Bedell, Deaconess and Missionary, 1969 (January 8); Anna Julia Haywood Cooper, Educator, 1964 (February 28); James

Theodore Holly, Bishop of Haiti, 1911 (March 13 or November 8); Óscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, 1980, and The Martyrs of El Salvador (March 24); Tikhon, Patriarch of Russia, Confessor and Ecumenist, 1925 (April 7); Vida Dutton Scudder, Educator and Witness for Peace, 1954 (October 10); Frances Joseph Gaudet, Educator and Prison Reformer, 1934 (December 30). All of these are included in the proposed revision and if authorized will be entered into the Calendar of the Church Year (BCP, pp. 15-30), except for Anna Julia Haywood Cooper. We are proposing that Cooper be commemorated along with Elizabeth Evelyn Wright; hence this combined commemoration appears as a new addition to our Calendar.

- Several Resolutions proposing new commemorations were adopted or referred to the SCLM. After studying the merits of each proposal in light of the principles adopted by the 2006 General Convention, the Committee included several of these in the proposed revisions: The Dorchester Chaplains, 1943, February 3 (Resolution B008); John Roberts, 1949, February 25 (Resolution A060); Genocide Remembrance, April 24 (Resolution C043); Martyrs of the Sudan, May 16 (Resolution C003); Bertha and Ethelbert of Kent, 616, May 27 (Resolution C021); Joan of Arc, 1431, May 30 (Resolution C034). Resolution C035 recommended the addition of a feast celebrating the Confession of Martha; rather than adding a feast, the SCLM proposes that the Gospel appointed on the feast of Mary and Martha (July 29) be changed from Luke 10:38-42 to John 11:1-7, 17-44, the narrative of Martha's confession. The SCLM considered Resolution C016, proposing the inclusion of Thurgood Marshall, and determined that he does not meet the criterion that expects that two generations or fifty years will have elapsed since that person's death and so should not be added to the calendar at this time.
- The "Principles of Revision" adopted in 2006 encourage joint commemorations "where there are close and natural links between persons to be remembered." Thus, while Resolution A060 proposed commemorating Harriet Tubman separate from the other "liberators and prophets" on July 20, the SCLM agreed not to change this commemoration. In a few other places, commemorations have been combined (for example, the proposed commemoration of Robert Grosseteste and Hugh, both Bishops of Lincoln, on the same date, November 17), or an additional person has been added to an existing commemoration (for example, the addition of Lord Shaftesbury to the commemoration of William Wilberforce on July 30). In one case, the commemoration of Thomas Cranmer, the individual saint was determined to be of sufficient import as to merit a separate remembrance; hence the proposed revision commemorates Cranmer on March 21 while leaving Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley on October 16.
- Resolution A062 authorized the inclusion of a Common for Space Exploration in *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*. We are proposing that *Holy Women, Holy Men* include not only these propers (inadvertently omitted from *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* 2006) but also Commons that address other areas of concern. These proposed Commons appear in a Resolution at the end of this report.
- Resolution D006 directed the SCLM "to consider whether to revise the instructions 'Concerning the Proper for the Lesser Feasts' in *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* (*Lesser Feasts and Fasts* 2003, page 85) by the addition of the following final paragraph: 'It is also permissible to substitute the lessons and psalms from the Daily Office Lectionary or from the Daily Eucharistic Lectionary for those provided for in Lesser Feast and Fasts, while retaining the collect appointed for the lesser feast or fast.'" The Calendar Committee revised the section "Concerning the Proper" (see the HWHM, p. 284) to reflect the proposed provision of three lessons (rather than two) and a psalm. However, the SCLM decided not to introduce a rubric allowing the substitution of lessons and psalms from the Daily Office Lectionary or the Daily Eucharistic Lectionary. Because those lectionaries are designed with a semi-continuous series of biblical lections, the appointed readings have no direct relation to the commemorations of saints and would present worshiping communities, including preachers, with the challenge of relating the life of a saint to an arbitrary selection from scripture. In contrast, the propers appointed for the commemoration of saints are appointed with an eye to the particular life and ministry of a saint. Substituting a collect, psalm and lessons from the "Common of Saints," as both current and proposed rubrics allow, also maintains a connection to the vocation of the saint being commemorated. The SCLM believes that these options are the most appropriate choices.

In developing principles of revision, the SCLM determined that it was important to give each commemoration equal weight as far as the provision of liturgical propers is concerned, and to broaden the selection of scripture. Accordingly, for all previously approved lesser feasts, an additional lesson is proposed, thus providing three lessons and a psalm for each commemoration. The SCLM also took this opportunity to introduce revised propers for a number of feasts in order to provide a richer diet of scripture.

We offer this work to The Episcopal Church in the hope that our commemoration of the saints will continue to inspire us in our Christian faith and life. We encourage the development of catechetical and evangelical resources that will engage and inspire persons of all ages as they learn about this great cloud of witnesses. We also anticipate ongoing proposals for revisions of the calendar, and, in accord with the “Guidelines and Procedures for Continuing Alteration of the Calendar of The Episcopal Church,” we encourage congregations, dioceses and other communities and organizations to develop local commemorations.

RESOLUTION A095 APPROVE LITURGICAL CALENDAR COMMEMORATIONS

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the commemorations of Harriet Bedell, James Theodore Holly,
2 Óscar Romero and The Martyrs of El Salvador, Tikhon, Vida Dutton Scudder, and Frances Joseph Gaudet,
3 proposed by the 75th General Convention and approved for trial use (Resolution 2006–A063), be now finally
4 approved and entered in the Calendar of the Church Year (BCP, p. 15-30) and in future revisions of *Holy Women*,
5 *Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints*.

RESOLUTION A096 ADDITIONAL CALENDAR COMMEMORATIONS

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention propose revised and additional
2 commemorations in the Calendar of the Church Year, as set forth in the Calendar in *Holy Women, Holy Men:*
3 *Celebrating the Saints*; found on page 266 of this *Blue Book*, and authorize trial use thereof for the triennium 2010-
4 2012.

RESOLUTION A097 AUTHORIZE TRIAL USE OF COMMEMORATIONS

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention authorize, for trial use until the 77th
2 General Convention, propers for the revised and additional commemorations proposed by this Convention, as set
3 forth in *Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints*; found on page 266 of this *Blue Book*.

RESOLUTION A098 HOLY WOMEN, HOLY MEN REVISION PRINCIPLES

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the “Guidelines and Procedures for Continuing Alteration of the
2 Calendar of the Episcopal Church,” as set forth in *Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints*; found on page 266
3 of this *Blue Book*, be approved by the 76th General Convention and published in *Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating*
4 *the Saints*.

RESOLUTION A099 ADDITIONAL COMMONS

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention authorized for inclusion in *Holy*
2 *Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints (Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2009)* commons for Artists and Writers, The Blessed
3 Virgin Mary, Care of God’s Creation, Goodness of God’s Creation, On the Occasion or Anniversary of a
4 Disaster, Prophetic Witness in the Church, Prophetic Witness in Society, Reconciliation and Forgiveness, and
5 Scientists and Environmentalists, as follows:

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7 **Artists & Writers**

8 **I**

9 *Collect*: Eternal God, light of the world, who art the Creator of all that is good and lovely: we praise thy name
10 for inspiring [N. and] all those whose images and words have helped us to know and love thee; through Jesus
11 Christ our Savior, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

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Collect: Eternal God, light of the world and Creator of all that is good and lovely, we bless your name for inspiring [N. and] all those whose images and words have helped us to know and love you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

90: 14-17

Lessons

1 Chronicles 29:14b-19

2 Corinthians 3:1-3

John 21:15-17, 24-25

I

Preface: Because thou hast called us to worship thee in the beauty of holiness and in the truth of thy Word and Wisdom; and to illuminate our prayer with sacred images and glorious language, thou hast provided faithful artists and writers in every generation.

II

Preface: Because you call us to worship you in the beauty of holiness and in the truth of your Word and Wisdom; and to illuminate our prayer with sacred images and glorious language, you give faithful artists and writers in every generation.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

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Collect: Almighty God, by thy saving grace thou didst call the blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of thine only Son: inspire us by the same grace to follow her example of courage and faithful witness to our Savior Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Collect: Almighty God, of your saving grace you called the blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your only Son: inspire us by the same grace to follow her example of courage and faithful witness to our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

34:1-8

Lessons

Isaiah 43:9-13, 19a

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Luke 1:42-55

I

Preface: Because even as our sister Mary didst consent to become God-bearer for thy people, thou hast called us to bear thy word of hope, healing and resurrection to a world in need of thy mercy and grace.

II

Preface: Because even as our sister Mary consented to become God-bearer for your people, you call us to bear your word of hope, healing and resurrection to a world in need of your mercy and grace.

Care of God's Creation

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Collect: Merciful Creator, whose hand is open to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for thy loving providence, and grant that we, remembering the account we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty, both for our benefit and for the integrity of thy creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Collect: Merciful Creator, your hand is open to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence, and grant that we, remembering the account we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, both for our benefit and for the integrity of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

145:1-7, 22

Lessons

1 Kings 4:29-30, 33-34

Acts 17:24-31

John 1:1-5, 9-14

I

Preface: Because thy whole creation sings thy praise for the abundance in which all thy creatures are blessed to share; when in our sinfulness we exploit and defile what thou hast brought into being and called good, thou biddest us to repent and care anew for the earth, reconciled in Christ to thee and all that thou hast made.

II

Preface: Because your whole creation praises you for the abundance in which all your creatures are blessed to share; when in our sinfulness we exploit and defile what you have brought into being and called good, you bid us repent and care anew for the earth, reconciled in Christ to you and all that you have made.

Goodness of God's Creation

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Collect: God of Creation, who hast called the farthest star and the smallest atom into being: We offer thanks for all thou hast made; for the deep structures of the earth, the plants that replenish the air we breathe, the animals with whom we share thy abundant gifts of soil and wind and water. Grant that we may so participate in thy wisdom, justice and love, that we may rightly serve and conserve the earth, and by the grace of thy indwelling Spirit may live at peace with all thy creatures; through Jesus Christ our Savior, in whom thou art reconciling the whole creation to thyself, and who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

Collect: Creating God, you have called the farthest star and the smallest atom into being: We give you thanks for all that you have made; for the deep structures of the earth, the plants that replenish the air we breathe, the animals with whom we share your abundant gifts of soil and wind and water. Grant that we may so participate in your wisdom, justice and love, that we may rightly serve and conserve the earth, and by the grace of your indwelling Spirit may live at peace with all your creatures; through Jesus Christ our Savior, in whom you are reconciling the whole creation to yourself, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

104: 24-31

Lessons

Job 14:7-9

Romans 1:20-23

Mark 16:14-15

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Preface: And so, filled with hope, we praise thee, Holy God, fountain of life and immortality, for in thy goodness thou givest to every creature under heaven, and although the whole creation groaneth now in its labor, we trust that thou drawest all things to their perfection through the One by whom thou hast made all things, Jesus Christ our Savior.

II

Preface: And so, filled with hope, we praise you, Holy God, fountain of life and immortality, for in your goodness you have given breath to every creature under heaven, and although the whole creation is groaning now in its labor, we trust that you are drawing all things to their perfection through the One by whom you made all things, Jesus Christ our Savior.

On the Occasion or Anniversary of a Disaster

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Collect: Compassionate God, whose Son Jesus wept at the grave of his friend Lazarus: Draw near to us in this time of sorrow and anguish, comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who are weary, encourage those in despair, and lead us all to fullness of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, who is alive and reignest with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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Collect: Compassionate God, whose Son Jesus wept at the grave of his friend Lazarus: Draw near to us in this time of sorrow and anguish, comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who are weary, encourage those in

115 despair, and lead us all to fullness of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, who is
 116 alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. *Amen*

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 118 *or this*

119 **I**
 120 God of steadfast love, through Jesus thou hast promised abundant life for all: Heal our broken hearts, dry the
 121 tears of those who weep, and turn our sorrow into joy, that we may run with endurance the race that is set
 122 before us and finally join the saints and angels gathered around thy heavenly throne; where with Jesus Christ
 123 and the Holy Spirit thou livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

124 **II**
 125 God of steadfast love, through Jesus you have promised abundant life for all: Heal our broken hearts, dry the
 126 tears of those who weep, and turn our sorrow into joy, that we may run with endurance the race that is set
 127 before us and finally join the saints and angels gathered around your heavenly throne; where with Jesus Christ
 128 and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

129 <i>Psalm</i>	129 <i>Lessons</i>
130 60:1-5	130 Job 14:7-13
131 <i>or</i> 130	131 <i>or</i> Jeremiah 31:15-20
132 <i>or</i> 80:1-7	
133 <i>or</i> 23	133 Romans 8:35-38
134	134 <i>or</i> Revelation 21:1-7
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137	137 Luke 6:20-26
138	138 <i>or</i> Mark 13:14-27

139 *Preface of God the Son*
 140 *or Preface of the Commemoration of the Dead*

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 142 **Prophetic Witness in the Church**

143 **I**
 144 *Collect:* Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace.
 145 Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is
 146 right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus
 147 Christ thy Son our Savior, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever.
 148 *Amen.*

149 **II**
 150 *Collect:* Gracious Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace.
 151 Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is
 152 right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus
 153 Christ your Son our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.
 154 *Amen.*

155 <i>Psalm</i>	155 <i>Lessons</i>
156 12:1-7	156 Ezekiel 34:1-6, 20-22
157	157 Acts 22:30-23:10
158	158 Matthew 21:12-16

159 **I**
 160 *Preface:* For though all sin and fall short of thy glory, thou dost cleanse and renew thy Church by the witness
 161 of thy saints, calling thy people in every age to holiness of life through the indwelling of that same Holy Spirit
 162 that wast in Christ Jesus.

163 **II**
 164 *Preface:* For though all sin and fall short of your glory, you cleanse and renew your Church by the witness of
 165 your saints, calling your people in every time to holiness of life through the indwelling of that same Holy
 166 Spirit that was in Christ Jesus.

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Prophetic Witness in Society

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Collect: Almighty God, who didst give thy Law on Sinai and who hast incarnated thy Word in our Savior Jesus Christ: Help us to proclaim thy justice in society not as a matter of principle but of life and death for the homeless, the unemployed, the hungry, and all who lack access to sufficient medical care, that by the guidance of thy Holy Spirit we may be eloquent witnesses to the power of thy love and mercy; through the same Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II

Collect: Almighty God, you gave your Law on Sinai and incarnated your Word in our Savior Jesus Christ: Help us to proclaim your justice in society not as a matter of principle but of life and death for the homeless, the unemployed, the hungry, and all who lack access to adequate medical care, that by the guidance of your Holy Spirit we may be eloquent witnesses to the power of your love and mercy; through the same Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Psalm

2:1-2, 10-12

Lessons

Isaiah 55:11–56:1

Acts 14:14-17, 21-23

Mark 4:21-29

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Preface: Because in every generation thou hast ignited brave souls with the fire to proclaim thy Word for the transformation of the world, that all may glimpse the coming of thy holy reign, take heart, and participate in its labor, following Christ through whom the way of the cross becometh the path to life and peace.

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Preface: Because in every generation you set brave souls on fire to proclaim your Word for the transformation of the world, that all people may glimpse the coming of your holy reign, take heart, and take part in its labor, following Christ through whom the way of the cross becomes the path to life and peace.

Reconciliation and Forgiveness

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Collect: God of compassion, who hast given us Jesus Christ who is peace: Enable us to put away enmity and live as Jesus lived, who broke down the wall of separation, uniting what was divided and bringing peace by reconciling in his person those who disagree. Help us to make peace with those who attack us from without, with those from whom we are divided within, and with our own divided natures, that, forgiven and forgiving, we may all be reconciled in Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit, reignest for ever, one holy and undivided Trinity. *Amen.*

II

Collect: God of compassion, you have given us Jesus Christ who is peace: Enable us to put away enmity and live as Jesus lived, who broke down the wall of separation, uniting what was divided and bringing peace by reconciling in his person those who disagree. Help us to make peace with those who attack us from without, with those from whom we are divided within, and with our own divided natures, that, forgiven and forgiving, we may all be reconciled in Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit, reigns for ever, one holy and undivided Trinity. *Amen.*

211	<i>Psalm</i>	<i>Lessons</i>
212	51:1-17	Genesis 8:12-17, 20-22
213		Hebrews 4:12-16
214		Luke 23:32-43
215	I	
216	<i>Preface:</i> Because by the power of thy Holy Spirit thou reconcilest the whole cosmos to thyself; not counting	
217	our sin against us but renewing our hearts within us, thou hast called us to be ambassadors for Christ's	
218	forgiveness.	
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220	<i>Preface:</i> Because by the power of your Holy Spirit you are reconciling the whole cosmos to yourself; not	
221	counting our sin against us but renewing our hearts within us, you call us to be ambassadors for Christ's	
222	forgiveness.	
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224	Scientists and Environmentalists	
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226	<i>Collect:</i> God of surpassing glory, who hast called into being the universe in its majesty and dost uphold its	
227	fabric in a marvelous order and beauty: We offer thanks for [N. and] all in whom thou didst plant the desire	
228	to know more of thy creation and to explore thy work and wisdom, that we may better understand the	
229	wonder of thy creation and the mystery of thy presence; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who livest and	
230	reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. <i>Amen.</i>	
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233	<i>Collect:</i> God of surpassing glory, you called into being the universe in its majesty and uphold its fabric in a	
234	marvelous order and beauty: We thank you for [N. and] all in whom you have planted the desire to know	
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236	what you have created and the mystery of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and	
237	reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. <i>Amen.</i>	
238	<i>Psalm</i>	<i>Lessons</i>
239	34:8-14	Genesis 2:9-20
240		2 Corinthians 13:1-6
241		John 20:24-27
242	I	
243	<i>Preface:</i> Because, Holy God, mysterious and manifest, thou hast inspired searchers to know thee through thy	
244	creation, and revealest thy work, that thy people may rejoice in thy many gifts.	
245	II	
246	<i>Preface:</i> Because, Holy God, mysterious and manifest, you inspire searchers to know you through your	
247	creation, and you reveal your work, so that your people may rejoice in your many gifts.	

TRANSLATION OF LITURGICAL MATERIALS

The SCLM read with interest the recommendation given for translations of The Book of Common Prayer given by the Rev. Canon Greg Howe, Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer, in his report to the 76th General Convention.

The Commission agrees with the Custodian's concerns and has developed the following working guidelines for the translation of liturgical texts.

The reality of our church is that we have come to a time where we recognize the number of different languages spoken liturgically in our church on any particular Sunday. We also recognize that, in the development of liturgical materials, these texts may originate in a language other than English.

The assumption of the church has been a bias toward a literal translation from English into another language. The SCLM has developed the following statement as a working understanding of editorial principles when translating liturgical texts.

Principles for translating liturgical texts:

1. The translator does not translate literally, but translates ideas and concepts idiomatically.
2. It is imperative that the translator be familiar with idioms and their meanings in source and translated languages.
3. The translator needs to be familiar with nuances of the source and translated languages and cultures.
4. The translator must take into account multi-ethnic distinctions that influence dialects and idioms, and utilize language that has the widest currency.
5. The translator must take into account style & affect as well as cadence, rhythm & meter.
6. The translator needs to be fluent in the poetics of both languages.

RESOLUTION A100 LITURGICAL TRANSLATION

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on
- 2 Liturgy and Music and the Standing Commission for Constitution and Canons to organize a meeting of Liturgists
- 3 and Canonists to consider and review the language and intent of Title II, Canon 3, Sec. 5, and to report their
- 4 findings to the 77th General Convention.

EMERGENT CHURCH/ANGLIMERGENT

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Synopsis:

RESOLUTION A066, "MULTI-SENSORY RESOURCES":

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to

Engage younger generations in the collection and development of liturgical resources appropriate to emergent church context to reflect the Episcopal Church's liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, gender and ethnic diversity, and

Further develop networks for sharing these resources, and

Prepare theological and evangelistic materials to assist the church in the introduction of these resources, and

Develop ways to assist congregations in the use of these resources

In response to this Resolution, the SCLM hosted a meeting of emergent leaders and inquirers from across TEC in February 2008. The meeting was held at Solomon's Porch in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The purpose of this gathering was to spend several days in conversation about the intersections between Anglicanism, TEC and the emergent ethos and how those commonalities could point toward an opportunity for new expressions of The Episcopal Church throughout the United States. The discussion was led by Doug Pagitt and Tony Jones, two national leaders of the emergent movement.

Meeting outcomes included the launch of the web site for the "Anglimergent" movement (www.anlimergent.org), coordinated by the Rev. Karen Ward. Participants also agreed to establish a regular pattern of meeting at their own expense and to expand the circle of participants to more and more people. Subsequently members of the

SCLM-sponsored meeting and others met at Church of the Apostles in Seattle, Washington, on August 14-16, 2008, and again in Memphis November 4-6, 2008, for the Great Emergence Conference.

Defining “Emergent”

Emergent is often misunderstood, especially in mainline denominations. Emergent is a network of churches, individuals and groups that embrace the postmodern opportunities for Christianity. Emergent is not a worship service or a way of attracting young people to church. Emergent is grassroots, nonhierarchical and local in nature. Emergent is not affiliated or associated with evangelical, orthodox or progressive movements.

The SCLM worked diligently to be fully responsive to the “Multi-Sensory Worship” Resolution. The SCLM recognizes, however, that it is not the most appropriate venue for further discussion and initiatives involving the emergent church movement. The SCLM affirms the Mission Funding Initiative put forth by the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism, in particular the Fund for Congregational Development which would be able to fund the development of new congregations and redevelop existing parishes possibly in the emergent model. If asked, the SCLM is prepared to offer assistance, ideas and support to the emergent network in the future.

rites of reconciliation

As we contemplated beginning work on revised or augmented Rites for Reconciliation of Penitents, in response to the directive of A071 from the 75th General Convention, the SCLM realized that, for a denomination and world in the midst of much conflict and in need of reconciliation on more than an individual level, it would be helpful to gather opinions on what sort of liturgies may be needed for the new century. How might reconciliation be approached in communities of various cultures? Within institutions? In fractured congregations and groups, even societies, trying to heal? And for new generations of penitents?

We decided to begin by collecting essays addressing the questions of what, in the existing Rites, is failing to serve the needs of the church, what might new Rites look like, what theological emphases should be brought to the center and what is actually being done locally that could be helpful and useful to a wider church. These essays will be published as a trade book by Church Publishing Inc., currently in the early editing phase, and planned for late 2009. The conversation we hope to spark across the church should be helpful in designing new Rites over the next two triennia.

Additional Resolutions

Resolution A101 Revision of *Book of Occasional Services*

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on
- 2 Liturgy and Music to undertake a substantial revision of the *Book of Occasional Services* and report its progress to the
- 3 77th General Convention; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That the General Convention direct the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget and Finance to
- 5 consider a budget allocation of \$30,000.00 for implementation of this Resolution.
- 6 *Rationale*: The last edition of the *Book of Occasional Services* was authorized in 2003. However, this followed a well-
- 7 established pattern of adding new material to the book. We have added new material, but the old material has not
- 8 been updated. In spite of several attempts, no work to examine the current contents or consider future needs has
- 9 come to fruition. The Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music believes that an urgent priority of their work in
- 10 the coming triennium must be to address the shape and content of the *Book of Occasional Services*, beginning a major
- 11 revision, and to provide an interim report to the 77th General Convention.

Resolution A102 Authorize Enriching Our Worship 1, 2, 3, and 4

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention authorize continuing use of *Enriching*
- 2 *Our Worship 1: The Daily Office, Great Litany, and Eucharist; Enriching Our Worship 2: Ministry with the Sick and Dying and*
- 3 *Burial of a Child; Enriching Our Worship 3: Burial Rites for Adults together with a Rite for the Burial of a Child; and Enriching*
- 4 *Our Worship 4: The Renewal of Ministry and the Welcoming of a New Rector or other Pastor*, during the 2010-2012
- 5 Triennium, under the direction of the diocesan bishop or ecclesiastical authority.

BUDGET REPORT

Triennium Budget \$80,000

2007-\$32,540 spent

2008-\$43,189 spent

2009-

Triennium Balance (as of December 2008): \$4,271

The SCLM will meet approximately six times during the next triennium. This will require \$40,000 for 2010; \$40,000 for 2011; \$20,000 for 2012; for a total of \$100,000 for the triennium.

In addition, the SCLM received a block grant of \$80,000 to fund the projects we expected to be working on, as well as projects resulting from Resolutions passed at the 75th General Convention. That money was well spent on the work included in this report.

For the next triennium, we have included funding requests in the Resolutions attached to the work we expect to continue:

Daily Prayer	\$15,000
Adoption Liturgies	\$15,000
Dismantling Christian Anti-Judaism	\$10,000
World Music Project	\$35,000
Music Survey	\$15,000
<i>Book of Occasional Services</i> Revision	\$30,000

We request a grant of \$120,000 for this work.

REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN OF THE STANDARD BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER TO THE 76TH GENERAL CONVENTION

I wish to thank the Presiding Bishop for allowing me to continue in this office, and I also wish to thank David P. Beers, Esq., the Rev. Prof. Ruth Meyers and Mr. Frank Tedeschi for their invaluable aid in integrating the Revised Common Lectionary with the Book of Common Prayer. During the last triennium I have attended all meetings of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music as an *ex officio* member, and have assisted the Commission's work as requested. I have consulted with Church Publishing, Inc., and the Oxford University Press on the integration of the Revised Common Lectionary with the Book of Common Prayer, and have granted Certificates to recent editions. In the spring of 2008 I granted a Certificate to a reprint of *The Holy Eucharist, Large print*, by Morehouse Publishing. In July 2008 I gave permission to Morningstar Music Publishers, Inc. to use the text of Cantic 18 of the Book of Common Prayer, 1979 for the anthem *Splendor and Honor*, by Gerald Near. From time to time my predecessors have offered suggestions for the consideration of the General Convention. I would like to take this opportunity to follow their example. Recent experience with a series of bi-lingual *Selections* from the Book of Common Prayer has led me to note some distinctions between those not bound by previous Certified translations—Chinese, German and Italian—and the French and Spanish editions that were previously Certified. The first three editions have a certain idiomatic freedom that, one hopes, makes them appealing to users, while remaining faithful to the Standard Book of Common Prayer. In contrast, the French and Spanish editions are literal and accurate translations of the English language Standard Book, although the French edition makes some minor concessions to developments in French liturgical language over the last 50 years. I respectfully suggest that before any work be undertaken for the revision of the Book of Common Prayer in this century our leaders call together a conference of liturgists and canonists to consider and review the language and intent of Title II, Canon 3, Sec. 5, and report their findings to the General Convention. Throughout our history, translations from the Standard Book of Common Prayer have tended to be rather literal translations on the *formal equivalence* model. If we are to be a multi-lingual church with three official languages, it would seem to be a matter of simple justice to encourage a degree of idiomatic freedom, moving in the direction of *dynamic equivalence*, for translations of the Standard Book in French and Spanish. Moving in this direction could have positive implications for inculturation and evangelism, while remaining faithful to the content and direction of the Standard Book.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Canon Gregory M. Howe
Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer

Rachel's Tears, Hannah's Hopes

Liturgies and Prayers for Healing from Loss Related to Childbearing and Childbirth

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Rachel's Tears, Hannah's Hopes:

Liturgies and Prayers for Healing from Loss Related to Childbearing and Childbirth

*A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.
Rachel is weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they are no more.
-- Jeremiah 31:15*

*Hannah was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. ...
"O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not
forget your servant, but will give to your servant a ...child..."
-- 1 Samuel 1:10-11*

Introduction

This body of work provides pastoral support to those experiencing the grief, hope, uncertainty, and loss that may surround childbearing and childbirth. It is designed to promote flexibility so that pastors, liturgists, retreat leaders and others may create occasions of prayer and opportunities for worship to meet the particular needs of the individuals seeking such resources.

Theology and Rationale

Our God is generous and generative. The gospel according to John proclaims that "All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being." [John 1:3] We are placed in a world which God proclaimed good, teeming with living creatures that swim and fly and swarm over the earth. Each is beautiful and worthy, and all life is interconnected in ways we cannot fathom. Each species reproduces itself according to its own kind, so that the cycle of life, death, and new life may continue. Human beings share with all life this capacity to reproduce, a sharing in God's creating love. (*Genesis chapters 1-2*)

Reproduction transforms human lives and relationships. Throughout the history of God's people as related in Scripture, God promises a child to a woman, often in unlikely circumstances. The angel Gabriel tells a very young, unmarried woman she will bear God's own Son even though she is a virgin. Women past childbearing age—most notably Sarah and Elizabeth—also find themselves granted a child they had given up hoping for. Fertility is a gift, which exposes bodies and emotions to God's mysterious power and unfathomable purposes. But this gift can have unpredictable results. Many pregnancies are welcomed as a blessing by the family or the mother—a cause for rejoicing and new hope. However, others may precipitate crises for those involved. Sometimes individuals

or couples may be faced with difficult decisions. They may well feel inadequate and overwhelmed when faced by ethical dilemmas. The Church plays a crucial role in offering spiritual guidance and support so that these challenging choices may be decided as wisely as possible, while imploring God's guidance and healing. In situations involving fertility, individuals and couples may find themselves confronted by harsh realities that can evoke a range of negative emotions, including anger or sorrow, regret or feelings of guilt. These rites and prayers provide opportunities for those so afflicted to lift up their losses and grief to our loving God. Whether mourning for dashed hopes; regretting past decisions; giving voice to feelings of rejection and anger; grieving for a child who was never born or only lived a short time, or perhaps one who was given up for adoption; these liturgies offer occasions to try to come to terms with what has happened, to create a space where grieving people pray for the strength to go on and ultimately to recover the fullness of life.

Historical Foundations

From the earliest days, birth and death have evoked awe and fear, and the rites surrounding them reflect this. Leviticus 12 specifies that a woman should wait for a set period of time after childbirth before presenting herself and her child in the Temple where an offering of a lamb and pigeon or two turtledoves is required for "purification" from the mysterious and dangerous process she has recently undergone. Luke's gospel relates that after forty days, Mary presents Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem, in fulfillment of this rite [Luke 2:22-38]. The Church of the Middle Ages took special care to protect pregnant and nursing mothers in the first period after childbirth. Women were exempt from the rules of fasting during this time, while men were expected to assume household chores that would normally be assigned to their wives. Beating a pregnant woman was subject to ecclesiastical punishment. By the eleventh century, a rite of welcoming the new mother back into the congregation after a set period following the birth (often forty days) became usual in both the Eastern and Western Church. It continues to be practiced in Orthodox communities to this day. Many historic Christian rites focus on the mother resuming her place in society and offering her thanksgiving to God for a safe delivery and a healthy child. The service often took place just before the celebration of the eucharist, at which time the mother was encouraged to receive the sacrament. The thanksgiving for a safe delivery was offered even when the child had not survived. Miscarried infants or those who died soon after birth were baptized and given the rite of Christian burial. The British feminist theologian, Natalie Knödel, observes in her article on this subject [<http://users.ox.ac.uk/~mikef/church.html>] that this rite in its various forms makes a theological "connection between events of natural life, like the birth of a child, and the life of the church, the parish eucharist."

Thomas Cranmer included "The Order of the Purification of Women" in the 1549 Prayer Book, following the Sarum rite which welcomed the woman back into her congregational family after childbirth. In the 1552 revision, however, the rite was

renamed “The Thanksgiving of Women after Childbirth, Commonly Called The Churching of Women,” the title that persisted throughout Anglican prayer books including the 1928 Book of Common Prayer according to the Episcopal Church. The 1979 Prayer Book contains “A Thanksgiving for the Birth or Adoption of a Child.” In the 1552 rite, the rubrics specify that the mother “shall kneel down in some convenient place, nigh unto the place where the table standeth,” indicating the sacredness of the event by her proximity to the altar. The rubric also states that she should “receyue the holy Communion” at this time. Once again, the support of the Church is offered her whether or not her child survived. Thus, rites for a woman who has endured the risks involved with the reproductive process have been present in Prayer Books throughout Anglican history.

Biblical and Theological Foundations

These rites and prayers draw significantly on the biblical tradition of lament as well as rejoicing. Scripture offers many examples of humans raging against God and against the circumstances of their lives. Often those who do so have a particularly intimate relationship with their Creator: Rachel, David, Hannah, Job and many of the prophets—to name only a few—who love and are loved by God. Nevertheless, circumstances bring them to cry out to God in anger, misery, fear or deep mourning. In particular, the Wisdom tradition, including the book of Job and the Psalms, invites us to voice our grief and anger, secure in the faith that a compassionate God hears our cries and will respond. The divine action may not always be what we hope for or expect; nonetheless it is important for our relationship with God to voice our honest reactions, even anxiety, grief, anger and doubt. Throughout Scripture, we hear God’s people crying and lamenting. Too often, pastoral care givers try to resolve grief by overly quick reassurances or by telling the sufferer that “This is all for the best.” Such advice represses feelings which must be brought to the surface. It is better to assure the afflicted that God hears the cries of the despairing and is present throughout the turmoil of grief. Psalm 88 in particular offers a clear biblical precedent for such lament that does not turn too quickly to hope, from its opening:

O Lord, my God, my Savior,
by day and night I cry to you.*

to its stark conclusion:

My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me,
and darkness is my only companion.*

We can candidly express our feelings to our God who promises never to forsake us. Some of the foundational principles that allow for lament are:

- God created everything, and pronounced all creation good. But in the Fall, sin entered the world, bringing separation from God and death. Nonetheless, God continues to be merciful. As we say in the words of Eucharistic Prayer A: “In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you in

your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.” In that reconciliation, which takes place through the sinless Christ’s death for our sins—“the righteous for the unrighteous,” *I Peter:3:18*—God has “graciously accepted us as living members” of Jesus Christ,” and made us heirs of his eternal kingdom. As children of God, we acknowledge that God knows our hearts. It is necessary to be honest with ourselves and with God to sustain this vital relationship, even when we feel “negative” emotions. No part of human experience, including our physical experience, is hidden from God.

- Jesus reached out to all people in whatever stage of joy, grief, rage, faith, unbelief or shame he met them, in order that he might reconcile them to himself. Following his example, the Church acknowledges the full range of human emotions, working in Christ to heal what is broken and comfort what is hurting. All who come may experience God’s healing love. “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” *Romans 8:38-39*
- Human emotions including grief, loss, and failure, may be the impetus for transformation through deeper reconciliation with our loving God. “We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.” (*Romans 8:28-29*) Therefore we look for healing and hope to come from even the most difficult and painful experiences. This is not to diminish the pain that is felt, but in acknowledgement that Christ experienced the full measure of human suffering. Thus we may find transformation even in the deepest agonies of human existence.
- God’s love for us remains steadfast regardless of how many times we fail. Christ forgives even human complicity in his death. As he conquered sin and death for us, his forgiveness is unconditional if we but seek it. Only we can choose to reject his forgiveness. Therefore, when our actions bring sorrow or sin we can repent, fully trusting God to redeem us in compassion, forgiveness, and mercy. In this way, we believe that through confidence in the Love that brought us into being, even our greatest tragedies or our most sinful acts cannot separate us from God. The hope of new life is always present even in our darkest hours. We are promised that, in the fullness of time God will wipe away all tears. A new heaven and earth will restore all that was broken and lost in the light of the holy and undivided Trinity whose nature is Love.

About the Liturgies

In providing liturgies of lament, remembrance, and hope, the church offers opportunity for people to acknowledge their grief and receive assurance of God's presence, even in the midst of unspeakable pain. Beginning the service in silence and darkness creates space for expressions of bereavement and loss to be voiced and acknowledged. All these liturgies have been shaped to facilitate movement from darkness to light, from silence to song, from minor key to major key, from lament to expressions of hope. Those who plan them are nevertheless cautioned not to make this transition too quickly, or to create too great a contrast. If lament is hurried over, the effect may well be to discourage and suppress deep-seated feelings of grieving and loss. Especially in the early stages of grief, or when grief has been discouraged, the bereaved will find a degree of comfort merely by being permitted a safe place to give voice to their actual feelings, rather than being urged to keep up a front or "get over it." At the same time, planners should never assume they fully understand the feelings of the bereaved or try to put words in their mouths. For this reason, the language of Scripture, especially the Psalms and Lamentation, are always appropriate, as they provide a wide range of emotions more fully expressed than any words most of us are capable of expressing. The ultimate aim of these rites is to provide assurance that God is present with us even in the darkest places of pain, even when we cannot sense that presence through our feelings. The most hopeful proclamation may not be that "everything will be fine," but that God feels the anguish of those who grieve and does not abandon us.

The liturgies that follow are intended for use with families and communities where grief remains acute, or at particular times of the year that trigger memories and emotions of profound losses of the past. Examples include religious and secular holidays, including Christmastime, All Saints' Day, Mother's and Father's Day, the expected due date, the child's birthday, or on the anniversary of the loss. For many centuries, and even today in certain cultures, observing the anniversaries of the death of beloved family members and friends permits a reminder that death does not separate us and provides catharsis for mourning and the assurance for the living that we have not forgotten those who have gone before us.

A Template for Communal Worship – Form 1

The Gathering of the People

May include:

- Silence
- Darkness or dim lighting
- A hymn, song, or anthem
- Declaration of purpose
- Collect/gathering prayer

The Ministry of the Word

May include:

- Readings from scripture
- Poetry or other readings
- Silence
- Music – hymns, songs, instrumental
- Sermon or homily

Prayers

The Healing Action

- Laying-on of hands [and anointing] with prayer

The Memorial

Sharing of memories, stories, symbolic items, photos, etc.
Creating a memorial object
Silence
Lighting of candles
Increased light in the room
Placing a flower or other symbol of the loss on the altar

Song, Hymn, or Canticle, or Instrumental interlude

Affirmation of Hope and Faith

May include the celebration of Holy Eucharist

Departure

Blessing

May include:

Song, hymn, or canticle, or instrumental postlude
Silent departure

A Template for Communal Worship – Form 2

This form is particularly suitable for times of deep grief, or in times of decision-making. Liturgy based on this form creates a kind of container for grief and hope, despair and trust, uncertainty and confidence all at once. It invites worshipers to enter and rest in the darkness of grief and/or uncertainty, trusting that God is present even in our darkest hours. This model emphasizes openness to the present moment. It may be compared to the Jewish tradition of “sitting Shiva” with the bereaved.

The service is organized around an interplay of psalms, singing, prayer, readings, and silence. Darkness and candlelight are essential elements. Incense may be used.

The psalms, readings, and hymns should be chosen for their similarity to one another. They should be variations on a theme, reinforcing the unifying idea, coming at the central issue from different angles. There may be slight movement from despair to hope, from uncertainty to decision, or from darkness to light. But planners are cautioned to not try to wrap things up too neatly. This template in particular honors the process rather than announcing the ending.

Silence should surround each element

Psalm or opening sentences
Song or hymn
Readings from scripture
May include readings from other sources
Prayers
Ritual action

Each element may occur one or more times, weaving together in a tapestry that gathers up and holds the presenting issue. Specific suggestions for hymns, scripture readings and prayers are included in the Appendices, beginning on page 50.

The Liturgies

For a Small Gathering

At Home, In The Hospital, Or Another Private Setting

Minister The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all;

People *And also with you*

Minister Dear friends, we are gathered here in the presence of God, [*here the minister names the particular issue of concern*] to offer our grief and seek healing. God is full of compassion and mercy, ready to hear when we pray, to comfort when we mourn, to help us bear our griefs and sorrows, and to quiet our anxiety. The steadfast love of our God never ceases.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Minister Let us pray.

The Collect or Gathering Prayer

Prayers for various occasions are found on pages 28–3. Extemporaneous prayer may be offered.

A Reading from Scripture

See Appendix A, pages 254–257, for suggestions of passages suitable to the particular occasion.

A hymn or canticle may be sung. See Appendix B, pages 258–262.

The Healing Action

If there is to be laying on of hands [and anointing], the following form is used.

The minister lays hands upon the woman [and anoints her], prays silently, then prays aloud using one of the following forms or similar words

N., I [anoint you and] lay my hands upon you in the name of God the holy and undivided Trinity. May Christ be present with you to comfort you, to guard and protect you, and to keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

or this

N., I lay my hands upon you [and anoint you] in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, praying you will be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of the Spirit. Amen.

The minister may add, in these or similar words

As you are outwardly anointed with this holy oil, so may our loving God give you the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit. Of God's bounty, may your suffering be relieved, and your spirit, mind, and body restored to grace and peace. May all of us in the frailty of our flesh know God's healing and resurrecting power. *Amen.*

Silence may follow.

The Prayers

One of the following litanies may be used:

Litany of Remembrance, page 17

Litany of Complaint, page 24

Litany of Lament, page 26

Litany of Remembrance and Lament, Healing and Hope, page 30

Litany of Healing and Hope, page 37

or another suitable litany

or selections from the Prayers beginning on page 39

or some other suitable prayers

Silence may follow

The Lord's Prayer

A hymn, psalm, or canticle may be sung

The Blessing

Minister May God's love make you whole; may the light of Christ guide your footsteps; and may the presence of the Holy Spirit fill your hearts and remain with you, this day and always. *Amen.*

After the service concludes, those gathered may wish to share memories, stories, photos or other mementos pertaining to the loss, or create a memorial object.

For Private Devotion

Of Individuals, Couples, Families, or Small Groups

O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God. *Amen.*

From Psalm 69

Save me, O God, *
for the waters have risen up to my neck.

I am sinking in deep mire, *
 and there is no firm ground for my feet.
I have come into deep waters, *
 and the torrent washes over me.
I have grown weary with my crying;
 my throat is inflamed; *
 my eyes have failed from looking for my God.
In your great mercy, O God, *
 answer me with your unfailing help.
Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; *
 let me be rescued from those who hate me
 and out of the deep waters.
Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,
 neither let the deep swallow me up; *
 do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.
Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; *
 in your great compassion, turn to me.

Or this, from Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, *
 a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
 and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
Though its waters rage and foam, *
 and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
The Lord of hosts is with us; *
 the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
 the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; *
 God shall help her at the break of day.
“Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
 I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”
The Lord of hosts is with us; *
 the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Psalm 22:15-21 or Psalm 88:1-10 may be substituted. See Appendix A (pages 256-257) for additional suggestions.

One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture (see Appendix A, pages 254-256) is read:

Thus says the Lord: As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants. *Isaiah 66:12a, 13-14a*

Surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord.

Jeremiah 29:11-14a

The Lord waits to be gracious to you; he will rise up to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him. Truly, O people in Zion, inhabitants of Jerusalem, you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when he hears it, he will answer you. Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself any more, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." *Isaiah 30:18-21*

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. *Proverbs 3:5-6*

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling—if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as guidance. So we are always confident, even though we know while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

2 Corinthians 5:1-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. *1 Peter 1:3-9*

Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone

among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! *Matthew 7:7-11*

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." *Matthew 11:25-29*

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost." *Matthew 18:1-5, 10-14*

Silence may follow the reading

A hymn or canticle may be sung. (See Appendices A, page 53, and B, pages 54-57, for suggestions.)

Prayers may be offered. (See pages 34-49 for suggested prayers.)

The Lord's Prayer

Concluding Collect

God of Life, you give us life and hope. Be with us in the chaos of this time. Calm our fears, be the light for our path, and strengthen our trust in your promise never to leave or forsake us. We pray through Christ, in the power of your Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Blessing of a Pregnant Woman

This blessing may be offered at any time and in any place. If the blessing is to include friends and family, the priest may begin with these or similar words:

We have gathered today to implore God's grace upon *N.*, and to seek divine mercy for her and her expected child.

V. God is our refuge and strength
R. A very present help in trouble.
V. She shall not be overthrown
R. God shall help her at the break of day.
V. Hear our prayer O God.
R. Let our cry come to you.
V. May God be with you.
R. And also with you.

Let us pray.

Loving God, by your grace the virgin mother of your incarnate Son visited her cousin Elizabeth in their pregnancies. May this visitation encourage *N.* in her pregnancy and give her confidence in your mercy and loving-kindness, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. *From 'Visitation,' BCP p. 240*

Or this

Eternal God, creator of all, and source of all goodness and hope; hear the prayer of *N.*, who bids your blessing for the preservation of the child you have given her to conceive. Continue your care for her, that by your mercy her child may come safely to birth in good time, and be whole and healthy, so that they both may come to rejoice in your loving-kindness, who holds all our souls in life and sealed the salvation of your world in the gift of the birth of Jesus Christ. Amen. *SSJE Manual*

*Here the woman may be sprinkled with holy water and/or anointed
Then may be said one or more of the following Psalms: 67, 113, or 117*
V. Let us bless the Holy, Blessed and Glorious Trinity, one God.
R. Let us praise and magnify our God for ever.
V. May God be with you.
R. And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, visit your daughter *N.*, as she waits the birth of her child. Protect her from all that might threaten her and her child; let your holy angels be with them to preserve them in your peace, and let your blessing be ever upon them, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

or this

Loving God, giver of life, hear our prayer for *N.* and for the child she has conceived, that, by your grace, they both may come in safety to a timely and healthy birth, and rejoice in your gracious providence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

When appropriate, any or all of the following may be added:

Blessed are you, loving God. You have blessed the union of *N.* and *N.* Amen.

Blessed are you, merciful God. May your blessing be upon *N.* and the child she carries. Amen.

Blessed are you, gracious God. May this time of pregnancy be for *N.* and *N.* a time of drawing nearer to you and to each other. Amen.

Blessed are you, holy God. May *N.* and *N.'s.* experience of birth be full of awe, wonder, and the joy of sharing in your creation. Amen.

Or this:

The blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and your child and bring you both through a safe and happy birth. Amen.

*[Adapted from "The Blessing of a Pregnant Woman," SSJE Manual, 5th ed., 1970]
Note also material from BOS, 2003, pp. 157-8:*

A Rite for Mourning the Loss of a Pregnancy

Concerning the service:

This liturgy is intended for use by people who have experienced the loss of a pregnancy through miscarriage. It may be adapted for other situations

The loss of a pregnancy is often experienced as the loss of a child. The parents' grief may be compounded by the sadness of not having seen or held the child to whom they were committed. Since the loss of a pregnancy in our culture and even in the Church is seldom acknowledged as a death, the parents have too often been left to mourn in isolation.

Grief for the loss of an unborn child should be honored. Healing may be facilitated through the ministry of the Church.

One or more objects associated with babies may be placed in the sight of the people.

The Gathering of the People

Music may be played or sung, or scripture read, as the people gather.

The presider reads one or more of the following opening sentences (or another opening sentence from the suggestions in Appendix A, page 254-255).

God will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom. *Isaiah 40:11*

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. *Deuteronomy 33:27 (KJV)*

As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you, says the Lord. *Isaiah 66:13a*

For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears.... But you, O Lord, reign for ever; your throne endures to all generations. *Lamentations 1: 16a; 5:19*

The Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. *Revelation 7:17*

The presider welcomes the people, and states briefly the purpose of the gathering, using these or similar words:

Here in God's presence we gather with *N.* (*N. N.*) to mourn the loss of *their* child, and to support *them* in *their* grief. Because *their child* died before birth, *their* family is diminished and *their* hope has turned to sorrow. Let us grieve with *them*, and call on God in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior who sent his Spirit to comfort and heal.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you hold us in your constant love. Comfort us as we grieve the loss of this child who never was born. Be with *N.* (*and N.*) in *their* anguish. Grant to *their* child, [*N.*], the joys of heaven; and to each of us, bring healing and grace. Renew our hopes for the future and our faith in your goodness. We pray through Jesus Christ, who carries all our sorrows and brings us from death to new life. *Amen.*

or this:

O God, who gathered Rachel's tears over her lost children, hear now the sorrow and distress of *N.* (*and N.*) for the death of *her* expected child. In the darkness of

loss, stretch out to *her* the strength of your arm and renewed assurance of your love; through your own suffering and risen Child Jesus. *Amen.*

From Enriching Our Worship II

or this:

Heavenly Father, your love for all children is strong and enduring. We were not able to know *N.* as we had hoped. Yet you knew *her* growing in *her* mother's womb, and *she* is not lost to you. In the midst of our sadness, we thank you that *N.* is with you now. *Amen.*

From Enriching Our Worship II

A Reading from Scripture

See Appendix A (page 254) for suggested readings.

Hymn, Psalm, or Canticle

The following canticle, or canticles F "A Song of Lamentation," Canticle H "A Song of Hosea," or Canticle I "A Song of Jonah," may be said or sung, or a suitable hymn may be sung. One of the following psalms may be substituted: 13; 27:12-18; 38:6-11.

A Song of Christ's Goodness *Anselm of Canterbury*

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; *
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Often you weep over our sins and our pride, *
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, *
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; *
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; *
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.
Your warmth gives life to the dead, *
your touch makes sinners righteous.
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; *
in your love and tenderness, remake us.
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, *
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

The following Litany may be said.

Litany of Remembrance

[Adapted from the Reform Jewish Prayer Book]

Memories of *N.* will come to us, unbidden, sometimes unexpected, in all the various moments of our lives. Although memories may bring pain, they also bring comfort – for as long as we remember, *N.* is still part of us.

Silence may be kept. The name(s) of lost children may be spoken aloud.

In the rising of the sun and its going down,
we remember *her*.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of Winter,
we remember *her*.

At the opening of buds and in the rebirth of Spring,
we remember *her*.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of Summer,
we remember *her*.

At the rustling of leaves and the beauty of Autumn,
we remember *her*.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends,
we remember *her*.

As long as we live, *she* too will live, for *she is* part of us,
we remember *her*.

When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember *her*.

When we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember *her*.

When we have joys we yearn to share,
we remember *her*.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make,
we remember *her*.

After a period of silence, the presider may say

Merciful God, look with pity upon the sorrows of this family for whom we pray.
Remember them in your mercy; nourish them with patience; comfort them with a
sense of your goodness; lift up your countenance upon them; and give them
peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This anthem or some other suitable anthem, or a hymn may be sung or said

Give rest, O Christ, to your child with your saints
where sorrow and pain are no more,

neither sighing, but life everlasting.

The Commendation

We commend to your mercy, O God, our child *N.*, that death may be for her the gate of life and peace with you. At your heavenly banquet, may we rejoice with *her* and all your saints to see you face to face, one holy and undivided Trinity in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*Give rest, O Christ, to your child with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

The following anthem may be added.

Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you and bring you into the holy city, Jerusalem.

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Rite of Repentance and Reconciliation for an Abortion

Introduction

Sometimes women find themselves carrying unresolved guilt over an abortion or similar decision involving a former pregnancy (such as selecting among multiple embryos). The Episcopal Church recognizes "all abortion as having a tragic dimension, calling for the concern and compassion of all the Christian community." While affirming the legal right to have an abortion, nevertheless, Resolution A054 of the 1994 General Convention of the Episcopal Church goes on to say, "as Christians we believe strongly that if that right is exercised, it should be used only in extreme situations" (See Appendix E for Resolution A054). The Episcopal Church recognizes a range of opinion among its members that allows individuals to examine their own consciences, preferably "with the advice and counsel of members of the Christian community." All options should be explored and "it is the responsibility of members of this Church, especially the clergy, to become aware of local agencies and resources which will assist those faced with problem pregnancies."

A woman who repents an abortion is to be received like any other penitent. Her sense of loss and remorse should be honored. It is the Church's role to assure her of God's redeeming love and forgiveness, to promise her that her burden is removed because she has asked for God's mercy, and that grace and newness of life will be hers. (See Appendix E, Resolution D083).

*Christ has given his Church power to absolve sins. If a formal confession is to be made, and absolution granted, this must be done by a priest. Another Christian may be asked to hear the confession, but it must be made clear to the penitent that absolution will not be pronounced; instead, a declaration of forgiveness is provided. Either of the two forms of *The Reconciliation of a Penitent* (pages 447 and 449 of the *Book of Common Prayer*) or else the following rite is appropriate.*

Should a couple wish to participate in this rite together, the presider should adapt the words to include the man as well as the woman. If a man wishes to repent of a decision he made regarding an abortion, the rite may be adapted for that purpose, as well.

The service may also be adapted for corporate use, as seems appropriate to the circumstance: for instance, a ministry for counseling women who have had abortions might change this to accommodate a group rather than an individual.

A Rite of Repentance and Reconciliation

The priest says

My sister, what do you seek?

The penitent answers

My past actions weigh heavily upon me. I seek God's forgiveness and renewal in my life.

If the woman desires to address directly what burdens her, she may do so here.

The priest may then say

Listen to the words of Christ Jesus from the Gospel according to Luke:

“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

Luke 15: 3b-7

My sister, God rejoices that you have come seeking God's merciful forgiveness. Let us say this psalm together:

Priest and penitent together:

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,*
and whose sin is put away!
Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,*
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,*
because of my groaning all day long.
For your hand was heavy on me day and night,*
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you,*
and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.”*
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble,*
when the great waters flow, they shall not reach them.
You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble,*
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go,*
I will guide you with my eye.” *Psalm 32:1-9*

The penitent may tell her story, using the form below or similar words. If she has already talked about her experience in counseling before the rite, she may briefly restate the cause of pain for which she seeks reconciliation.

I confess my transgressions to the Lord. Here, in the presence of Almighty God, the Church, and you, I acknowledge my faults, especially _____. I mourn the life that was within me that I let go. I am haunted by what might have been. I humbly beg forgiveness of God and of Christ's Church.

Here the priest may offer words of comfort and counsel.

The priest then pronounces absolution using one of the following forms

May God who knows the depths of our hearts and yet abounds in mercy grant you forgiveness and healing, and the strength and comfort of the Holy Spirit, through the intercession of Jesus Christ our Advocate. Amen.

Or

May God forgive you all your sins, that you may enter into the new and everlasting life promised you through Christ our great High Priest, enlivened by God's Holy Spirit dwelling in you now and for ever. Amen.

If the officiant is a deacon or lay person, the following declaration of forgiveness is used.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who offered himself to be sacrificed for us, forgives your sins by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The officiant may conclude with the following.

Now there is rejoicing in heaven; for you were lost, and are found; you were dead, and are now alive in Christ Jesus our Lord. God's arms are open for you and for your child, for Christ offered himself to be sacrificed for our sins, which are washed away in repentance. Go in peace to love and serve God all your days. And pray for me, a sinner. Amen.

A candle may be lighted, as a sign of God's promise of new life.

A Liturgy of Lament and Remembrance

For loss of children through miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, placing for adoption, or inability to conceive

This service follows Form 1, described on page 7.

Concerning the service:

Lament is the heart's expression of grief, an essential element in our conversation with God. Throughout Scripture, men and women pour out their grief and loss to God who hears and comforts them in their loss. Jesus wept for the death of his friend, Lazarus, and we should feel confident that when we pour out our sorrow, Christ knows our pain and is present in our suffering, ready to walk with us through the long process of bereavement and to bring healing in the fullness of time. The loss of an anticipated child plunges us from joyful expectation of new life to bereavement. We must mourn a loss before we can continue our journey towards new life.

This Liturgy of Lament provides a reminder to the participants that God understands our feelings of sorrow or anger, and can be trusted to hold us in love and heal us in the fullness of time, restoring our hope and trust. The rite provides worshipers opportunities for tears, for times of speaking and times of silence. The space chosen should accommodate enough freedom of movement so that those gathered may sit, stand, kneel or even lie down. Pauses may be made in the litany when people are overcome by emotion.

This service should be planned with pastoral sensitivity that respects the depth of grief, and gently points to a new confidence in God's healing love.

The Gathering of the People

The ministers enter in silence.

One or more of the following is read (or some other opening sentences; see Appendix A, page 254)

A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children are no more.
Jeremiah 31:15

Have pity on me, Lord, for I am weak;
heal me, Lord, for my bones are racked.
My spirit shakes with terror;
how long, O Lord, how long?
Turn, O Lord, and deliver me;
save me for your mercy's sake.
I grow weary because of my groaning;
every night I drench my bed
and flood my couch with tears.
My eyes are wasted with grief.

Psalm 6: 2-4, 6-a7

O Lord, my God, my Savior,
by day and night I cry to you.
Let my prayer enter into your presence;
incline your ear to my lamentation.
For I am full of trouble;
my life is at the brink of the grave.
I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;
I have become like one who has no strength;
Lost among the dead,
like the slain who lie in the grave,
Whom you remember no more,
for they are cut off from your hand.

Psalm 88:1-6

Then follows the Litany of Complaint, or some other suitable litany or prayer.

Litany of Complaint

Each worshiper should adopt the posture most helpful to the full expression of his or her grief.

Leader Hear the cries of your people, O God.
People We will lament and not hold back.
We will refuse to be comforted
until we have made known to you our sorrow.
We are bereft.

Leader Our souls cleave to the dust.
People Our eyes are wasted with grief.
We are drenched with tears.
Our hearts melt like wax

Leader Our souls melt away for sorrow.
People We are poured out like water.
Our bodies are racked.

Leader Ours eyes have failed for watching for your promise.
People When will you comfort us?
Leader We open our mouths and pant in pain.
People Why do you stand so far off, O Lord,
and hide yourself in time of trouble?

Leader Our eyes shed streams of tears.
People Our indignation consumes us.
Leader We cry out to you.
People We grow weary with our groaning.
Leader Early in the morning we call to you.
People Let our cry come before you, O Lord.
Deliver us according to your promise of mercy.

A brief silence

Leader O Lord, we wait for you.

People *More than sentries wait for the morning,
our souls wait for you alone.*

A hymn or song of lament may be sung.

Silence may be kept.

Leader Let us pray.
Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer:
Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that we may find your
mercy present with us in all our afflictions; give us strength for the sake of
him who suffered for us, your son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Ministry of the Word

The people are seated.

The readings should include at least one from scripture. If Eucharist is to be celebrated, the readings must include one from the Gospel. A Psalm, hymn, or silent reflection follows each lesson. See Appendix A beginning on page 254 for suggested Scripture readings. Suggested Hymns are in Appendix B, pages 258-262..

A homily may be preached.

The Healing Action

If there is to be laying on of hands [and anointing], the following form is used.

If oil for anointing is to be blessed, the priest says

Blessed are you, O God, source of life and health. In Jesus you became flesh and came to know the depth of human suffering. You sent the disciples to heal those who were sick. Sanctify this oil that all who are anointed with it may be healed, strengthened, and renewed, by the power of your Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The minister may introduce the laying on of hands [and anointing] with these or similar words

The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. In the laying on of hands [and anointing] we proclaim the Good News that God promises to restore us to wholeness in Christ. You are invited to offer yourself and ask for healing in the Name of the holy and undivided Trinity.

The minister may invite each person to be anointed to give her or his name and any particular request for prayer. The minister then lays hands upon each person [and anoints the person], prays silently, then prays aloud using one of the following forms or similar words

N., I [anoint you and] lay my hands upon you in the name of God the holy and undivided Trinity. May Christ be present with you to comfort you, to guard and protect you, and to keep you in everlasting life. *Amen.*

or this

N., I lay my hands upon you [and anoint you] in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, praying you will be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of the Spirit. *Amen.*

The minister may add, in these or similar words

As you are outwardly anointed with this holy oil, so may our loving God give you the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit. Of God's bounty, may your suffering be relieved, and your spirit, mind, and body restored to grace and peace. May all of us in the frailty of our flesh know God's healing and resurrecting power. *Amen.*

The Memorial

*Mourners may be given time to tell of their loss, grief, or memories.
Symbols of loss and grief may be spoken of or placed on an altar.
There may be silence, journal writing, creation of memorial objects, etc.*

The Prayers of the People

Litany of Lament

In place of the Litany of Lament, the Litany of Remembrance and Lament, Healing and Hope on page 00, or another litany, may be used.

Leader God, hear our prayer,
People *And let our cry come to you.*

Leader Merciful God, we come to you in sorrow. Help us to grieve; let our tears flow; and look upon our broken hearts.
God, hear our prayer,
People *And let our cry come to you.*

Leader We have lost children. We have lost hope. We have lost our way. Consider our losses.
God, hear our prayer,
People *And let our cry come to you.*

Leader Our faith has been shaken. We are haunted by memories and weighed down with guilt. We are sick with sadness, weak with despair. Help us know your presence.
God, hear our prayer,
People *And let our cry come to you.*

Leader In our suffering, we turn away from those who suffer also. Our bonds have been strained, one with another. Show us your compassion and help us forgive others and feel their sorrows.

God, hear our prayer,
People *And let our cry come to you.*

Leader We longed for [this child], but our bodies betrayed our hopes. Help us surrender them, and trust in your faithfulness.

God, hear our prayer,
People *And let our cry come to you.*

Leader Help us envision a future filled with promise, even if we cannot know what lies in store for us. Help us have confidence in your love as we take each new step.

God, hear our prayer,
People *And let our cry come to you.*

The leader or presiding minister concludes with this collect:

Lord of all mercies: abide with us when the darkness deepens and we suffer loss, pain and grief. Help us to know and understand you are with us even when we cannot feel your presence. Let your saving help shine through the shadows as you hold your cross before our eyes, reminding us that you share our sufferings and have overcome death so that we might rise again with you. Let morning break upon our sorrowing hearts; abide with us in life and in death, Lord, so that we may live in your peace and rejoice in your love. *Amen.*

The following psalm of deliverance may be said by all. Or another psalm may be said; see suggestions on pages 52-53.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; *
let me never be ashamed.
In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *
incline your ear to me and save me.
Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
you are my crag and my stronghold.
Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
For you are my hope, O Lord God, *
my confidence since I was young.
I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *
my praise shall be always of you.
O God, be not far from me; *
come quickly to help me, O my God.

Psalm 71: 1-6, 12

The Eucharist

*If the Eucharist is not to be celebrated, the Lord's Prayer may be said here.
If the Eucharist is to be celebrated, the service continues with the Peace.*

The Blessing

This or another blessing, may be offered at the end of the service:

May God, our Creator, fill you with peace. *Amen.*

May Christ, our Savior, redeem all your sorrows. *Amen.*

May the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, heal and restore you. *Amen.*

The service may end in silence, or with the singing of a hymn.

Worshippers may be invited to remain in the worship space for as long as they wish, in prayer and reflection. Pastoral care givers should be available for those who experience intense grief, having perhaps expressed their lament aloud for the first time.

Liturgy of Remembrance and Lament For Reproductive Loss.

This service follows Form 2, described on page 8.

This may be adapted for other community crises such as the murder of a child, a school shooting or the death of teenagers in a car accident when the community at large is affected.

The service begins in darkness; the Paschal candle may be lit before the people gather, or as the service begins. A small candle or other light is provided for the reader.

Out of the silent darkness, the first Psalm is read.

Psalm 69:1-4, 15-18

- 1 Save me, O God, *
 for the waters have risen up to my neck.
- 2 I am sinking in deep mire, *
 and there is no firm ground for my feet.
- 3 I have come into deep waters, *
 and the torrent washes over me.
- 4 I have grown weary with my crying;
 my throat is inflamed; *
 my eyes have failed from looking for my God.
- 15 In your great mercy, O God, *
 answer me with your unfailing help.
- 16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; *
 let me be rescued from those who hate me
 and out of the deep waters.
- 17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,
 neither let the deep swallow me up; *
 do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.
- 18 Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; *
 in your great compassion, turn to me.

Silence

Candles may be lit from the Paschal candle. A few lights may be turned on.

Song or Hymn

*Suggested: Within our darkest night (Taizé)
 Commit thou all that grieves thee (Hymnal 1982)
 Abide with me (Hymnal 1982)
 Stay with me (Taizé)*

The people may sit or kneel.

During the singing, pictures and other symbols of grief and loss may be brought forward and placed on the altar.

Silence

Psalm 130 *may be read in unison*

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Silence

*One to three readings are read, including at least one from scripture.
Silence follows each reading; a song or hymn may be sung following each reading.*

A homily may be preached.

The following litany, or another litany or prayers, may be said

Litany of Remembrance and Lament, Healing and Hope

The prayers are arranged so that different intercessors may lead the various sections, each of which addresses a particular pastoral need. The liturgist or leader may choose to omit some petitions or entire sections. Usually, Parts I and V should be included.

The prayers gather up the corporate lament of a community. Individuals may not share all the feelings voiced by the prayers, yet in praying together the community gives voice to all of its members.

The prayers are introduced with these words:

Compassionate God, Father of our Savior Jesus Christ, you know our deepest pain and sorrow. Behold the anguish of our broken dreams, and let our cry come to you.

I

Leader We are crushed, afraid and overwhelmed by what we cannot understand.
People *Living God, be with us in our pain.*

Leader We are weary of weeping, sick with despair, aching with emptiness.
People *Living God, be with us in our pain.*

Leader We are confused and angry, but you do not answer.
People *Living God, be with us in our pain.*

Leader Our bodies cannot rise or rest, our hearts are like stones.
People *Living God, be with us in our pain.*

II

Leader We have lost our way and are isolated in our sorrow.
People *Loving God, stay with us.*

Leader Our bonds are strained; our relationships suffer;
shallow answers and hollow comfort increase our sadness.
People *Loving God, stay with us.*

Leader Some forsake us, others avoid us, compounding our grief.
People *Loving God, stay with us.*

Leader Friends and family are afflicted by our loss;
they grieve in their own way while their pain deepens ours.
People *Loving God, stay with us.*

III

Leader In our grief we have turned against you and against one another.
People *Merciful God, heal us.*

Leader We are jealous of those whose children live.
People *Merciful God, heal us.*

Leader We speak unjustly against others; we blame unfairly; we withdraw or lash
out.
People *Merciful God, heal us.*

Leader We torment ourselves and one another for past choices; we blame
ourselves for what has gone wrong.
People *Merciful God, heal us.*

Leader Shame and guilt weigh us down; our courage fails; we are bitter and
anxious, fearful of the future.
People *Merciful God, heal us.*

IV

Leader For those among us who could not raise children and gave them up for
adoption,
People *Redeeming God, give your people peace.*

Leader For those unable to welcome a child, who terminated a pregnancy,
People *Redeeming God, give your people peace.*

Leader For those whose choices brought harm to their child,
People *Redeeming God, give your people peace.*

Leader For those unable to find reconciliation, who bear their wounds in secrecy
and loneliness,
People *Redeeming God, give your people peace.*

Leader For those unable to conceive a child, who languish in longing and despair,
People *Redeeming God, give your people peace.*

V

Leader Send your Holy Spirit to renew our broken hearts.
People *Lord of Love, save us and help us.*

Leader Forgive our despair, fill us with hope,
and teach us to trust in your goodness.
People *Lord of Love, save us and help us.*

Leader Grant us patience with you, ourselves and one another.
People *Lord of Love, save us and help us.*

Leader Help us to know your never-failing care.
People *Lord of Love, save us and help us.*

Leader Deliver us from past hurts, and help us understand your will for us.
People *Lord of Love, save us and help us.*

Leader Turn our grief into compassion for others and for ourselves.
People *Lord of Love, save us and help us.*

Leader Release us from fear, renew us in love, rekindle our hopes.
People *Lord of Love, save us and help us.*

Leader In all things, renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may live as children of
God.
People *Amen.*

Silence may follow.

Words of assurance may be read.

The following psalm may be read or sung, by one voice or by the assembly

Psalm 116

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The Lord watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the Lord has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord *
in the land of the living.
- 9 I believed, even when I said,
“I have been brought very low.” *
In my distress I said, “No one can be trusted.”
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.

Song or Hymn

Suggested: *O God our help in ages past (Hymnal 1982)*
 You shall walk the barren desert (Wonder Love and Praise)
 Precious Lord, take my hand (LEVAS II)
 Bless the Lord, my soul (Taizé)
 Healer of our every ill (Gather, The Faith We Sing)
 Great is thy faithfulness (LEVAS II)

Dismissal

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Or this

Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, as you hung upon the cross in agony, remember our suffering and sorrow, our sin and loss. Heal and restore us, merciful Savior, and bring us to everlasting glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit, in your land where there is no sorrow and sighing, but the fullness of life for ever more. *Amen.*

The people depart in silence.

A Liturgy of Healing and Hope

Officiant Bless the Lord, all angels, all hosts of heaven, all ministers of God's will.
People Bless the Lord, O my soul, and let all within me bless God's holy name.

*A song or canticle of God's healing love may be sung.
These canticles from Enriching Our Worship I, are especially appropriate:*

A Song of Jerusalem Our Mother *Isaiah 66:10-14*

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her *
all you who love her,
Rejoice, rejoice with her, *
all you who mourn over her,
That you may drink deeply with delight *
from her comforting breast.
For thus says our God, *
"I will extend peace to her like a river,
the wealth of nations like an overflowing stream.
"You shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
and you shall nestle in her lap.
"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; *
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
"You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice, *
you shall flourish like the grass of the fields."

A Song of Christ's Goodness *Anselm of Canterbury*

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; *
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Often you weep over our sins and our pride, *
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, *
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; *
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; *
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.
Your warmth gives life to the dead, *
your touch makes sinners righteous.
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; *
in your love and tenderness, remake us.
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, *
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

A Song of True Motherhood *Julian of Norwich*

God chose to be our mother in all things *
and so made the foundation of his work,
most humbly and most pure, in the Virgin's womb.
God, the perfect wisdom of all, *
arrayed himself in this humble place.
Christ came in our poor flesh *
to share a mother's care.
Our mothers bear us for pain and for death; *
our true mother, Jesus, bears us for joy and endless life.
Christ carried us within him in love and travail, *
until the full time of his passion.
And when all was completed and he had carried us so for joy, *
still all this could not satisfy the power of his wonderful love.
All that we owe is redeemed in truly loving God, *
for the love of Christ works in us;
Christ is the one whom we love.

The Collect

Presider God be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Presider Let us pray

Most holy God, as a father has compassion on his children, so do you have mercy on us. As a mother carries and feeds her children, so do you carry us in our afflictions, heal us, and nurture us. Holy One, hear our cry and renew us in your love, through Christ who has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, in whom all things are redeemed for eternal life. *Amen.*

The Ministry of the Word

The readings should include at least one from scripture. If the Eucharist is to be celebrated, a reading from the Gospel must be included. A psalm, hymn, or silent reflection follows each lesson. See Appendix A, pages 254-257 for suggested scripture readings. See Appendix B, pages 258-262, for suggested hymns.

A homily may be preached.

The Healing Action

If there is to be laying on of hands [and anointing], the following form is used.

If oil for anointing is to be blessed, the priest says

Blessed are you, O God, source of life and health. In Jesus you became flesh and came to know the depth of human suffering. You sent the disciples to heal those who were sick. Sanctify this oil that all who are anointed with it may be healed, strengthened, and renewed, by the power of your Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The minister may introduce the laying on of hands [and anointing] with these or similar words

The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. In the laying on of hands [and anointing] we proclaim the Good News that God promises to restore us to wholeness in Christ. You are invited to offer yourself and ask for healing in the Name of the holy and undivided Trinity.

The minister may invite each person to be anointed to give her or his name and any particular request for prayer. The minister then lays hands upon each person [and anoints the person], prays silently, then prays aloud using one of the following forms or similar words

N., I [anoint you and] lay my hands upon you in the name of God the holy and undivided Trinity. May Christ be present with you to comfort you, to guard and protect you, and to keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

or this

N., I lay my hands upon you [and anoint you] in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, praying you will be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of the Spirit. Amen.

The minister may add, in these or similar words

As you are outwardly anointed with this holy oil, so may our loving God give you the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit. Of God's bounty, may your suffering be relieved, and your spirit, mind, and body restored to grace and peace. May all of us in the frailty of our flesh know God's healing and resurrecting power. *Amen.*

The Memorial

*Mourners may be given time to talk about their loss, grief, and healing.
Symbols of loss, grief, and hope may be placed on an altar. Prayers, poems or other writings may be read.
There may be silence, journal writing, or creation of memorial objects.*

Litany of Healing and Hope

In place of this litany, another litany or other prayers may be used.

Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes with the morning.

For the losses we have endured,
Hear our cry, O God.
For miscarried babies and unborn hopes,
Hear our cry, O God.
For those children we will never know,
Hear our cries, O God.
For broken hearts and broken lives,
Hear our cries, O God.
For wounded innocence and shattered dreams,
Hear our cries, O God.

During a brief silence, particular griefs may be named.

When we are weary or lost,
O Christ, lead us home.
When we are hopeless and sad
O Christ, lead us home.
When we are angry and tears become our food
O Christ, lead us home.
When we are faithless and fearful
O Christ, lead us home.
When we grieve and despair
O Christ, lead us home.

Because you have been our companion in sorrow,
Holy Spirit, give us peace.
Because every child you have made lives forever,
Holy Spirit, give us peace.
Because suffering can make us kinder and more courageous,
Holy Spirit, give us peace.
Because nothing can separate us from your goodness,
Holy Spirit, give us peace.
Because you pray within us ceaselessly,
Holy Spirit, give us peace.

Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes with the morning;

Holy God, we bless your name.

You remove our mourning clothes and dress us in gladness;

Mighty God, we bless your name.

You will turn our lament into dancing;

Loving God, we bless your name.

You forgive all our sins and heal our infirmities;

Immortal God, we bless your name.

You renew us in your loving-kindness;

We are your people and you are our God.

Hear our cries, O God. Heal and restore us. Fill us with your peace. In all things remind us of your love, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

A hymn may be sung.

If the service continues with the Eucharist, the Peace is now exchanged.

If Eucharist is not to be celebrated, the service concludes with the Lord's Prayer, a blessing, and a dismissal.

The Prayers

Some of these prayers are to be prayed for those named. Others are to be prayed by the specified individual or couple. They may also be adapted for pastoral use, as needed.

Prayers Surrounding Difficult Decisions

1. For Guidance in Decision-Making
2. Following a Difficult Decision

Prayers Surrounding Unexpected or Unwanted Pregnancy

3. For Help in Accepting an Unplanned Pregnancy
4. For the Parent(s) of a Pregnant Child *[to be prayed by them]*
5. For the Parent(s) of a Boy who has Fathered a Child *[to be prayed by them]*
6. For an Unexpected Pregnancy *[for the woman/or for her and her partner]*
7. For Discernment Regarding an Unexpected Pregnancy *[for an individual or couple]*

Prayers Surrounding the Loss of a Child

8. Following Miscarriage
9. Following a Stillbirth, or Death Shortly After Birth
10. For use by a Woman Whose Child Has Died in the Womb *[for the woman]*
11. When Releasing a Child for Adoption

Prayers Surrounding the Termination of Pregnancy

12. For Guidance in Decision-Making
13. Following an Abortion
14. For Unresolved Grief or Guilt, or on the Anniversary of an Abortion
[for the woman or couple]

Prayers Surrounding Infertility or Sterilization

15. For Help in Deciding Whether to Have a Child
16. For Help to Conceive or to Accept Infertility
17. For Those Trying to Conceive a Child in Mature Years *[for the couple]*
18. For Letting Go the Hope of Childbearing *[for the couple]*
19. When the Decision Has Been Made Not to Bear Children *[for the woman or couple]*
20. When Surgeries Will Prevent a Desired Conception *[for the woman]*
21. After a Hysterectomy *[for the woman]*

Prayers Surrounding Adoption

22. For the Child Being Released for Adoption *[for the mother]*
23. For the Birth Parents *[to be prayed for the biological parents by the adopting parents]*
24. A Birth Mother's Prayer *[to be prayed by her]*
25. For Help in Selecting Adoptive Parents *[for the mother]*
26. Saying Good-bye to a Child *[for the birth mother]*
27. For Help in Deciding Whether to Adopt *[for the couple]*
28. When the Decision Has Been Made to Adopt *[for the couple]*
29. Of Children or Birth Parents Seeking the Other *[for the individual]*

Prayers Surrounding Other Losses

30. After Mastectomy *[for the woman]*

- 31. In a Difficult Pregnancy
- 32. After a Traumatic Birth
- 33. When a Child Has Been Born with Special Needs
- 34. Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Prayers

Prayers Surrounding Difficult Decisions

1. For Guidance in Decision-Making

Compassionate God: you have blessed your people with the capacity for discernment. Fill our hearts and minds with your peace as you come to *N. and N.* now in *their* time of need. Cleanse the thoughts of *their* hearts that *they* might perfectly love you in this moment. Grant *them* wisdom, grace, and courage as *they* listen for your voice. Fill *their hearts* with calm and strengthen them in the assurance of your never-failing love. Help *them* decide wisely. We ask this through Christ our Savior who, with you and the Comforter, abides with us always. *Amen.*

2. Following a Difficult Decision

Lord Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever: help *N. (and N.)* accept with courage and grace the consequences of *her* choice. Grant *her* acceptance of your forgiveness, and sure confidence in your mercy. Stay with *her* now to uphold and guide *her* along the path ahead, for your tender mercy's sake. *Amen.*

Gracious God, *we* thank you for the love which sustained *us* through the difficult choice *we* have made. *We* bless your name for granting *us* courage, peace and strength. Give *us* grace in the days ahead to recognize your boundless mercy. Strengthen *our* faith and support *us* with your love that your goodness and mercy may follow *us* all the days of *our* lives, through Christ, our Good Shepherd. *Amen.*

Prayers Surrounding Unexpected or Unwanted Pregnancy

3. For Help in Accepting an Unplanned Pregnancy

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

O God of heavenly powers, your providence offers each of us a future beyond anything we could dream or imagine. When *our* own plans fail, you strengthen us to face new challenges so that *our* faith may be strengthened and that we might become the people you created us to be. Help *us* see others with the mind of Christ and love them with your never-failing love. Especially, comfort *N.* (and *N.*) *who have* conceived a child *they* had not expected. Give *them* grace to welcome this little one with hope in your future and to trust in your eternal goodness; through Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

4. For the Parent(s) of a Pregnant Child

Merciful God, throughout the changes and chances of our lives your faithfulness is everlasting. Be with *us* now in the midst of the turmoil that surrounds *us*. *Our* child has conceived a child, and *we* cannot see the way before *us*. Help *us* entrust our daughter to you. Grant her wisdom in her choices and the courage to do what is best. Fill *us* with your Holy Spirit that *we* may believe in your never-failing goodness; through Christ our Redeemer. *Amen.*

5. For the Parent(s) of a Boy who has Fathered a Child

Your grace, O God, surpasses anything *we* can imagine. Surround and sustain *our* son with your love as he *and N.* discern how best to care for the child they have conceived. *We* pray for the mother, *N.*, and for her family. Grant all of us wisdom, strength and courage for the living of this hour. Of your mercy, give *us* grace to see *our* son through the eyes of your unconditional love. *Amen.*

6. For an Unexpected Pregnancy

Come to *me*, loving Jesus, in *my* confusion. Calm *my* fears and give *me* the wisdom of the Holy Spirit so that *I* may discern what is best for *me*, [for *my* family] and for the child I carry. Come to *me*, *my* Savior, and help *me*, for the sake of your love. *Amen.*

7. For Discernment Regarding an Unexpected Pregnancy

Holy immortal One, your grace is never-ending and your love unfailing. *We* have conceived a child *we* feel unable to welcome or provide for. Fill *us* with the comfort of your Holy Spirit. [Make *us* faithful and tender to each other in this difficult time, and] grant *us* knowledge of what you would have *us* do; through your Son Jesus Christ in whom all things are healed, restored and redeemed. *Amen.*

Prayers Surrounding the Loss of a Child

8. Following Miscarriage

Heavenly God, the Rock of Ages, you sustain the universe with the power of your love and hold us in the tenderness of your unfailing care. Support *N.* [and *N.*] who mourn the loss of *their* child. Comfort them in *their* pain and heal *them* in your grace. Hold *their* little one in your everlasting arms. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ who has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows from death to eternal life. *Amen.*

O God, who gathered Rachel's tears over her lost children: Hear now the sorrow and distress of *N.* (and *N.*) for the death of the child *they* longed for; in the darkness of loss, stretch out to *them* the strength of your arm and renewed assurance of your love; through your own suffering and risen Child Jesus. *Amen.*

From Enriching Our Worship 2

9. Following a Stillbirth, or Death Shortly After Birth

Heavenly Father, your love for all children is strong and enduring. We were not able to know *N.* as we had hoped. Yet you knew *her* growing in *her* mother's womb, and *she* is not lost to you. In the midst of our sadness, we thank you that *N.* is with you now. *Amen.*

From Enriching Our Worship 2

Loving God, we thank you that in your mercy you brought your daughter *N.* through childbirth in safety. We pray that *N.* (and *N.*) will know your support in this time of trouble and enjoy your protection always; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

From Enriching Our Worship 2

10. For use by a Woman Whose Child Has Died in the Womb

God, I cry out in anguish for this child of my body whose death has robbed me of hope and my joy. With your strong arm, uphold me in the sorrow of my labor to come. Do not leave me comfortless, but help me to trust that my beloved whom you have known in my womb now sees your face. As my child slides from my arms, hold *her/him* secure in your everlasting arms in that place of reunion and love, that dear, dear country of the blessed where your Child Jesus Christ reigns in eternal light. *Amen.*

11. When Releasing a Child for Adoption

See also Prayers Surrounding Adoption, page 46.

Gracious God, send your healing love to sustain *N. (and N.)* as *they* place *their* child with the parents who will raise *him*. Your strength carried *N.* through pregnancy and childbirth; surround *her (and N.)* now and in the days to come. Confirm in *them* the conviction that *their* courageous act of love comes in response to your love for *them* and for all your children. Help *them* know that *they*, together with this child and the parents who adopt *him* are all part of your family whom you love unceasingly. We pray in Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Prayers Surrounding the Termination of Pregnancy

The termination of a pregnancy is always a grave matter. Even when protecting the physical or emotional health of the mother the decision to terminate should be entered into prayerfully, with a contrite heart and the support of the Church community in addition to other caregivers. (See Appendix E.)

Before and after an abortion, the Prayers Surrounding Difficult Decisions (page 40) may be helpful.

12. For Guidance in Decision-Making

Compassionate God, source of all life, be present now with *N. (and N.)* as *they* face this painful decision. Give *them* grace to choose wisely and fill *them* with the assurance of your love for *them* and for all life. Help *them* rest in the certain knowledge that you are near to guide *them* and that nothing can separate us from your steadfast love. *Amen.*

13. Following an Abortion

Holy and life-giving God, we thank you for being with *N. (and N.)* through this difficult time. Help *her* to accept that you love *her* as you love the young life who is now held in Christ's arms. Fill *her* heart with your mercy. Heal *her* in body and mind that *she* may trust in your goodness. Guide *her* in the days to come, that *she* may know *herself* to be your beloved child. We ask this in Jesus' Name. *Amen.*

Compassionate God, I have ended the life briefly held in my body. This action has brought sorrow to others and grief to me. Forgive my sins and cleanse me with your abundant mercy. Uphold me by your grace that I may know the healing power of your love; for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Redeemer. *Amen.*

14. For Unresolved Grief or Guilt, or on the Anniversary of an Abortion

Merciful God, hear *my* cry to you. Relieve the sorrow of *my* heart. *I* regret *my* decision [to end *my* pregnancy]. Yet you are a merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love and quick to forgive the penitent. Of your loving-kindness, forgive *me*. Heal *my* broken heart. Bring *me* the joy of your saving help again, and renew a right spirit within *me*, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Gracious God, you forgive our sins and heal our sorrows. The abortion *N.* underwent has left scars of regret, pain and loss. Fill her with the certain knowledge that all who live, however briefly, are redeemed by your mercy, and that your love and grace are eternal. Heal and forgive her, Lord God, that she may know the joy of your salvation; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *Amen.*

Prayers Surrounding Infertility or Sterilization

15. For Help in Deciding Whether to Have a Child

See also #27, For Help in Deciding Whether to Adopt, page 47.

Holy God, you have searched *me* out and known *me*. Help *me* make a wise decision, according to your will. You know *my* doubts about rearing a child. Free *me* from the anxiety of disappointing you, others and *myself*. Teach *me* to understand *my* nature and purpose, fill *me* with your wisdom, and guide *me* to act according to your will. *I* pray in the name of Jesus, *my* Savior. *Amen.*

You have made us in your image, O God, and blessed us through one another. You make our home holy with your presence. Grant us your understanding as we consider whether to have a [*another*] child. Fill our hearts with humility and increase our trust in your goodness that we may live fully this life you have given us. *Amen.*

God of all wisdom, bless *N. and N.* as they pray whether to conceive a [*another*] child. Help them understand their own capacities and discern your will for them, through Jesus Christ in the grace of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

16. For Help to Conceive or to Accept Infertility

Merciful Creator, every day you bring new life into this world. We long to share in this generation by bearing a child. Yet our attempts have brought grief, frustration and fear. Now we feel spent and our hope fades. Give us grace to

surrender our longing to you. Hold our hearts' desire in your heart, helping us trust that our lives unfold according to your unfailing love, through Christ our Redeemer. *Amen.*

17. For Those Trying to Conceive a Child in Mature Years

God, our unfailing hope and strength; you heard the pleas of our ancestors in Scripture that they might bear children, even as their expectation faded; hear also our great desire and longing for a child. Help us to welcome that future you bring to us according to your will and to make our lives fruitful and joyful beyond what we may expect or imagine; we pray in the name of your child Jesus and though that Holy Spirit that prays in us with groans too deep for words. *Amen.*

18. For Letting Go the Hope of Childbearing

Holy God, you offer abundance of life and fullness of joy to your children. We have longed to bear children of our own. As we grieve the loss of this dream, turn our sorrow to hope for a different future than the one we had imagined. Transform the desires of our hearts into grace that we may bear your love to others in all we do and say, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. *Amen.*

19. When the Decision Has Been Made Not to Bear Children

God who has searched us out and known us: we have sought your guidance in discerning our readiness to be parents and your will for our lives; be with us now in our decision not to bear children, that in this and in all our actions we may give you honor, praise and service; through Jesus Christ our Savior and your Holy Spirit, who dwell with you in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

20. When Surgery Will Prevent a Desired Conception

God our strong Defender, stand with me in this surgery. Guide the hands of my doctors and nurses; keep me in the awareness of your presence; and raise me up to health and fresh hopes and joys beyond what I can now imagine or ask for, through the love of Christ and the life-giving of your Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

21. After a Hysterectomy

God of all wisdom, you knew me from my mother's womb. I thank you for making me a woman [*and for the children born of my body*]. I grieve the loss of part of me. Holy One, you made me in your image. Help me to realize that I remain the person you created. Bring to birth in me gifts of new fruitfulness in

reaching out to others. Heal and restore my body, and in the years ahead, grant me fullness of joy; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers Surrounding Adoption

22. For the Child Being Released for Adoption

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Life-giving God, you have given *me* the gift of this child. Before *she* was conceived in the womb, you knew *her*. *She* is surrounded by your love, and for love's sake *we* entrust *her* to those who will raise *her*. Guide and protect *her* all the days of *her* life. May *she* live and grow in grace as your beloved; *we* pray in the name of your Child Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

23. For the Birth Parents

Gracious God, may your mercy uphold *N.* as she sends this child born of her body to new parents who will nurture and raise *him*. As our love goes with *him*, surround *N.* also with your love. May she have your peace in her heart. May her spirit find rest in your unchanging presence. In Jesus' holy Name we pray. Amen.

Holy God, send your blessing upon the birth parents of *our* child. Give them an abiding awareness of your love. Lead them into a future bright with promise. May they always rest in the certainty of your loving care for them, and for the child they have entrusted to *us*. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

24. A Birth Mother's Prayer

Heal my heart, dear God. I send forth my *daughter*, born of my body, to the family who will love and raise *her*. A part of *her* will always remain with me. Give me grace to live each day knowing you uphold *her* and me in strength, guidance and mercy. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, my Redeemer. *Amen.*

25. For Help in Selecting Adoptive Parents

Loving God, our Creator, you knew this child when *he* was formed in the womb, and have numbered the hairs on *his* head. Help us discern a family in which *he* will thrive, growing up as the person you created *him* to be. Even now, prepare

the hearts and home of *his* future parents, granting that their lives will be blessed with goodness and peace; through Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

26. Saying Good-bye to a Child

N., my child, go in the light and love of God.

May you live in abundance of joy, free from harm. *Amen.*

May you find true and trusted friends. *Amen.*

May you find purposeful work and the meaning of Sabbath. *Amen.*

May you learn justice, kindness and humility; and live them. *Amen.*

May you experience the gift of love. *Amen.*

May you come to know the risen Christ. *Amen.*

May you encounter the Holy Spirit who dwells within you. *Amen.*

May you have a full life, and come at length to rest in your heavenly home.
Amen.

God who watches every moment of our days; *I* commend this child *N.* to your care. Before *she* was *mine*, *she* is yours. You gave *her* life. Be *her* protector, companion, and guide. Grant that *her* adoptive parents may love *her* as their own. May *she* flourish in their care as *she* grows in your wisdom. Keep *her* safe and well; make *her* strong and true. Lead *her* to walk in your ways in love and joy. *I* pray this in the name of Jesus, who blessed the children in his arms, in whose arms *I* now place *her*. *Amen.*

27. For Help in Deciding Whether to Adopt

O God, as a loving parent you have made *us* your own *children* through adoption into Christ. Guide *us* as *we* decide whether to adopt, to share the love you have given *us* with a child. Give *us* humility to make this decision wisely, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Child, in the grace of your Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

28. When the Decision Has Been Made to Adopt

Heavenly Father, all the peoples of the earth are one family in you: bless *our* decision to adopt. Help *us* freely and gladly share *our* lives, *our* love and *our* home with a child who needs *us*. Remind *our* family in times of doubt or frustration that every moment is filled with your grace. Surround this decision and those to come with your steadfast love; through Christ who took little children to himself. *Amen.*

29. Of Children or Birth Parents Seeking the Other

Holy God, in *my heart* there is a place of longing and questions about the *child/parents I* never knew. *My eyes* have not seen *her/them*, *my arms* have not held *her/them*, yet we are related. Give *me* your guidance, God, and grant that *my search* will unfold according to your will. *I* thank you for the *parents/spouse/children* with whom I share my life, and pray that *they* will always know how precious they are to *me* and to you. *I* ask the grace of your Holy Spirit in this and all *my actions*, through *my Savior Jesus Christ*. *Amen*.

Prayers Surrounding Other Losses

30. After Mastectomy

*Christ came in our poor flesh to share a mother's care.
Our mothers bear us for pain and for death;
our true mother, Jesus, bears us for joy and endless life.
From "A Song of True Motherhood," Julian of Norwich*

God of tender mercy, hear my prayer. I grieve the loss of my breast(s), a change to my body and to my sense of self as a woman. Help me to remember that you made me in your image and that in you I am made whole, despite all wounds. Give me confidence and fill me with hope in all that lies ahead. I pray through Christ who, like a mother, bears us for joy and endless life. *Amen*.

31. In a Difficult Pregnancy

*He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.
Isaiah 40:11*

Good shepherd of the flock, tender Jesus, carry *N. (and N.)* through the perils of this pregnancy. Strengthen *their* trust that you are at work in this and every circumstance, and encourage *them* with your grace. Keep alive the flame of hope that you are present with *them* and with this child you knit together in the womb. Fill *them* with confidence in God the Creator and comfort in the Holy Spirit, for your tender mercy's sake. *Amen*.

See also the "Blessing of a Pregnant Woman" page 14

32. After a Traumatic Birth

Life-giving Christ, be our faithful and loving companion in every moment of our lives. Visit *N.* with your healing grace. Heal the pain and trauma she has

undergone through this birth. As you labored in agony on the cross so she suffered in labor. Now bring her the joy of new life that nothing can take away. Let your angels watch over this mother and child as they heal and rest. In the days to come, help *N.* know your promise that weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. So may this mother and child rise to give you thanks tomorrow and always, secure in you, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, reign throughout all ages. *Amen.*

33. When a Child Has Been Born with Special Needs

God of creation, you made all peoples of the earth one family; we thank you for *N.*, a child created in your love and a precious gift to *his* family. Bring *N.* fullness of joy. Make *him* a witness to your compassion for all your creation and a blessing to those who know *him*. Sustain *his* family and all those who care for *him* in their anxieties and questions. Give them grace to love this child with your love and increase their faith and knowledge of you. Enable us who love them to provide support and comfort, through the power of your Holy and life-giving Spirit, through Christ who loves all children. *Amen.*

God the creator of us all, *we* give you thanks for the life of *this child*. Grant *us* accepting and understanding hearts, and the gifts of courage and patience to face the challenge of caring for *her*. Let your love for *us* be seen in *our* lives, that *we* may create an atmosphere in which *she* will live a life of dignity and worth. *We* ask this in the name of Jesus, the compassionate. *Amen.*

[from A New Zealand Prayer Book, page 756]

34. Confession and Assurance of Pardon

This form may be used by a lay or ordained confessor with a penitent or at other times when an entire liturgical rite is not needed.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty: I confess that in my sinfulness I have wounded the body of Christ, and both brought grief and injury to others and to myself, [especially, I confess _____]. Holy Immortal One, lift the weight of this burden from my shoulders; forgive, cleanse and renew me; and put a new and right spirit within me, according to your mercy and lovingkindness; through the grace of Jesus Christ my Savior. Amen.

Confessor's words of pardon

N., beloved child of God; through Jesus Christ the grace of God flows to you conferring forgiveness and absolution of all your sin, and raises you to renewed life by the power of the Holy Spirit working in you more than you dare ask for or imagine. Abide in peace; through Christ your faith has made you whole.

Appendices

Appendix A Suggested Readings from Scripture

Opening Sentences (or short readings)

Lament

Have pity on me, Lord, for I am weak; save me for your mercy's sake. I grow weary because of my groaning; every night I drench my bed and flood my couch with tears. My eyes are wasted with grief. *Psalm 6:2a, 4b, 6-7a*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from my cry and from the words of my distress? *Psalm 22:1*

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow for my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed. *Psalm 31:9-10*

My tears have been my food day and night. *Psalm 42:3*

Hear my cry, O God, and listen to my prayer. I call upon you from the ends of the earth with heaviness in my heart. *Psalm 61:1-2*

Save me, O God, for the waters have risen up to my neck. I am sinking in deep mire, and there is no firm ground for my feet. I have grown weary with my crying; my throat is inflamed; my eyes have failed from looking for my God. In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help. Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me. *Psalm 69:1-2, 4, 15, 18*

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire; I refused to be comforted. Will the Lord cast me off for ever? Has his loving-kindness come to an end for ever? *Psalm 77:2, 7a, 8a*

O Lord, I cry to you for help; in the morning my prayer comes before you. Lord, why have you rejected me? Why have you hidden your face from me? Darkness is my only companion. *Psalm 88:14-15, 19b*

My days drift away like smoke, and my bones are hot as burning coals. My heart is smitten like grass and withered, so that I forget to eat my bread. Because of the voice of my groaning I am but skin and bones. I have eaten ashes for bread, and mingled my drink with weeping. *Psalm 102:3-5, 9*

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice. *Psalm 130:1*

My spirit faints within me; my heart within me is desolate. O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me. *Psalm 143:4, 7a*

For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears, for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage. *Lamentations 1:16*

I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin and have laid my strength in the dust. My face is red with weeping and deep darkness is on my eyelids. *Job 16:15-16*

Hope

O Lord, my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health. Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning. *Psalm 30:2,6*

I have trusted in you, O Lord; I have said, "You are my God. Make your face to shine upon your servant; and in your loving-kindness save me. *Psalm 31:14, 16*

Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.
Psalm 31:24

The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them, and delivers them from all their troubles. *Psalm 34:17*

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and will save those whose spirits are crushed. *Psalm 34:18*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your holy Spirit from me. Give me the joy of your saving help again, and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. *Psalm 51:11-13*

For God alone my soul in silence waits; from him comes my salvation.
Psalm 62:1

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day. For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.
Psalm 91:5, 11

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow. [But] you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling. *Psalm 116:2, 7*

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. *Psalm 121:1-2*

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. *Psalm 126:6*

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. *Psalm 130:4-5*

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. *Psalm 141:1-2*

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish, they seem to have died, and their departure was thought to be disaster and their going from us to be their destruction, but they are at peace. *Wisdom 3:1-3*

Those who trust in God will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with God in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones and God watches over his elect. *Wisdom 3:9*

Readings From the Old Testament

Genesis 32:24-30	<i>Jacob wrestles with God</i>
1 Samuel 1:1-18	<i>Hannah prays for a child</i>
1 Kings 19:4-9a	<i>In his despair, Elijah is fed and strengthened for the journey</i>
1 Kings 19:9b-13	<i>The Lord speaks to Elijah in the sound of sheer silence</i>
Job 3:1-4, 11-13	<i>Job curses the day of his birth</i>
Job 3: 20-26	<i>Why is light given to one in misery?</i>
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 14-15	<i>For everything there is a season</i>
Ecclesiastes 7:1-4, 8-14	<i>Sorrow is better than laughter, for by sadness of countenance the heart is made glad.</i>
Isaiah 25:6-9	<i>He will swallow up death for ever</i>
Isaiah 30:18-21	<i>Your ears shall hear... "This is the way, walk in it."</i>
Isaiah 43:1-4a	<i>Can a woman forget her nursing child...?</i>
Isaiah 66:10-14a	<i>As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you</i>
Jeremiah 29:11-14	<i>I know the plans I have for you</i>
Jeremiah 31:15-17, 23-24	<i>Rachel weeping for her children</i>
Lamentations 3:22-26	<i>The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases</i>
Ezekiel 36:24-28	<i>A new heart I will give you</i>
Ezekiel 37:1-14	<i>The valley of dry bones</i>

Readings From the New Testament

Romans 8:31-39	<i>If God is for us, who is against us?</i>
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	<i>We do not want you to be uninformed about those who have died.</i>
1 John 3:1-2	<i>See what love the Father has given us</i>
Revelation 7:13-17	<i>These are they who have come out of the great Ordeal; and God will wipe away every tear</i>
Revelation 21:1-5	<i>A new heaven and a new earth; death will be no more</i>

Readings From the Gospels

Matthew 5:1-10	<i>Blessed are those who mourn</i>
Matthew 7:7-11	<i>Ask, and it will be given you... [See also Luke 11:9-13]</i>
John 6:37-39	<i>Everything that the Father gives me will come to me</i>
John 10:11-16	<i>I am the good shepherd</i>
John 11:32-37	<i>Jesus weeps for Lazarus</i>
John 11:38-44	<i>Jesus raises Lazarus</i>

Assurance of God's Help in Decision Making

Psalms 37:4-9	<i>Take delight in the Lord, and he shall give you your heart's desire</i>
Psalms 73:23-26	<i>You will guide me by your counsel</i>
Psalms 119:169-176	<i>Give me understanding according to your word</i>
Proverbs 2:1-11	<i>The Lord gives wisdom</i>
Proverbs 3:1-8	<i>Trust in the Lord with all your heart</i>
Proverbs 8:1-21	<i>Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?</i>
James 1:5-8	<i>If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God</i>
James 5:13-18	<i>The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective</i>

Psalms of Lament

Psalms 6:1-7	<i>I grow weary because of my groaning</i>
Psalms 13	<i>How long, O Lord? will you forget me for ever?</i>
Psalms 22	<i>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?</i>

Psalm 31:9-16	<i>My eye is consumed with sorrow</i>
Psalm 42:1-8a	<i>My tears have been my food day and night</i>
Psalm 51	<i>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness</i>
Psalm 61:1-4	<i>Hear my cry, O God.. I will take refuge under the cover of your wings</i>
Psalm 69:1-4, 15-18	<i>Save me, O God, for the waters have risen up to my neck</i>
Psalm 77:1-10	<i>I will cry aloud to God... In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord</i>
Psalm 86	<i>Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and in misery</i>
Psalm 88	<i>O Lord, my God, my Savior, by day and night I cry to you</i>
Psalm 102	<i>Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you</i>
Psalm 142	<i>I cry to the Lord with my voice; to the Lord I make loud supplication</i>
Psalm 143	<i>Lord, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplication</i>

Psalms of Deliverance from Distress

Psalm 18:1-7, 17, 20	<i>I called upon the Lord in my distress... He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling</i>
Psalm 30:1-7, 11-13	<i>You have turned my wailing into dancing</i>
Psalm 34:3-8, 18	<i>Taste and see that the Lord is good</i>
Psalm 40	<i>I waited patiently upon the Lord; he stooped to me and heard my cry</i>
Psalm 46	<i>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble</i>
Psalm 57	<i>Be merciful to me, O God; ...in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge</i>
Psalm 71	<i>In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge</i>
Psalm 90	<i>Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another</i>
Psalm 91	<i>You are my refuge and my stronghold</i>
Psalm 92:1-5	<i>For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord</i>
Psalm 103	<i>Bless the Lord, O my soul</i>
Psalm 116	<i>I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication</i>

Psalms of Hope and Assurance

Psalm 20	<i>May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble</i>
Psalm 23	<i>The Lord is my shepherd</i>
Psalm 27	<i>The Lord is my light and my salvation</i>
Psalm 121	<i>I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?</i>

Canticles

The Song of Hannah	<i>Canticle C, Enriching Our Worship I</i>
A Song of the Wilderness	<i>Canticle D, Enriching Our Worship I</i>
A Song of Jerusalem our Mother	<i>Canticle E, Enriching Our Worship I</i>
A Song of Lamentation	<i>Canticle F, Enriching Our Worship I</i>
A Song of Jonah	<i>Canticle I, Enriching Our Worship I</i>
A Song of Our Adoption	<i>Canticle K, Enriching Our Worship I</i>
A Song of Christ's Goodness	<i>Canticle Q, Enriching Our Worship I</i>
A Song of True Motherhood	<i>Canticle R, Enriching Our Worship I</i>

Appendix B Suggested Songs and Hymns

From Episcopal Church Publications

The Hymnal 1982

687/688	A mighty fortress is our God (based on Psalm 46)
662	Abide with me
665	All my hope on God is founded
671	Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
658	As long as the deer for cooling streams (paraphrase of Psalm 42:1-7)
488	Be thou my vision
301	Bread of the world, in mercy broken (Look on the heart by sorrow broken)
508	Breathe on me, breath of God
516	Come down, O Love divine
487	Come, my way, my truth, my life
686	Come, thou fount of every blessing
669	Commit thou all that grieves thee
654	Day by day
339	Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness
712	Dona nobis pacem
465/466	Eternal light, shine in my heart
151	From deepest woe I cry to thee
694	God be in my head, and in my understanding
677	God moves in a mysterious way
690	Guide me, O thou great Jehovah
318	Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face (Here would I lay aside each earthly load)
515	Holy Ghost, dispel our sadness
472	Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion
636/637	How firm a foundation
517	How lovely is thy dwelling place (paraphrase of Psalm 84)
692	I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest"
668	I to the hills will lift mine eyes (paraphrase of Psalm 121)
490	I want to walk as a child of the light
635	If thou but trust in God to guide thee
699	Jesus, Lover of my soul
693	Just as I am
641	Lord Jesus think on me
482	Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy
593	Lord, make us servants of your peace (Prayer of St. Francis)
702	Lord, thou hast searched me and dost know (para. of Psalm 139:1-11)
247	Lullay, lullay, thou little tiny child
585	Morning glory, starlit sky (hidden is love's agony, love's endeavor, love's expense)
691	My faith looks up to thee
664	My Shepherd will supply my need (paraphrase of Psalm 23)
333	Now
308	O Food to pilgrims given (vv. 1 & 2)
680	O God our help in ages past (paraphrase of Psalm 90:1-5)
700	O love that casts out fear
681	Our God, to whom we turn
666	Out of the depths I call (paraphrase of Psalm 130)

685 Rock of ages, cleft for me
708 Savior, like a shepherd lead us
711 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
509 Spirit divine, attend our prayers
678/679 Surely it is God who saves me (paraphrase of The First Song of Isaiah)
707 Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee
645/646 The King of love my shepherd is (paraphrase of Psalm 23)
663 The Lord my God my shepherd is (paraphrase of Psalm 23)
676 There is a balm in Gilead
469/470 There's a wideness in God's mercy
554 'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
640 Watchman, tell us of the night
715 When Jesus wept

Lift Every Voice and Sing II

181 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
183 Be not dismayed whate'er betide (God will take care of you)
111 Come, Thou fount of every blessing
147 Come, ye disconsolate
91 Give me Jesus
183 God will take care of you
189 Great is thy faithfulness
217 He's got the whole world in His hand
191 His eye is on the sparrow
192 I need thee every hour
70 I want Jesus to walk with me
193 I will trust in the Lord
71 In times like these
188 It is well with my soul
79 Jesus, lover of my soul
218 Jesus loves me
72 Just a closer walk with thee
137 Just as I am
82 Just when I need Him, Jesus is near
88 My faith looks up to thee
99 My hope is built (On Christ the solid Rock)
118 Oh, let the Son of God enfold you (Spirit Song)
106 Precious Lord, take my hand
115 Spirit of the Living God
118 Spirit Song
177 Standin' in the need of prayer
103 Steal away
104 The Lord is my Shepherd (paraphrase of Psalm 23)
203 There is a balm in Gilead
207 We'll understand it better by and by
109 What a friend we have in Jesus
188 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way (It is well with my soul)
191 Why should I feel discouraged (His eye is on the sparrow)

Wonder, Love, and Praise

- 799 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide
727 As panting deer desire the waterbrooks (Paraphrase of Psalm 42)
811 Be not afraid (You shall cross the barren desert)
825 Bless the Lord my soul (Taizé)
819 Guide my feet, Lord
773 Heal me, hands of Jesus
805 I want Jesus to walk with me
797 It's me O Lord (Standin' in the need of prayer)
798 Lord Jesus, think on me
772 O Christ, the healer
770/771 O God of gentle strength
827 O Lord hear my pray'r (Taizé)
810 On eagle's wings
791 Peace before us
800 Precious Lord, take my hand
750 So the day dawn for me
826 Stay with me (Taizé)
804 Steal away
758 Tu has venido a la orilla (You have come down to the lakeshore)
811 You shall walk the barren desert (Be not afraid)
810 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord (On Eagles' Wings)
813 Way way way

Voices Found

- 92 Be still and know that I am God
142 Bless now, O God, the journey
60 Come and seek the ways of Wisdom
21 God of the women
91 Heal me, Lord
96 Healing river of the Spirit
94 In boldness, look to God
97 In deepest night, in darkest days
82/83/84 Just as I am, without one plea
145 Lo, the winter's past
131 Lord of all hopefulness
71/72 Mothering God, you gave me birth
146 Nothing distress you
132/133 Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee
24 When, like the woman at the well, I lived with broken dreams

My Heart Sings Out

- 46 Take, O take me as I am
55 May the Lord, mighty God
86 In the bulb there is a flower
142 Mothering God, you gave me birth (Norwich)
146 God to enfold you

Other Sources for Songs and Hymns

Knowledge of Peace by Eric H. F. Law

5 A new heart I'll give to you

Songs & Prayers from Taizé

9 Bless the Lord, my soul
28 Come and fill (Confitemini Domino)
19 In God alone (Mon ame se repose)
29 Nothing can trouble (Nada te turbe)
20 O Lord, hear my prayer
14 Our darkness is never darkness in your sight (La tenebre)
21 Stay with us (Bleib mit deiner Gnade)
12 Wait for the Lord
25 When the night becomes dark
37 Within our darkest night (Dans nos obscurites)

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELCA)

656 Blest be the tie that binds
781 Children of the heavenly Father
185 Create in me a clean heart (Psalm 51:10-12)
186 Create in me a clean heart (Psalm 51:10-12)
187 Create in me a clean heart (Psalm 51:10-12)
188 Create in me a clean heart (Psalm 51:10-12)
737 He comes to us as one unknown
612 Healer of our every ill
698 How Long, O God?
769 If you but trust in God to guide you
699 In Deepest Night
616 Jesus, remember me (Taizé)
735 Mothering God, you gave me birth (Lady Chapel Singers)
778 The Lord's my shepherd (Brother James Air)

Gather Comprehensive (RC)

647 Come to me, come when you are weary
650 Come to me (Ask, and you shall receive)
637 Come to me, O weary traveler
882 Healer of our every ill
875 Jesus, heal us
589 May the Lord, mighty God
652 Our God is rich in love
877 Out of the depths, O God, we call to you
641 Shepherd of my heart (Paraphrase of Psalm 23)
575 We cannot measure how you heal
654 With a shepherd's care, God leads us
649 You are mine (Do not be afraid, I am with you)

African American Heritage Hymnal

- 361 I will arise and go to Jesus
- 437 Kum Ba Yah
- 438 Come by here, my Lord
- 442 Sweet hour of prayer
- 418 We'll understand it better by and by
- 354 Come to Jesus
- 470 People need the Lord

The Faith We Sing (United Methodist)

- 2155 Blest are they (based on the Beatitudes)
- 2217 By the Babylonian rivers (Latvian melody) (Psalm 137)
- 2166 Christ beside me (St. Patrick's Breastplate)
- 2213 Healer of our every ill
- 2136 Out of the depths, O God, we call to you
- 2218 You are Mine (I will come to you in the silence)

The Presbyterian Hymnal

- 245 By the Waters of Babylon (Billings) (Psalm 137)
- 246 By the Babylonian rivers (Latvian melody) (Psalm 137)
- 275 God of our Life

Bring the Feast

- 5 Braided rugs (Braided lives)
- 8 By the waters of Babylon (Billings)
- 12 En medio de la vida (You are the God within life)
- 23 Like a mother who has borne us
- 26 Mothering God, you gave me birth (Mother round)
- 27 My mother's life I celebrate this day
- 36 Seeking healing on our journey
- 42 We are women at the well
- 45 When like the woman at the well (Craven)
- 47 Womb of life, and source of being

Appendix C

Anthems

“Out of the Depths,” Alan Hovahnness, Peters Edition
“There is a Balm in Gilead,” William Dawson, Kjos Publishing
“Don’t Give Up,” Richard Smallwood, Bridge-Building Misc
“I Love the Lord,” Richard Smallwood, Rich-Wood Music & Bridge-Building Music
“He Won’t Leave You,” Richard Smallwood, Rich-Wood Music & Bridge-Building Music
“O God, Beyond All Praising,” Richard Proulx, GIA Music
“We Fall Down,” Kyle Matthews, Careers-BGM Music Publishing, Inc. & Final Four Music
“Search Me, Lord,” Thomas A. Dorsey, Martin & Morris Music
“God Is Love” & “We Are Redeemed in the Lord,” E Mass, Church Publishing, Inc.
The following are available on-line:
Bridge Over Troubled Water”
“Come Unto Him”
“Be Still, My Soul”
Selections from Handel’s “Messiah”
“Finlandia” Theme from Jean Sibelius

Appendix D

Other Sources for Prayers, Liturgies, and Music

Human Rites, by Hannah Ward and Jennifer Wild (Mowbray Publishing)
Women’s Uncommon Prayers, Church Publishing Company
Mother Songs, edited by Sandra M. Gilbert, Susan Gerbar, and Diana O’Hehir (W.W. Norton and Co., Publisher)
A Wee Worship Book from Wild Goose Worship Group. Chicago: GIA Publications, Inc. 1999.
A New Zealand Prayer Book
The St. Helena Psalter
Bring the Feast: Songs from the Re-imagining Community. The Pilgrim Press, Cleveland OH, 1998

Appendix E

General Convention Statements on Childbirth and Abortion

Resolution Number: 1994-A054

Title: Reaffirm General Convention Statement on Childbirth and Abortion

Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Substituted and Amended

Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That this 71st General Convention of the Episcopal Church**

reaffirms resolution C047 from the 69th General Convention, which states:

All human life is sacred from its inception until death. The Church takes seriously its obligation to help form the consciences of its members concerning this sacredness. Human life, therefore, should be initiated only advisedly and in full accord with this understanding of the power to conceive and give birth which is bestowed by God. It is the responsibility of our congregations to assist their members in becoming informed concerning the spiritual and physiological aspects of sex and sexuality.

The Book of Common Prayer affirms that "the birth of a child is a joyous and solemn occasion in the life of a family. It is also an occasion for rejoicing in the Christian community" (p. 440). As Christians we also affirm responsible family planning.

We regard all abortion as having a tragic dimension, calling for the concern and compassion of all the Christian community.

While we acknowledge that in this country it is the legal right of every woman to have a medically safe abortion, as Christians we believe strongly that if this right is exercised, it should be used only in extreme situations. We emphatically oppose abortion as a means of birth control, family planning, sex selection, or any reason of mere convenience.

In those cases where an abortion is being considered, members of this Church are urged to seek the dictates of their conscience in prayer, to seek the advice and counsel of members of the Christian community and where appropriate, the sacramental life of this Church.

Whenever members of this Church are consulted with regard to a problem pregnancy, they are to explore, with grave seriousness, with the person or persons seeking advice and counsel, as alternatives to abortion, other positive courses of action, including, but not limited to, the following possibilities: the parents raising the child; another family member raising the child; making the child available for adoption.

It is the responsibility of members of this Church, especially the clergy, to become aware of local agencies and resources which will assist those faced with problem pregnancies.

We believe that legislation concerning abortions will not address the root of the problem. We therefore express our deep conviction that any proposed legislation on the part of national or state governments regarding abortions must take special care to see that the individual conscience is respected, and that the responsibility of individuals to reach informed decisions in this matter is acknowledged and honored as the position of this Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this 71st General Convention of the Episcopal Church express its unequivocal opposition to any legislative, executive or judicial action on the part of local, state or national governments that abridges the right of a woman to reach an informed decision about the termination of pregnancy or that would limit the access of a woman to safe means of acting on her decision.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 1994* (New York: General Convention, 1995), pp. 323-25.

Resolution Number: 2000 D083-

Express Concern for and Support Ministry to Those Suffering from Post Abortion Stress

Resolved, That the 73rd General Convention of the Episcopal Church acknowledge that some men and women suffer from post-abortion stress; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention of the Episcopal Church call for the Church to embrace and minister to men and women who have participated in an abortion and who may feel the need for pastoral and sacramental ministries of this church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention of the Episcopal Church urge parishes to become safe communities for women and men to talk about their abortion experience and to receive pastoral care directed at the healing process; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention of the Episcopal Church encourage its clergy to become informed about the symptoms and behaviors associated with post-abortion stress; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention of the Episcopal Church direct parishes to make available contact information for counseling agencies that offer programs to address post-abortion stress for all seeking help.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 654f.

Holy Women,
Holy Men:
Celebrating the Saints

Supplement to the Blue Book 2009

Approved by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, October 2008

Blessed feasts of blessed martyrs,
 holy women, holy men,
with affection's recollections
 greet we your return again.
Worthy deeds they wrought, and wonders,
 worthy of the Name they bore;
we, with meetest praise and sweetest,
 honor them for evermore.

12th-century Latin text,
translated John Mason Neale
#238, *The Hymnal* 1982

Introduction to the Supplement to the Blue Book 2009

To Bishops and Deputies:

The work before you represents the latest development in the ongoing enrichment of our sanctoral calendar. When the Most Rev. Frank Griswold called for this work, nearly a decade ago, he hoped for a more international, ecumenical calendar, with better representation of the saints of the Episcopal Church in all our diversity. Earlier editions of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* stressed the saints of the first millennium and leaders of the Church of England. Only lately have we begun to include the diverse ethnic groups who make up our history in North America.

The origins of this work are found in the draft proposals for The Book of Common Prayer 1928. The publication of *Prayer Book Studies IX* [1957] and *Prayer Book Studies XII* [1958] established a now familiar pattern, with proper collects, epistles, and gospels appointed for minor or “black letter” commemorations. Similar initiatives appeared elsewhere in the Anglican Communion and were encouraged by the Lambeth Conference of 1958.

Further work resulted in *Prayer Book Studies XVI* [1963], with an introduction that offered a helpful overview of developments in our Church, the Anglican Communion, and the Roman Catholic Church from 1958 to 1963. With modest further additions, that work was approved for trial use in 1964 as *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, becoming the calendar of *Services for Trial Use* in 1970. In 1973 an expanded calendar and propers were published as a 2nd edition of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, with biographical material. The calendar was incorporated into the *Draft Proposed Book of Common Prayer* 1976 and The Book of Common Prayer 1979, and in 1979 a 3rd edition of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* was approved for “optional” rather than “trial” use.

Since 1988, actions of General Convention have expanded the optional commemorations, gradually making room for more contemporary witness, through 5 subsequent editions from 1991 to 2003, leading to *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* 2006. In 2006 the General Convention affirmed the work on *LFF* that had begun during the previous triennium, “in anticipation of the submission of the completed revision of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, with accompanying materials, for consideration by the 76th General Convention in 2009” [Resolution A058].

Overview:

No one who was in *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* 2006 has been dropped. A few changes to existing commemorations are recommended, e.g., separating Thomas Cranmer from Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley. In a few instances, we have changed dates for significant people (such as Chrysostom) to bring our calendar in line with those of major ecumenical partners.

The guidelines approved by General Convention in 2006 recommended combined commemorations where appropriate. We offer several models for multiple commemorations:

- Where appropriate, we have linked co-workers, as with William Augustus Muhlenberg and Anne Ayers or Damien and Marianne of Molokai; or common

interests as with Anna Julia Haywood Cooper and Elizabeth Evelyn Wright, and musicians and artists.

- In a few instances we have linked bishops from the same See, as with Aidan and Cuthbert.
- In some instances we have offered separate commemorations on a day significant for both parties, leaving local communities to make choices.

In response to numerous requests, we are offering 3 readings for each commemoration, including those already in our calendar. Those responsible for planning may omit one of the first two readings if that fits their usual pattern. A congregation may choose to use a reading or psalm from the common of saints, rather than one appointed for a particular feast.

For several of the proposed new commemorations, we have chosen the title “prophetic witness,” from the calendar of the Order of St. Helena, to identify those who worked for the reform of the church and/or society. For some existing feasts, we are proposing revisions to the titles, for example, identifying Augustine of Hippo as a “theologian” as well as “bishop.”

Other provinces of the Anglican Communion have gone to laddered options within their calendars – Red Letter days, Black Letter days, and collects referred to common propers. For nearly half a century our pattern has been one of more equality, with collects and propers for all. We did not presume to break this Church’s traditional pattern.

At the end of this proposed volume, we have included a proposed appendix with a list of persons who may be found worthy of commemoration in the future, even though they do not meet all of the criteria at this time.

Finally, appended to this supplement to the Blue Book is an alphabetized set of thumbnail sketches for reference as bishops and deputies consider these new commemorations. These are not being proposed for approval for the new volume (*Holy Women, Holy Men*). Full biographical narratives will be provided in the published volume, similar to those currently in *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*; biographies have never been subject to the approval of General Convention.

Notes:

Lessons follow the enumeration of chapters and verses in the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible; Psalm references are from The Book of Common Prayer 1979.

The published edition of *Holy Women, Holy Men* will include additional material now included in *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*: propers for the weekdays of Advent and Christmas until the Baptism of Christ, the weekdays of Lent, and the weekdays of Easter; propers for BCP Holy Days (Feasts of our Lord and other Major Feasts); the Common of the Saints; the six-week eucharistic lectionary, and the two-year weekday eucharistic lectionary.

Sources:

With invaluable help from the Liturgical Officer of the Episcopal Church, the Rev. Dr. Clayton L. Morris, we started by surveying the 26 most accessible Anglican calendars. We also consulted Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Methodist calendars. We

studied a number of recent books: *The Episcopalians*, by David Hein & G. H. Shattuck; *All Saints: Daily Reflections on Saints, Prophets and Witnesses for Our Time*, by Robert Ellsberg; *The Daily Prayer of the Church* by Phillip Pfatteicher; *A Year with American Saints* by G. Scott Cady & C.L. Webber; *Exciting Holiness* [a calendar for the four Anglican Churches in the U.K.]; *Celebrating Common Prayer*; and *For All the Saints* [Anglican Church of Canada]. Other suggestions were sent in by groups and individuals, from as far away as the Czech Republic.

This calendar seeks to celebrate those who contribute to our understanding of the Christian community throughout the world, as well as in our own country. We have tried to reflect a wide range of history in many Christian traditions – within the limitations imposed by the *Guidelines and Procedures* approved by the 75th General Convention [see *LFF* 2006, pp. 491-493]. We have offered women and men of every race whose lives were dedicated to Christ, and those who for the love of the Gospel addressed the injustices of their cultures. This has led to the proposed inclusion of other Anglican and ecumenical partners, lay witnesses as well as clergy, as well as vocations not previously acknowledged in this context.

The Calendar Committee
The Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Please note:

MAJOR FEASTS APPEAR IN CAPITALS

Proposed Additions are underlined

Changes to existing feasts are italicized

All other commemorations are already in LFF 2006
(this includes the additions approved for trial use at General Convention 2006)

JANUARY

- 1 THE HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
2 Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, First Indian Anglican Bishop, Dornakal, 1945
3 William Passavant, Prophetic Witness, 1894
4 Elizabeth Seton, Founder of the American Sisters of Charity, 1821
5
6 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
7
8 Harriet Bedell, Deaconess and Missionary, 1969
9 Julia Chester Emery, Missionary, 1922
10 William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645
11
12 Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167
13 Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, 367
14
15 (alternative date for Martin Luther King, Jr. - see April 4)
16 Richard Meux Benson, Religious, 1915, and Charles Gore, Bishop of Worcester,
of Birmingham, and of Oxford, 1932
17 Antony, Abbot in Egypt, 356
18 THE CONFESSION OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE
19 Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095
20 Fabian, Bishop and Martyr of Rome, 250
21 Agnes, Martyr at Rome, 304
22 Vincent, Deacon of Saragossa, and Martyr, 304
23 Phillips Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts, 1893
24 Ordination of Florence Li Tim-Oi, First Woman Priest in the Anglican
Communion, 1944
25 THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE
26 Timothy, Titus, *and Silas*, Companions of Saint Paul
27 Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, Witnesses to the Faith
28 Thomas Aquinas, Priest *and Theologian*, 1274
29 Andrei Rublev, Monk and Iconographer, 1430
30
31 Juan Bosco (John Bosco), Priest, 1888
31 Samuel Shoemaker, Priest and Evangelist, 1963

FEBRUARY

- 1 Brigid (Bride), 523
2 THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
3 The Dorchester Chaplains: Lieutenant George Fox, Lieutenant Alexander D.
Goode, Lieutenant Clark V. Poling and Lieutenant John P. Washington, 1943
4 Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary to Denmark and Sweden, 865*
5 Roger Williams, 1683, and Anne Hutchinson, 1643, Prophetic Witnesses
6 The Martyrs of Japan, 1597*
7 Cornelius the Centurion*
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11 Frances Jane (Fanny) Van Alstyne Crosby, Hymnwriter, 1915
12 Charles Freer Andrews, Priest and “Friend of the Poor” in India, 1940
13 Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818
14 Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869, 885
15 Thomas Bray, Priest and Missionary, 1730
16 Charles Todd Quintard, Bishop of Tennessee, 1898
17 Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, and Martyr, 1977
18 Martin Luther, *Theologian*, 1546
19
20 Frederick Douglass, Prophetic Witness, 1895
21 John Henry Newman, Bishop and Theologian, 1890
22 Eric Liddell, Missionary to China, 1945
23 Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr of Smyrna, 156
24 SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE
25 John Roberts, Priest, 1949
26 Emily Malbone Morgan, Prophetic Witness, 1937
27 George Herbert, Priest, 1633
28 Anna Julia Haywood Cooper, 1964, and Elizabeth Evelyn Wright, 1904,
Educators**
29 John Cassian, Abbot at Marseilles, 433

* Anskar moved from February 3 to February 4
The Martyrs of Japan moved from February 5 to February 6
Cornelius moved from February 4 to February 7

** Anna Julia Haywood Cooper approved for trial use in 2006; reintroduced here as combined commemoration with Elizabeth Evelyn Wright

MARCH

- 1 David, Bishop of Menevia, Wales, c. 544
- 2 Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, 672
- 3 John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791, 1788
- 4 Paul Cuffee, Witness to the Faith among the Shinnecock, 1812
- 5
- 6 William W. Mayo, 1911, and Charles Menninger, 1953, and Their Sons, Pioneers in Medicine
- 7 Perpetua and her Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 202
- 8 Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy, Priest, 1929
- 9 Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, c. 394
- 10
- 11
- 12 Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604
- 13 James Theodore Holly, Bishop of Haiti, and of the Dominican Republic, 1911 (see also November 8)
- 14
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- 16
- 17 Patrick, Bishop and Missionary of Ireland, 461
- 18 Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, 386
- 19 SAINT JOSEPH
- 20 *Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1711**
- 21 *Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1556**
- 22 James De Koven, Priest, 1879
- 23 Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop and Missionary of Armenia, c. 332
- 24 Óscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, 1980, and the Martyrs of El Salvador
- 25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
- 26 Richard Allen, First Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1831
- 27 Charles Henry Brent, Bishop of the Philippines, and of Western New York, 1929
- 28
- 29 John Keble, Priest, 1866
- 30 Innocent of Alaska, Bishop, 1879
- 31 John Donne, Priest, 1631

- * Thomas Ken moved from March 21 to March 20
Thomas Cranmer separated from Latimer and Ridley (October 16)

APRIL

- 1 Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, 1872
- 2 James Lloyd Breck, Priest, 1876
- 3 Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253
- 4 Martin Luther King, Jr., Civil Rights Leader *and Martyr*, 1968 (see also Jan. 15)
- 5 Pandita Mary Ramabai, Prophetic Witness and Evangelist in India, 1922
- 6 Daniel G. C. Wu, Priest and Missionary among Chinese Americans, 1956
- 7 Tikhon, Patriarch of Russia, Confessor and Ecumenist, 1925
- 8 William Augustus Muhlenberg, Priest, 1877 *and Anne Ayers, Religious, 1896*
- 9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Theologian and Martyr*, 1945
- 10 William Law, Priest, 1761
- 10 Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Scientist and Military Chaplain, 1955
- 11 George Augustus Selwyn, Bishop of New Zealand, and of Lichfield, 1878
- 12 Adoniram Judson, Missionary to Burma, 1850
- 13
- 14 Edward Thomas Demby, 1957, and Henry Beard Delany, 1928, Bishops
- 15 Damien, Priest and Leper, 1889, and Marianne, Religious, 1918, of Molokai
- 16 Mary (Molly) Brant (Konwatsijayenni), Witness to the Faith among the
Mohawks, 1796
- 17
- 18
- 19 Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Martyr, 1012
- 20
- 21 Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109
- 22 John Muir, Naturalist and Writer, 1914, and Hudson Stuck, Priest and
Environmentalist, 1920
- 23 George, Soldier and Martyr, c. 304
- 23 Toyohiko Kagawa, Prophetic Witness in Japan, 1960
- 24 Genocide Remembrance
- 25 SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST
- 26 Robert Hunt, Priest and First Chaplain at Jamestown, 1607
- 27 Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894
- 28
- 29 Catherine of Siena, 1380
- 30 Sarah Josephine Buell Hale, Editor and Prophetic Witness, 1879

MAY

- 1 SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES, APOSTLES
2 Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, 373
3
4 Monnica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387
5
6
7 Harriet Starr Cannon, Religious, 1896
8 Dame Julian of Norwich, c. 1417
9 Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, 389
10 Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, Prophetic Witness, 1760
11
12
13 Frances Perkins, Public Servant and Prophetic Witness, 1965
14
15
16 The Martyrs of the Sudan
17 William Hobart Hare, Bishop of Niobrara, and of South Dakota, 1909
18
19 Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, 988
20 Alcuin, Deacon, and Abbot of Tours, 804
21 John Eliot, Missionary among the Algonquin, 1690
22
23 Nicolaus Copernicus, 1543, and Johannes Kepler, 1543, Astronomers
24 Jackson Kemper, First Missionary Bishop in the United States, 1870
25 Bede, the Venerable, Priest, and Monk of Jarrow, 735
26 Augustine, First Archbishop of Canterbury, 605
27 Bertha and Ethelbert, Queen and King of Kent, 616
28 John Calvin, Theologian, 1564
29
30 Jeanne d’Arc (Joan of Arc), Mystic and Soldier, 1431
31 THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The First Book of Common Prayer, 1549 is appropriately observed on a weekday following the Day of Pentecost.

JUNE

- 1 Justin, Martyr at Rome, c. 167
- 2 Blandina and Her Companions, the Martyrs of Lyons, 177
- 3 The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886
- 4 John XXIII (Angelo Guiseppe Roncalli), Bishop of Rome, 1963
- 5 Boniface, Archbishop of Mainz, Missionary to Germany, and Martyr, 754
- 6 Ini Kopuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945
- 7 The Pioneers of the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil, 1890
- 8 Roland Allen, Mission Strategist, 1947
- 9 Columba, Abbot of Iona, 597
- 10 Ephrem of Edessa, Syria, Deacon, 373
- 11 SAINT BARNABAS THE APOSTLE
- 12 Enmegahbowh, Priest and Missionary, 1902
- 13 Gilbert Keith Chesterton, Apologist and Writer, 1936
- 14 Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379
- 15 Evelyn Underhill, 1941
- 16 *George Berkeley, 1753, and Joseph Butler, 1752, Bishops and Theologians*
- 17
- 18 Bernard Mizeki, Catechist and Martyr in *Mashonaland*, 1896
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- 21
- 22 Alban, First Martyr of Britain, c. 304
- 23
- 24 THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
- 25 James Weldon Johnson, Poet, 1938
- 26 Isabel Florence Hapgood, Ecumenist and Journalist, 1929
- 27 Cornelius Hill, Priest and Chief among the Oneida, 1907
- 28 Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, c. 202
- 29 SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL, APOSTLES
- 30

JULY

- 1 Harriet Beecher Stowe, Writer and Prophetic Witness, 1896
2 Walter Rauschenbusch, 1918, Washington Gladden, 1918, and Jacob Riis, 1914,
3 Prophetic Witnesses
4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
5
6 Jan Hus, Prophetic Witness and Martyr, 1415
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11 Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c. 540
12 Nathan Söderblom, Archbishop of Uppsala and Ecumenist, 1931
13 Conrad Weiser, Witness to Peace and Reconciliation, 1760
14 Samson Occom, Witness to the Faith in New England, 1792
15
16 “The Righteous Gentiles”
17 William White, Bishop of Pennsylvania, 1836
18 Bartolomé de las Casas, Friar and Missionary to the Indies, 1566
19 Macrina, Monastic and Teacher, 379
19 Adelaide Teague Case, Teacher, 1948
20 Elizabeth Cady Stanton, 1902; Amelia Bloomer, 1894; Sojourner Truth, 1883;
and Harriet Ross Tubman, 1913, *Liberators and Prophets*
21 Albert John Luthuli, Prophetic Witness in South Africa, 1967
22 SAINT MARY MAGDALENE
23
24 Thomas à Kempis, Priest, 1471
25 SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE
26 *Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
27 William Reed Huntington, Priest, 1909
28 Johann Sebastian Bach, 1750, George Frederick Handel, 1759, and Henry Purcell,
1695, Composers
29 Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany
30 William Wilberforce, 1833, and Anthony Ashley-Cooper, Lord Shaftesbury, 1885,
Prophetic Witnesses
31 Ignatius of Loyola, *Priest and Monastic*, 1556

AUGUST

- 1 Joseph of Arimathea
2 Samuel Ferguson, Missionary Bishop for West Africa, 1916
3 George Freeman Bragg, Jr., Priest, 1940
3 William Edward Burghardt DuBois, Sociologist, 1963
4
5 Albrecht Dürer, 1528, Matthias Grünewald, 1529, and Lucas Cranach the Elder, 1553, Artists
6 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
7 John Mason Neale, Priest, 1866
7 Catherine Winkworth, Poet, 1878
8 Dominic, Priest and Friar, 1221
9 Herman of Alaska, Missionary to the Aleut, 1837
10 Laurence, Deacon, and Martyr at Rome, 258
11 Clare, Abbess at Assisi, 1253
12 Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910
13 Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down, Connor, and Dromore, 1667
14 Jonathan Myrick Daniels, Seminarian *and Martyr*, 1965
15 SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN, MOTHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
16
17 Samuel Johnson, 1772, Timothy Cutler, 1765, and Thomas Bradbury Chandler, 1790, Priests
18 William Porcher DuBose, Priest, 1918
19
20 Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153
21
22
23 Martin de Porres, 1639, Rosa de Lima, 1617, and Toribio de Mogrovejo, 1606, Witnesses to the Faith in South America
24 SAINT BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE
25 Louis, King of France, 1270
26
27 Thomas Gallaudet, 1902, with Henry Winter Syle, 1890
28 Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, *and Theologian*, 430
28 Moses the Black, Desert Father and Martyr, c. 400
29 John Bunyan, Writer, 1688
30 Charles Chapman Grafton, Bishop of Fond du Lac, and Ecumenist, 1912
31 Aidan, 651, *and Cuthbert, 687*, Bishops of Lindisfarne*

* Cuthbert moved from March 20 and combined with Aidan

SEPTEMBER

- 1 David Pendleton Oakerhater, Deacon and Missionary, 1931
2 The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942
3 Prudence Crandall, Teacher and Prophetic Witness, 1890
4 Paul Jones, 1941
5 Gregorio Aglipay, Priest and Founder of the Philippine Independent Church, 1940
6
7 Elie Naud, Huguenot Witness to the Faith, 1722
8 Nikolai Grundtvig, Bishop and Hymnwriter, 1872
8 Søren Kierkegaard, Teacher and Philosopher, 1855
9 Constance, Nun, and Her Companions, 1878
10 Alexander Crummell, 1898
11 Harry Thacker Burleigh, Composer, 1949
12 John Henry Hobart, Bishop of New York, 1830
13 *John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, 407**
14 HOLY CROSS DAY
15 *Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr of Carthage, 258**
15 James Chisholm, Priest, 1855
16 Ninian, Bishop in Galloway, c. 430
17 Hildegard, 1179
18 Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882
19 Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690
20 John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs,
1871
21 SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
22 Philander Chase, Bishop of Ohio, and of Illinois, 1852
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24
25 Sergius, Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, 1392
26 Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626
26 Wilson Carlile, Priest, 1942
27 Vincent de Paul, Religious, and Prophetic Witness, 1660
27 Thomas Traherne, Priest, 1674
28 Richard Rolle, 1349, Walter Hilton, 1396, and Margery Kempe, c. 1440, Mystics
29 SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
30 Jerome, Priest, and Monk of Bethlehem, 420

* John Chrysostom moved from January 27
Cyprian moved from September 13

OCTOBER

- 1 Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, c. 530
2
3 George Kennedy Allen Bell, Bishop of Chichester, and Ecumenist, 1958
3 John Raleigh Mott, Evangelist and Ecumenical Pioneer, 1955
4 Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1126
5
6 William Tyndale, 1536, and Miles Coverdale, 1568, *Translators of the Bible*
7 Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, Lutheran Pastor in North America, 1787
8 William Dwight Porter Bliss, Priest, 1926, and Richard Theodore Ely, Economist,
1943
9 Wilfred Thomason Grenfell, Medical Missionary, 1940
10 Vida Dutton Scudder, Educator and Witness for Peace, 1954
11 Philip, Deacon and Evangelist
12
13
14 Samuel Isaac Joseph Scherechewsky, Bishop of Shanghai, 1906
15 Teresa of Avila, Nun, 1582
16 *Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, Bishops and Martyrs, 1555**
17 Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, and Martyr, c. 115
18 SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST
19 Henry Martyn, Priest, and Missionary to India and Persia, 1812
19 William Carey, Missionary to India, 1834
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23 SAINT JAMES OF JERUSALEM, BROTHER OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST, AND MARTYR, c. 62
24
25
26 Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, 899
27
28 SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE, APOSTLES
29 James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, and his Companions,
Martyrs, 1885
30 John Wyclif, Priest and Prophetic Witness, 1384
31 Paul Shinji Sasaki, Bishop of Mid-Japan, and of Tokyo, 1946, and Philip Lindel
Tsen, Bishop of Honan, China, 1954

* Thomas Cranmer separated from Latimer and Ridley and commemorated on March 21

NOVEMBER

- 1 ALL SAINTS
2 Commemoration of All Faithful Departed
3 Richard Hooker, Priest, 1600
4
5
6 William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1944
7 Willibrord, Archbishop of Utrecht, Missionary to Frisia, 739
8 (alternative date for James Theodore Holly – see March 13)
9
10 Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, 461
11 Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397
12 Charles Simeon, Priest, 1836
13
14 *Samuel Seabury, First American Bishop, 1796*
15 Francis Asbury, 1816, and George Whitefield, 1770, Evangelists
16 Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093
17 Hugh, 1200, and Robert Grosseteste, 1253, Bishops of Lincoln*
18 Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680
19 Elizabeth, Princess of Hungary, 1231
20 Edmund, King of East Anglia, 870
21 William Byrd, 1623, John Merbecke, 1585, and Thomas Tallis, 1585, Musicians
22 Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c. 280
22 Clive Staples Lewis, Apologist and Spiritual Writer, 1963
23 Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100
24 Juan de la Cruz (John of the Cross), Mystic, 1591
25 James Otis Sargent Huntington, Priest and Monk, 1935
26 Isaac Watts, Hymnwriter, 1748
27
28 Kamehameha and Emma, King and Queen of Hawaii, 1864, 1885
29
30 SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

* Robert Grosseteste moved from October 9 and combined with Hugh

DECEMBER

- 1 Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637
1 Charles de Foucauld, Hermit and Martyr in the Sahara, 1916
2 Channing Moore Williams, Missionary Bishop in China and Japan, 1910
3 Francis Xavier, Missionary to the Far East, 1552
4 John of Damascus, Priest, c. 760
5 Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c. 210
6 Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 342
7 Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397
8 Richard Baxter, Pastor and Writer, 1691
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10 Karl Barth, Pastor and Theologian, 1968
10 Thomas Merton, Contemplative and Writer, 1968
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13 Lucy (Lucia), Martyr at Syracuse, 304
14 Henry Budd, Priest, 1875
15 John Horden, Bishop and Missionary in Canada, 1893
15 Robert McDonald, Priest, 1913
16 Ralph Adams Cram, 1942, and Richard Upjohn, 1878, Architects, and John LaFarge, Artist, 1910
17 William Lloyd Garrison, 1879, and Maria Stewart, 1879, Prophetic Witnesses
18
19 Lillian Trasher, Missionary in Egypt, 1961
20
21 SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
22 Charlotte Diggs (Lottie) Moon, Missionary in China, 1912
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24
25 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
26 SAINT STEPHEN, DEACON AND MARTYR
27 SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS
29 Thomas Becket, 1170
30 Frances Joseph Gaudet, Educator and Prison Reformer, 1934
31 Samuel Ajayi Crowther, Bishop in the Niger Territories, 1891

Concerning the Proper for the Lesser Feasts

Proper Collects, Lessons, and Psalms are provided for each of the Lesser Feasts.

One or two readings may be used before the Gospel. At the celebration of the Eucharist, a reading from the Gospel is always included.

Any of the Readings may be lengthened at discretion. The selections from the Psalter may be lengthened or shortened.

The Preface of the Season (when there is one) may be substituted for the Preface indicated in the Proper for Lesser Feasts.

The Prayer Book provides three Prefaces “of a Saint” which may be used at discretion on certain of the Lesser Feasts. This book indicates the most appropriate of those Prefaces by the use of numerals in parentheses: (1), (2), or (3).

An appropriate Collect, Psalm, and Lessons from the Common of Saints (HWHM pp. 000-000) may be substituted for those assigned to a Lesser Feast.

December 1
Revised psalm and lessons

Nicholas Ferrar
Deacon, 1637

LFF 2006

Psalm
15
or 112:1-9

Lessons
Galatians 6:7-10
Matthew 13:47-52

Proposed

Psalm
15

Lessons
Exodus 35:1-5a, 24-29
Galatians 6:7-10
Luke 10:38-42

December 1
Proposed commemoration

Charles de Foucauld

Hermit and Martyr in the Sahara, 1916

I

Loving God, who didst restore the Christian faith of Charles de Foucauld through an encounter with Islam in North Africa and didst sustain him in the desert where he converted many with his witness of presence: Help us to know thee wherever we find thee, that with him, we may be faithful unto death; through Jesus Christ, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

Loving God, who restored the Christian faith of Charles de Foucauld through an encounter with Islam in North Africa and sustained him in the desert where he converted many with his witness of presence: Help us to know you wherever we find you, that with him, we may be faithful unto death; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

73:24-28

Lessons

Wisdom of Solomon 13:1-5

James 1:2-4, 12

John 16:25-33

Preface of a Saint (3)

December 2
Revised psalm and lessons

Channing Moore Williams

Missionary Bishop in China and Japan, 1910

LFF 2006

Psalm

96:1-7

or 98:1-4

Lessons

Acts 1:1-9

Luke 10:1-9

Proposed

Psalm

96:1-7

Lessons

Isaiah 49:22-23

Acts 1:1-9

Luke 10:1-9

December 3
Proposed commemoration

Francis Xavier

Missionary to the Far East, 1552

I

Loving God, who didst call Francis Xavier to lead many in India and Japan to know Jesus Christ as their Redeemer: Bring us to the new life of glory promised to all who follow in the Way; through the same Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Loving God, you called Francis Xavier to lead many in India and Japan to know Jesus Christ as their Redeemer: Bring us to the new life of glory promised to all who follow in the Way; through the same Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

62:1-2, 6-9

Lessons

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 16:15-20

Preface of a Saint (2)

December 4
Revised psalm and lessons

John of Damascus

Priest, c. 760

LFF 2006

Psalm

118:14-21
or 16:5-11

Lessons

1 Corinthians 15:12-20
John 5:24-27

Proposed

Psalm

29

Lessons

Ecclesiastes 3:9-14
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
John 5:24-27

December 5
Revised psalm and lessons

Clement of Alexandria
Priest, c. 210

LFF 2006

Psalm
34:9-14
or 103:1-4, 13-18

Lessons
Colossians 1:11-20
John 6:57-63

Proposed

Psalm
34:9-14

Lessons
1 Samuel 12:20-24
Colossians 1:11-20
John 6:57-63

December 6
Revised psalm and lessons

Nicholas

Bishop of Myra, c. 342

LFF 2006

Psalm

78:3-7 1
or 145:8-13

Lessons

John 4:7-14
Mark 10:13-16

Proposed

Psalm

145:8-13

Lessons

Proverbs 19:17, 20-23
1 John 4:7-14
Mark 10:13-16

December 7
Revised psalm and lessons

Ambrose
Bishop of Milan, 397

LFF 2006

Psalm
27:5-11
or 33:1-5, 20-21

Lessons
Ecclesiasticus 2:7-11, 16-18
Luke 12:35-37, 42-44

Proposed

Psalm
27:5-11

Lessons
Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 2:7-11, 16-18
Acts 4:23-31
Luke 12:35-37, 42-44

December 8
Proposed commemoration

Richard Baxter

Pastor and Writer, 1691

I

We offer thanks, most gracious God, for the devoted witness of Richard Baxter, who out of love for thee followed his conscience at cost to himself, and at all times rejoiced to sing thy praises in word and deed; and we pray that our lives, like his, may be well-tuned to sing the songs of love, and all our days be filled with praise of Jesus Christ our Lord; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the devoted witness of Richard Baxter, who out of love for you followed his conscience at cost to himself, and at all times rejoiced to sing your praises in word and deed; and we pray that our lives, like his, may be well-tuned to sing the songs of love, and all our days be filled with praise of Jesus Christ our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

102:11-13, 19-22

Lessons

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Matthew 6:6-15

Preface of Advent

December 10
Proposed commemoration

Karl Barth

Pastor and Theologian, 1968

I

Almighty God, source of justice beyond human knowledge: We offer thanks that thou didst inspire Karl Barth to resist tyranny and exalt thy saving grace, without which we cannot apprehend thy will. Teach us, like him, to live by faith, and even in chaotic and perilous times to perceive the light of thy eternal glory, Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, throughout all ages. *Amen.*

II

Almighty God, source of justice beyond human knowledge: We thank you for inspiring Karl Barth to resist tyranny and exalt your saving grace, without which we cannot apprehend your will. Teach us, like him, to live by faith, and even in chaotic and perilous times to perceive the light of your eternal glory, Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, throughout all ages. *Amen.*

Psalm

76:7-12

Lessons

Jeremiah 30:23–31:6

Romans 7:14-25

John 8:34-36

Preface of a Saint (1)

December 10
Proposed commemoration

Thomas Merton

Contemplative and Writer, 1968

I

Gracious God, who didst call thy monk Thomas Merton to proclaim thy justice out of silence, and moved him in his contemplative writings to perceive and value Christ at work in the faiths of others: Keep us, like him, steadfast in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Gracious God, you called your monk Thomas Merton to proclaim your justice out of silence, and moved him in his contemplative writings to perceive and value Christ at work in the faiths of others: Keep us, like him, steadfast in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

62

Lessons

Isaiah 57:14-19

Colossians 2:2-10

John 12:27-36

Preface of a Saint (2)

December 13
Proposed commemoration

Lucy (Lucia)

Martyr at Syracuse, 304

I

Loving God, who for the salvation of all didst give Jesus Christ as light to a world in darkness: Illumine us, with thy daughter Lucy, with the light of Christ, that by the merits of his passion we may be led to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Loving God, for the salvation of all you gave Jesus Christ as light to a world in darkness: Illumine us, with your daughter Lucy, with the light of Christ, that by the merits of his passion we may be led to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

131

Lessons

Song of Solomon 6:1-9

Revelation 19:5-8

John 1:9-13

Preface of a Saint (1)

December 14
Proposed commemoration

Henry Budd

Priest, 1875

I

Creator of light, we offer thanks for thy priest Henry Budd, who carried the great treasure of Scripture to his people the Cree nation, earning their trust and love. Grant that his example may call us to reverence, orderliness and love, that we may give thee glory in word and action; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Creator of light, we thank you for your priest Henry Budd, who carried the great treasure of Scripture to his people the Cree nation, earning their trust and love. Grant that his example may call us to reverence, orderliness and love, that we may give you glory in word and action; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

29

Lessons

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 11:1-6, 14, 17

1 Thessalonians 5:13-18

John 14:15-21

Preface of a Saint (2)

December 15
Proposed commemoration

John Horden

Bishop and Missionary in Canada, 1893

I

Creator God, whose hands holdeth the storehouses of the snow and the gates of the sea, and from whose Word springeth forth all that is: We bless thy holy Name for the intrepid witness of thy missionary John Horden, who followed thy call to serve the Cree and Inuit nations of the North. In all the places we travel, may we, like him, proclaim thy Good News and draw all into communion with thee through thy Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II

Creator God, whose hands hold the storehouses of the snow and the gates of the sea, and from whose Word springs forth all that is: We bless your holy Name for the intrepid witness of your missionary John Horden, who followed your call to serve the Cree and Inuit nations of the North. In all the places we travel, may we, like him, proclaim your Good News and draw all into communion with you through your Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Psalm

107:35-43

Lessons

Numbers 10:29-36

Acts 6:1-7

Luke 5:1-11

Preface of a Saint (1)

December 15
Proposed commemoration

Robert McDonald

Priest, 1913

I

God of ice, sea and sky, who didst call thy servant Robert McDonald, making him strong to endure all hardships for the sake of serving thee in the Arctic: Send us forth as laborers into thy harvest, that by patience in our duties and compassion in our dealings, many may be gathered to thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

God of ice, sea and sky, you called your servant Robert McDonald and made him strong to endure all hardships for the sake of serving you in the Arctic: Send us forth as laborers into your harvest, that by patience in our duties and compassion in our dealings, many may be gathered to your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

57:4-11

Lessons

Isaiah 66:18-23

1 Thessalonians 1:2-8

Luke 9:1-6

Preface of a Saint (3)

December 16
Proposed commemoration

Ralph Adams Cram, Richard Upjohn and John LaFarge

Architects, 1942, 1878

Artist, 1910

I

Gracious God, we offer thanks for the vision of Ralph Adams Cram, John LaFarge and Richard Upjohn, whose harmonious revival of the Gothic enriched our churches with a sacramental understanding of reality in the face of secular materialism; and we pray that we may honor thy gifts of the beauty of holiness given through them, for the glory of Jesus Christ; who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II

Gracious God, we thank you for the vision of Ralph Adams Cram, John LaFarge and Richard Upjohn, whose harmonious revival of the Gothic enriched our churches with a sacramental understanding of reality in the face of secular materialism; and we pray that we may honor your gifts of the beauty of holiness given through them, for the glory of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Psalm

118:19-29

Lessons

2 Chronicles 6:12-20

Ephesians 2:17-22

Matthew 7:24-29

Preface for the Dedication of a Church

December 17
Proposed commemoration

William Lloyd Garrison and Maria Stewart
Prophetic Witnesses, 1879

I

God, in whose service alone is perfect freedom: We offer thanks for thy prophets William Lloyd Garrison and Maria Stewart, who testified that we are made not by the color of our skin but by the principle formed in our soul. Fill us, like them, with the hope and determination to break every chain of enslavement, that bondage and ignorance may melt like wax before flames, and we may build that community of justice and love which is founded on Jesus Christ our cornerstone; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm
82

Lessons
Wisdom 10:9-14
1 John 2:28-3:3
Mark 5:25-34

Preface of God the Son

December 19
Proposed commemoration

Lillian Trasher

Missionary in Egypt, 1961

I

God, whose everlasting arms support the universe: We offer thanks for moving the heart of Lillian Trasher to heroic hospitality on behalf of orphaned children in great need, and we pray that we also may find our hearts awakened and our compassion stirred to care for thy little ones, through the example of our Savior Jesus Christ and by the energy of thy Holy Spirit, who broodest over the world as a mother over her children; for they live and reign with thee, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

10:12-19

Lessons

Genesis 21:8-21

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Luke 17:1-6

Preface of a Saint (1)

December 22
Proposed commemoration

Charlotte Diggs (Lottie) Moon

Missionary in China, 1912

I

O God, who in Christ Jesus hast brought Good News to those who are far off and to those who are near: We praise thee for awakening in thy servant Lottie Moon a zeal for thy mission and for her faithful witness among the peoples of China. Stir up in us the same desire for thy work throughout the world, and give us the grace and means to accomplish it; through the same Jesus Christ our Savior, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

O God, in Christ Jesus you have brought Good News to those who are far off and to those who are near: We praise you for awakening in your servant Lottie Moon a zeal for your mission and for her faithful witness among the peoples of China. Stir up in us the same desire for your work throughout the world, and give us the grace and means to accomplish it; through the same Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

148:1-6

Lessons

Ruth 1:15-19a

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

John 1:29-33

Preface of a Saint (2)

December 29
Revised psalm and lessons

Thomas Becket
Archbishop of Canterbury, 1170

LFF 2006

Psalm
126

Lessons
2 Esdras 2:42-48
Matthew 10:16-22

Proposed

Psalm
125

Lessons
2 Esdras 2:42-48
1 John 2:3-6, 15-17
Mark 11:24-33

December 30
Revised psalm and lessons

Frances Joseph Gaudet
Educator and Prison Reformer, 1934

LFF 2006

Psalm
146
or 40:1-10

Lessons
Lamentations 3:26-36
or Exodus 14:10-15:1
Matthew 25:35-46
or John 13:31-35

Proposed

Psalm
146

Lessons
Lamentations 3:26-36
Acts 16:25-34
John 13:31-35

December 31
Proposed commemoration

Samuel Ajayi Crowther

Bishop in the Niger Territories, 1891

I

Almighty God, who didst rescue Samuel Ajayi Crowther from slavery, sent him to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to his people in Nigeria, and made him the first bishop from the people of West Africa: Grant that those who follow in his steps may reap what he has sown and find abundant help for the harvest; through him who took upon himself the form of a slave that we might be free, the same Jesus Christ; who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Almighty God, you rescued Samuel Ajayi Crowther from slavery, sent him to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to his people in Nigeria, and made him the first bishop from the people of West Africa: Grant that those who follow in his steps may reap what he has sown and find abundant help for the harvest; through him who took upon himself the form of a slave that we might be free, the same Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

119:57-64

Lessons

Isaiah 60:4-9

Romans 8:15-23

Matthew 9:35-38

Preface of Pentecost

January 2
Proposed commemoration

Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah

First Indian Anglican Bishop, Dornakal, 1945

I

Emmanuel, God with us, who didst make thy home in every culture and community on earth: We offer thanks for the raising up of thy servant Samuel Azariah as the first indigenous bishop in India. Grant that we may be strengthened by his witness to thy love without concern for class or caste, and by his labors for the unity of the Church in India, that people of many languages and cultures might with one voice give thee glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

Emmanuel, God with us, making your home in every culture and community on earth: We thank you for raising up your servant Samuel Azariah as the first indigenous bishop in India. Grant that we may be strengthened by his witness to your love without concern for class or caste, and by his labors for the unity of the Church in India, that people of many languages and cultures might with one voice give you glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

37:23-31

Lessons

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 4:1-12

Acts 14:21-27

Luke 9:46-50

Preface of God the Father

January 3
Proposed commemoration

William Passavant
Prophetic Witness, 1894

I

Compassionate God, we offer thanks for William Passavant, who didst bring the German deaconess movement to America so that dedicated women might assist him in founding orphanages and hospitals for those in need and provide for the theological education of future ministers. Inspire us by his example, that we may be tireless to address the wants of all who are sick and friendless; through Jesus the divine Physician, who hast prepared for us an eternal home, and who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II

Compassionate God, we thank you for William Passavant, who brought the German deaconess movement to America so that dedicated women might assist him in founding orphanages and hospitals for those in need and provide for the theological education of future ministers. Inspire us by his example, that we may be tireless to address the wants of all who are sick and friendless; through Jesus the divine Physician, who has prepared for us an eternal home, and who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Psalm
147:1-7

Lessons
Isaiah 29:17-24
Revelation 3:14-22
Luke 13:10-22

Preface of God the Holy Spirit

January 4
Proposed commemoration

Elizabeth Seton

Founder of the American Sisters of Charity, 1821

I

Holy God, who didst bless Elizabeth Seton with thy grace as wife, mother, educator and founder, that she might spend her life in service to thy people: Help us, by her example, to express our love for thee in love of others; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Holy God, you blessed Elizabeth Seton with your grace as wife, mother, educator and founder, that she might spend her life in service to your people: Help us, by her example, to express our love for you in love of others; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

119:105-112

Lessons

2 Esdras 2:15-24

Romans 16:19-20

Luke 14:15-23

Preface of a Saint (2)

January 8
Revised lessons

Harriet Bedell

Deaconess and Missionary, 1969

LFF 2006

Psalm

96:1-7

Lessons

Romans 16:1-2

Matthew 5:1-12

Proposed

Psalm

96:1-7

Lessons

Proverbs 8:32–9:6

Romans 16:1-2

Matthew 5:1-12

January 9
Revised psalm and lessons

Julia Chester Emery
Missionary, 1922

LFF 2006

Psalm
67
or 96:1-7

Lessons
Romans 12:6-13
Mark 10:42-45

Proposed

Psalm
67

Lessons
Isaiah 61:1-3
Romans 12:6-13
Mark 10:42-45

January 10
Revised psalm and lessons

William Laud
Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645

LFF 2006

Psalm
73:24-29
or 16:5-11

Lessons
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-14
Matthew 10:32-39

Proposed

Psalm
73:24-29

Lessons
Isaiah 6:1-8
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-14
Matthew 10:32-39

January 12
Revised collect, psalm, and lessons

Aelred

Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167

Proposed

I

Almighty God, who didst endow thy abbot Aelred with the gift of Christian friendship and the wisdom to lead others in the way of holiness: Grant to thy people that same spirit of mutual affection, that, in loving one another, we may know the love of Christ and rejoice in the gift of thy eternal goodness; through the same Jesus Christ our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

Almighty God, you endowed the abbot Aelred with the gift of Christian friendship and the wisdom to lead others in the way of holiness: Grant to your people that same spirit of mutual affection, that, in loving one another, we may know the love of Christ and rejoice in the gift of your eternal goodness; through the same Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

LFF 2006

Psalm

36:5-10
or 145:8-13

Lessons

Philippians 2:1-4
John 15:9-17
or Mark 12:28-34a

Proposed

Psalm

36:5-10

Lessons

Ruth 1:15-18
Philippians 2:1-4
Mark 12:28-34a

January 13
Revised psalm and lessons

Hilary

Bishop of Poitiers, 367

LFF 2006

Psalm

37:3-6, 32-33
or 119:97-104

Lessons

1 John 2:18-25
Luke 12:8-12

Proposed

Psalm

37:3-6, 32-33

Lessons

Zechariah 6:9-15
1 John 2:18-25
Luke 12:8-12

January 17
Revised psalm and lessons

Antony
Abbot in Egypt, 356

LFF 2006

Psalm
91:9-16
or 1

Lessons
1 Peter 5:6-10
Mark 10:17-21

Proposed

Psalm
91:9-16

Lessons
1 Kings 17:1-9
1 Peter 5:6-10
Mark 10:17-21

January 19
Revised psalm and lessons

Wulfstan

Bishop of Worcester, 1095

LFF 2006

Psalm

146:4-9

or 84:7-12

Lessons

Exodus 3:1-12

John 15:5-8, 14-16

Proposed

Psalm

146:4-9

Lessons

Genesis 26:26-31

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

John 15:5-8, 14-16

January 20
Revised collect, psalm, and lessons

Fabian

Bishop and Martyr of Rome, 250

Proposed

I

Almighty God, who didst call Fabian to be a faithful pastor and servant of thy people, and to lay down his life in witness to thy Son: Grant that we, strengthened by his example and aided by his prayers, may in times of trial and persecution remain steadfast in faith and endurance, for the sake of him who laid down his life for us all, Jesus Christ our Savior; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Almighty God, you called Fabian to be a faithful pastor and servant of your people, and to lay down his life in witness to your Son: Grant that we, strengthened by his example and aided by his prayers, may in times of trial and persecution remain steadfast in faith and endurance, for the sake of him who laid down his life for us all, Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

LFF 2006

Psalm

110:1-42
or 126

Lessons

Esdras 2:42-48
Matthew 10:16-22

Proposed

Psalm

126

Lessons

2 Esdras 2:42-48
1 Corinthians 15:31-36, 44b-49
Luke 21:20-24

January 21
Revised psalm and lessons

Agnes
Martyr at Rome, 304

LFF 2006

Psalm
45:11-16
or 116:1-8

Lessons
Song of Solomon 2:10-13
Matthew 18:1-6

Proposed

Psalm
45:11-16

Lessons
Song of Solomon 2:10-13
2 Corinthians 6:16-18
Matthew 18:1-6

January 22
Revised psalm and lessons

Vincent

Deacon of Saragossa, and Martyr, 304

LFF 2006

Psalm

31:1-5
or 116:10-17

Lessons

Revelation 7:13-17
Luke 12:4-12

Proposed

Psalm

116:10-17

Lessons

Jeremiah 26:12-15
Revelation 7:13-17
Luke 12:4-12

January 23
Revised psalm and lessons

Phillips Brooks

Bishop of Massachusetts, 1893

LFF 2006

Psalm

84:7-12

or 33:1-5, 20-21

Lessons

Ephesians 3:14-21

Matthew 24:24-27

Proposed

Psalm

33:1-5, 20-21

Lessons

Jonah 3:1-10

Ephesians 3:14-21

Matthew 24:24-27

January 24
Revised lessons

Ordination of Florence Li Tim-Oi

First Woman Priest in the Anglican Communion, 1944

LFF 2006

Psalm

116:1-12

Lessons

Galatians 3:23-28

Luke 10:1-9

Proposed

Psalm

116:1-12

Lessons

Jeremiah 17:14-18a

Galatians 3:23-28

Luke 10:1-9

January 26

Revised commemoration (Silas added to existing feast)

Revised collect, psalm, and lessons

Timothy, Titus, and Silas

Companions of Saint Paul

Proposed

I

Just and merciful God, who in every generation hast raised up prophets, teachers and witnesses to summon the world to honor and praise thy holy Name: We give thanks for the calling of Timothy, Titus and Silas, whose gifts built up thy Church in the power of the Holy Spirit. Grant that we, too, may be living stones built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

Just and merciful God, in every generation you raise up prophets, teachers and witnesses to summon the world to honor and praise your holy Name: We thank you for sending Timothy, Titus and Silas, whose gifts built up your Church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Grant that we too may be living stones built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

LFF 2006 (Timothy and Titus)

Psalm

112:1-9

or 23

Lessons

2 Timothy 1:1-8

or Titus 1:1-5

John 10:1-10

Proposed

Psalm

112:1-9

Lessons

Isaiah 42:5-9

Acts 15:22-26, 30-33, 16:1-5

John 10:1-10

January 27
Proposed commemoration

Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe

Witnesses to the Faith

I

Filled with thy Holy Spirit, gracious God, thine earliest disciples served thee with the gifts each had been given: Lydia in business and stewardship, Dorcas in a life of charity and Phoebe as a deacon who served many. Inspire us today to build up thy Church with our gifts in hospitality, charity and bold witness to the Gospel of Christ; who livest and reignest with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

Filled with your Holy Spirit, gracious God, your earliest disciples served you with the gifts each had been given: Lydia in business and stewardship, Dorcas in a life of charity and Phoebe as a deacon who served many. Inspire us today to build up your Church with our gifts in hospitality, charity and bold witness to the Gospel of Christ; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

100

Lessons

Malachi 3:16-18

Acts 16:11-15

Luke 8:1-3

Preface of Pentecost

January 28
Revised psalm and lessons

Thomas Aquinas
Priest and Theologian, 1274

LFF 2006

Psalm
37:3-6, 32-33
or 119:97-104

Lessons
Wisdom 7:7-14
Matthew 13:47-52

Proposed

Psalm
119:97-104

Lessons
Wisdom 7:7-14
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Matthew 13:47-52

January 29
Proposed commemoration

Andrei Rublev

Monk and Iconographer, 1430

I

Holy God, we bless thee for the gift of thy monk and icon writer Andrei Rublev, who, inspired by the Holy Spirit, provided a window into heaven for generations to come, revealing the majesty and mystery of the holy and blessed Trinity; who livest and reignest through ages of ages. *Amen.*

II

Holy God, we bless you for the gift of your monk and icon writer Andrei Rublev, who, inspired by the Holy Spirit, provided a window into heaven for generations to come, revealing the majesty and mystery of the holy and blessed Trinity; who lives and reigns through ages of ages. *Amen.*

Psalm

62:6-9

Lessons

Genesis 28:10-17

2 Corinthians 2:14-17

Matthew 6:19-23

Preface of a Saint (1)

January 31
Proposed commemoration

Juan Bosco (John Bosco)

Priest, 1888

I

Compassionate God, who didst call Juan Bosco to be a teacher and father to the young: Fill us with love like his, that we may give ourselves completely to thy service and to the salvation of all; through thy Son Jesus Christ, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Compassionate God, you called Juan Bosco to be a teacher and father to the young: Fill us with love like his, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and to the salvation of all; through your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

25:4-9

Lessons

Isaiah 59:14-16

Philippians 4:4-9

Mark 13:10-16

Preface of a Saint (1)

January 31
Proposed commemoration

Samuel Shoemaker

Priest and Evangelist, 1963

I

Holy God, we offer thanks for the vision of Samuel Shoemaker, priest and co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous; and we pray that we may follow his example to help others find salvation through knowledge and love of Jesus Christ our Savior; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Holy God, we thank you for the vision of Samuel Shoemaker, priest and co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous; and we pray that we may follow his example to help others find salvation through knowledge and love of Jesus Christ our Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

130

Lessons

Isaiah 51:17–52:1a
1 Corinthians 5:6-8
Luke 4:40-44

Preface of God the Holy Spirit

February 1
Revised psalm and lessons

Brigid (Bride)
523

LFF 2006

Psalm
138
or 1

Lessons
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 6:25-33

Proposed

Psalm
138

Lessons
Judges 4:4-9
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 6:25-33

February 3
Proposed commemoration

The Dorchester Chaplains: Lieutenant George Fox, Lieutenant Alexander D. Goode, Lieutenant Clark V. Poling, Lieutenant John P. Washington
1943

I

Holy God, who didst inspire the Dorchester chaplains to be models of steadfast sacrificial love in a tragic and terrifying time: Help us to follow their example, that their courageous ministry may inspire chaplains and all who serve, to recognize thy presence in the midst of peril; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Holy God, you inspired the Dorchester chaplains to be models of steadfast sacrificial love in a tragic and terrifying time: Help us to follow their example, that their courageous ministry may inspire chaplains and all who serve, to recognize your presence in the midst of peril; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

46

Lessons

Joel 2:28-32
Romans 8:15b-19, 38-39
John 15:9-14

Preface of All Saints

February 4
Change in date (moved from February 3)
Revised psalm and lessons

Anskar

Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary to Denmark and Sweden, 865

LFF 2006

Psalm

96:1-7
or 98:1-4

Lessons

Acts 1:1-9
Mark 6:7-13

Proposed

Psalm

69:13-16

Lessons

Zephaniah 3:9-12
Acts 1:1-9
Mark 6:7-13

February 5
Proposed commemoration

Roger Williams and Anne Hutchinson

Prophetic Witnesses, 1683, 1643

I

O God our light and salvation, we offer thanks for Roger Williams and Anne Hutchinson, whose visions of the liberty of the soul illumined by the light of Christ made them brave prophets of religious tolerance in the American colonies; and we pray that we also may follow paths of holiness and good conscience, guided by the radiance of Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

O God our light and salvation, we thank you for Roger Williams and Anne Hutchinson, whose visions of the liberty of the soul illumined by the light of Christ made them brave prophets of religious tolerance in the American colonies; and we pray that we also may follow paths of holiness and good conscience, guided by the radiance of Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

133

Lessons

1 Kings 17:1-16

1 Peter 1:13-16

Luke 9:51-62

Preface of God the Father

February 6
Change in date (moved from February 5)
Revised psalm and lessons

The Martyrs of Japan
1597

LFF 2006

Psalm
116:1-8
or 16:5-11

Lessons
Galatians 2:19-20
Mark 8:34-38

Proposed

Psalm
16:5-11

Lessons
Lamentations 3:46-48, 52-59
Galatians 2:19-20
Mark 8:34-38

February 7
Change in date (moved from February 4)
Revised psalm and lessons

Cornelius the Centurion

LFF 2006

Psalm

67
or 33:1-5, 20-21

Lessons

Acts 11:1-18
Luke 13:22-29

Proposed

Psalm

67

Lessons

Isaiah 56:6-8
Acts 11:1-18
Luke 13:22-29

February 11
Proposed commemoration

Frances Jane (Fanny) Van Alstyne Crosby
Hymnwriter, 1915

I

O God, the blessed assurance of all who trust in thee: We give thee thanks for thy servant Fanny Crosby, who, though blind from infancy, beheld thy glory with great clarity of vision and spent her life giving voice to thy people's heartfelt praise; and we pray that we, inspired by her words and example, may rejoice to sing of thy love, praising our Savior all the day long; who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God in perfect harmony, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

O God, the blessed assurance of all who trust in you: We give you thanks for your servant Fanny Crosby, who, though blind from infancy, beheld your glory with great clarity of vision and spent her life giving voice to your people's heartfelt praise; and we pray that we, inspired by her words and example, may rejoice to sing of your love, praising our Savior all the day long; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in perfect harmony, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm
108:1-6

Lessons
Isaiah 42:10-12, 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 9:35-39

Preface of a Saint (3)

February 12
Proposed commemoration

Charles Freer Andrews

Priest and “Friend of the Poor” in India, 1940

I

Gracious God, who didst call Charles Freer Andrews to empty himself, after the example of our Savior, so that he might proclaim thy salvation to the peoples of India and the Pacific Islands: By thy Holy Spirit inspire us with like zeal to bring together people of every race and class, that there may be one Body and one Spirit in Jesus Christ, our Savior; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

II

Gracious God, you called Charles Freer Andrews to empty himself, after the example of our Savior, so that he might proclaim your salvation to the peoples of India and the Pacific Islands: By your Holy Spirit inspire us with like zeal to bring together people of every race and class, that there may be one Body and one Spirit in Jesus Christ, our Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Psalm

113:2-8

Lessons

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Ephesians 2:13-22

Matthew 23:8-12

Preface of a Saint (2)

February 13
Revised psalm and lessons

Absalom Jones
Priest, 1818

LFF 2006

Psalm
137:1-6
or 126

Lessons
Isaiah 61:1-4
or Isaiah 42:5-9
John 15:12-15

Proposed

Psalm
137:1-6

Lessons
Isaiah 11:1-5
Galatians 5:1-5
John 15:12-15

February 14
Revised psalm and lessons

Cyril and Methodius

Monk and Bishop, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869, 885

LFF 2006

Psalm

96:1-7

or 98:1-4

Lessons

Ephesians 3:1-7

Mark 16:15-20

Proposed

Psalm

69:8-18

Lessons

Jeremiah 26:12-15

Ephesians 3:1-7

Mark 16:15-20

February 15
Revised psalm and lessons

Thomas Bray
Priest and Missionary, 1730

LFF 2006

Psalm
102:15-22
or 85:8-13

Lessons
Isaiah 52:7-10
Luke 10:1-9

Proposed

Psalm
102:15-22

Lessons
Isaiah 52:7-10
Philippians 2:1-5
Luke 10:1-9

February 16
Proposed commemoration

Charles Todd Quintard
Bishop of Tennessee, 1898

I

Mighty God, whose Name is blest in the example of thy bishop Charles Todd Quintard, who opposed the segregation of African Americans in separate congregations and condemned the exclusion of the poor: We pray that thy Church may be a refuge for all, for the honor of thy Name; through Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Mighty God, we bless your Name for the example of your bishop Charles Todd Quintard, who opposed the segregation of African Americans in separate congregations and condemned the exclusion of the poor; and we pray that your Church may be a refuge for all, for the honor of your Name; through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm
94:2-15

Lessons
Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 34:14-19
Romans 14:10-13
Luke 14:15-24

Preface of Baptism

February 17
Revised lessons

Janani Luwum

Archbishop of Uganda, and Martyr, 1977

LFF 2006

Psalm

119:41-48

Lessons

Ecclesiasticus 4:20-28

John 12:24-32

Proposed

Psalm

119:41-48

Lessons

Daniel 3:13-29

2 Corinthians 6:2b-10

John 12:24-32

February 18
Revised lessons

Martin Luther
Theologian, 1546

LFF 2006

Psalm
46

Lessons
Isaiah 55:6-11
John 15:1-11

Proposed

Psalm
46

Lessons
Isaiah 55:6-11
Romans 3:21-28
John 15:1-11

February 20
Proposed commemoration

Frederick Douglass

Prophetic Witness, 1895

I

Almighty God, whose truth makest us free: We bless thy Name for the witness of Frederick Douglass, whose impassioned and reasonable speech moved the hearts of a president and a people to a deeper obedience to Christ. Strengthen us also to be outspoken on behalf of those in captivity and tribulation, continuing in the Word of Jesus Christ our Liberator; who with thee and the Holy Spirit dwelleth in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II

Almighty God, whose truth makes us free: We bless your Name for the witness of Frederick Douglass, whose impassioned and reasonable speech moved the hearts of a president and a people to a deeper obedience to Christ. Strengthen us also to be outspoken on behalf of those in captivity and tribulation, continuing in the Word of Jesus Christ our Liberator; who with you and the Holy Spirit dwells in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Psalm

85:7-13

Lessons

Isaiah 32:11-18

Hebrews 2:10-18

John 8:30-32

Preface of a Saint (2)

February 21
Proposed commemoration

John Henry Newman
Bishop and Theologian, 1890

I

God of all wisdom, we offer thanks for John Henry Newman, whose eloquence bore witness that thy Church is one, holy, catholic and apostolic, and who didst make of his own life a pilgrimage towards thy truth. Grant that, inspired by his words and example, we may ever follow thy kindly light till we rest in thy bosom, with your dear Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, where heart speaks to heart eternally; for thou livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

God of all wisdom, we thank you for John Henry Newman, whose eloquence bore witness that your Church is one, holy, catholic and apostolic, and who made his own life a pilgrimage towards your truth. Grant that, inspired by his words and example, we may ever follow your kindly light till we rest in your bosom, with your dear Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, where heart speaks to heart eternally; for you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm
48

Lessons
Song of Solomon 3:1-4
1 John 4:13-21
John 8:12-19

Preface of a Saint (1)

February 22
Proposed commemoration

Eric Liddell

Missionary to China, 1945

I

God whose strength bears us up as on mighty wings: We rejoice in remembering thy athlete and missionary, Eric Liddell, to whom thou didst bestow courage and resolution in contest and in captivity; and we pray that we also may run with endurance the race that is set before us and persevere in patient witness, until we wear that crown of victory won for us by Jesus our Savior; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

God whose strength bears us up as on mighty wings: We rejoice in remembering your athlete and missionary, Eric Liddell, to whom you gave courage and resolution in contest and in captivity; and we pray that we also may run with endurance the race set before us and persevere in patient witness, until we wear that crown of victory won for us by Jesus our Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

18:21-25, 29-34

Lessons

Isaiah 40:27-31

2 Peter 1:3-11

Mark 10:35-45

Preface of a Saint (2)

February 23
Revised psalm and lessons

Polycarp

Bishop and Martyr of Smyrna, 156

LFF 2006

Psalm

116:10-17*

34:1-8 †

or 121

Lessons

Revelation 2:8-11

Matthew 20:20-23

* *When the feast falls before Ash Wednesday.*

† *When the feast falls after Ash Wednesday.*

Proposed

Psalm

121

Lessons

Numbers 23:5-12

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 20:20-23

February 25
Proposed commemoration

John Roberts

Priest, 1949

I

Creator God, we humbly thank thee that of thy goodness thou didst bring thy missionary John Roberts from his native shore that he might live and teach thy Gospel among the Shoshone and Arapahoe peoples in a spirit of respect and amity, and in their own tongue. Grant, we entreat thee, that like him we might proclaim the Good News of thy Christ with all those whom we meet, greeting them in friendship in the bonds of thy Holy Spirit; for thou art one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, living and true, unto the ages of ages. *Amen.*

II

Creator God, we thank you for bringing your missionary John Roberts from his native land to live and teach your Gospel in a spirit of respect and amity among the Shoshone and Arapahoe peoples in their own language; and we pray that we also may share the Good News of your Christ with all we meet as friends brought together by your Holy Spirit; for you are one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, living and true, to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

Psalm

90:13-17

Lessons

Deuteronomy	31:30–32:4,	6b-12a
Acts		3:18-25
John 7:37-41a		

Preface of God the Holy Spirit

February 26
Proposed commemoration

Emily Malbone Morgan
Prophetic Witness, 1937

I

Gracious God, we offer thanks for the life and witness of Emily Malbone Morgan, who helped to establish the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross so that women living in the world might devote themselves to intercessory prayer, social justice, Christian unity and simplicity of life. Help us to follow her example in prayer, simplicity, ecumenism and witness to thy justice, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Gracious God, we thank you for the life and witness of Emily Malbone Morgan, who helped to establish the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross so that women who live in the world might devote themselves to intercessory prayer, social justice, Christian unity and simplicity of life. Help us to follow her example in prayer, simplicity, ecumenism and witness to your justice, for the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm
119:137-144

Lessons
Exodus 1:15-21
Romans 16:1-6
Luke 10:38-42

Preface of God the Holy Spirit

February 27
Revised psalm and lessons

George Herbert
Priest, 1633

LFF 2006

Psalm
23
or 1

Lessons
1 Peter 5:1-4
Matthew 5:1-10

Proposed

Psalm
23

Lessons
Exodus 28:29-30
Philippians 4:4-9
Matthew 5:1-10

February 28
Proposed commemoration *

Anna Julia Haywood Cooper and Elizabeth Evelyn Wright
Educators, 1964, 1904

I

Eternal God, who didst inspire Anna Julia Haywood Cooper and Elizabeth Evelyn Wright with the love of learning and the joy of teaching: Help us also to gather and use the resources of our communities for the education of all thy children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Eternal God, you inspired Anna Julia Haywood Cooper and Elizabeth Evelyn Wright with the love of learning and the joy of teaching: Help us also to gather and use the resources of our communities for the education of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

78:1-7

Lessons

Proverbs 9:1-6

1 Timothy 4:6-16

Luke 4:14-21

Preface of a Saint (3)

* Anna Julia Haywood Cooper approved for trial use in 2006; reintroduced here as combined commemoration with Elizabeth Evelyn Wright

LFF 2006 (Anna Julia Haywood Cooper)

Psalm

119:33-40

Lessons

Proverbs 9:1-6

Luke 4:14-21

February 29
Proposed commemoration

John Cassian

Abbot at Marseilles, 433

I

Holy and Mighty One, whose beloved Son Jesus Christ blessed the pure in heart: We offer thanks for the life and teachings of John Cassian that draw us to a discipline of holy living for the sake of thy reign. Call us to turn the gaze of the eyes of our soul always toward thee, that we may abide in thy love, shown to us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit is one God, living and true, to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

II

Holy and Mighty One, whose beloved Son Jesus Christ blessed the pure in heart: We give you thanks for the life and teachings of John Cassian that draw us to a discipline of holy living for the sake of your reign. Call us to turn the gaze of the eyes of our soul always toward you, that we may abide in your love, shown to us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit is one God, living and true, to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

Psalm

145:1-7

Lessons

2 Kings 2:9-15

1 John 3:1-3

John 1:1-14

Preface of Lent (1)

March 1
Revised psalm and lessons

David

Bishop of Menevia, Wales, c. 544

LFF 2006

Psalm

16:5-11
or 96:1-7

Lessons

1 Thessalonians 2:2b-12
Mark 4:26-29

Proposed

Psalm

16:5-11

Lessons

Proverbs 15:14-21
1 Thessalonians 2:2b-12
Mark 4:26-29

March 2
Revised psalm and lessons

Chad
Bishop of Lichfield, 672

LFF 2006

Psalm
84:7-12
or 23

Lessons
Philippians 4:10-13
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Proposed

Psalm
95:1-7

Lessons
Proverbs 16:1-3
Philippians 4:10-13
Luke 14:1, 7-14

March 3
Revised psalm and lessons

John and Charles Wesley
Priests, 1791, 1788

LFF 2006

Psalm
98:1-4 (5-10)
or 103:1-4, 13-18

Lessons
Isaiah 49:5-6
Luke 9:2-6

Proposed

Psalm
103:1-4, 13-18

Lessons
Isaiah 49:5-6
Romans 12:11-17
Luke 9:2-6

March 4
Proposed commemoration

Paul Cuffee

Witness to the Faith among the Shinnecock, 1812

I

Almighty God, who didst empower Paul Cuffee to be a powerful evangelist and preacher and so to win many souls for Christ among the Native Americans of Long Island: Help us to proclaim thy Word with power, in the Name of the same Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Almighty God, you empowered Paul Cuffee to be a powerful evangelist and preacher and so to win many souls for Christ among the Native Americans of Long Island: Help us to proclaim your Word with power, in the Name of the same Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

100

Lessons

Isaiah 55:1-5

Colossians 3:12-17

John 16:16-24

Preface of Apostles

March 6
Proposed commemoration

William W. Mayo, Charles Menninger, and Their Sons
Pioneers in Medicine, 1911, 1953

I

Divine Physician, your Name is blessed for the work and witness of the Mayos and the Menningers, and the revolutionary developments that they brought to the practice of medicine. As Jesus went about healing the sick as a sign of the reign of God come near, bless and guide all those inspired to the work of healing by thy Holy Spirit, that they may follow his example for the sake of thy kingdom and the health of thy people; through the same Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

Divine Physician, we bless your Name for the work and witness of the Mayos and the Menningers, and the revolutionary developments that they brought to the practice of medicine. As Jesus went about healing the sick as a sign of the reign of God come near, bless and guide all those inspired to the work of healing by your Holy Spirit, that they may follow his example for the sake of your kingdom and the health of your people; through the same Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm
91:9-14

Lessons
Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 38:1-8
Acts 5:12-16
Luke 8:40-56

Preface of the Epiphany

March 7
Revised psalm and lessons

Perpetua and her Companions
Martyrs at Carthage, 202

LFF 2006

Psalm
34:1-8
or 124

Lessons
Hebrews 10:32-39
Matthew 24:9-14

Proposed

Psalm
124

Lessons
Daniel 6:10-16
Hebrews 10:32-39
Matthew 24:9-14

March 8
Proposed commemoration

Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy
Priest, 1929

I

Glorious God, we give thanks not merely for high and holy things, but for the common things of earth which thou hast created: Wake us to love and work, that Jesus, the Lord of life, may set our hearts ablaze and that we, like Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, may recognize thee in thy people and in thy creation, serving the holy and undivided Trinity; who livest and reignest throughout all ages of ages. *Amen.*

II

Glorious God, we give thanks not merely for high and holy things, but for the common things of earth which you have created: Wake us to love and work, that Jesus, the Lord of life, may set our hearts ablaze and that we, like Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, may recognize you in your people and in your creation, serving the holy and undivided Trinity; who lives and reigns throughout all ages of ages. *Amen.*

Psalm
69:15-20

Lessons
2 Samuel 22:1-7 (8-16) 17-19
1 Corinthians 15:50-58
Luke 10:25-37

Preface of a Saint (2)

March 9
Revised psalm and lessons

Gregory
Bishop of Nyssa, c. 394

LFF 2006

Psalm
19:7-11 (12-14)
or 119:97-104

Lessons
Wisdom 7:24-28
John 5:19-24*
or John 14:23-26

Proposed

Psalm
19:7-11 (12-14)

Lessons
Wisdom 7:24-28
Ephesians 2:17-22
John 14:23-26

March 12
Revised psalm and lessons

Gregory the Great
Bishop of Rome, 604

LFF 2006

Psalm
57:6-11
or 33:1-5, 20-21

Lessons
1 Chronicles 25:1a, 6-8
Mark 10:42-45

Proposed

Psalm
57:6-11

Lessons
1 Chronicles 25:1a, 6-8
Colossians 1:28-2:3
Mark 10:42-45

March 13
No revisions

James Theodore Holly

Bishop of Haiti, and of the Dominican Republic, 1911

LFF 2006 and Proposed

Psalm

86:11-17

Lessons

Deuteronomy 6:20-25

Acts 8:26-39

John 4:31-38

March 17
Revised psalm and lessons

Patrick

Bishop and Missionary of Ireland, 461

LFF 2006

Psalm

97:1-2, 7-12
or 96:1-7

Lessons

1 Thessalonians 2:2b-12
Matthew 28:16-20

Proposed

Psalm

97:1-2, 7-12

Lessons

Ezekiel 36:33-38
1 Thessalonians 2:2b-12
Matthew 28:16-20

March 18
Revised psalm and lessons

Cyril
Bishop of Jerusalem, 386

LFF 2006

Psalm
122
or 34:1-8

Lessons
Ecclesiasticus 47:8-10
Luke 24:44-48

Proposed

Psalm
122

Lessons
Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 47:8-10
Hebrews 13:14-21
Luke 24:44-48

March 20

Change in date (moved from March 21)

Revised psalm and lessons

Thomas Ken

Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1711

LFF 2006

Psalm

34:1-8

or 145:8-13

Lessons

Philippians 4:4-9

Luke 6:17-23

Proposed

Psalm

145:8-13

Lessons

Deuteronomy 26:16-19

Philippians 4:4-9

Luke 6:17-23

March 21

Revised commemoration (change in date; separated from Latimer and Ridley)
Revised collect, psalm, lessons, and proper preface

Thomas Cranmer

Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1556

I

Merciful God, who through the work of Thomas Cranmer didst renew the worship of thy Church by restoring the language of the people, and through whose death didst reveal thy power in human weakness: Grant that by thy grace we may always worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Merciful God, through the work of Thomas Cranmer you renewed the worship of your Church by restoring the language of the people, and through his death you revealed your power in human weakness: Grant that by your grace we may always worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

119:73-80

Lessons

1 Kings 8:54-62

Romans 11:13-24

Luke 2:25-35

Preface of God the Son

March 22
Revised psalm and lessons

James De Koven
Priest, 1879

LFF 2006

Psalm
103:1-4, 13-18
or 84:7-12

Lessons
2 Timothy 2:10-15, 19
Matthew 13:47-52

Proposed

Psalm
132:1-7

Lessons
Exodus 24:1-8
2 Timothy 2:10-15, 19
Matthew 13:47-52

March 23
Revised psalm and lessons

Gregory the Illuminator

Bishop and Missionary of Armenia, c. 332

LFF 2006

Psalm

33:6-11
or 98:1-4

Lessons

Acts 17:22-31
Matthew 5:11-16

Proposed

Psalm

119:153-160

Lessons

Job 42:10-12
Acts 17:22-31
Matthew 5:11-16

March 24
Revised lessons

Óscar Romero and the Martyrs of El Salvador
Archbishop of San Salvador, 1980

LFF 2006

Psalm
31:15-24

Lessons
Revelation 7:13-17
John 12:23-32

Proposed

Psalm
31:15-24

Lessons
Isaiah 2:5-7
Revelation 7:13-17
John 12:23-32

March 26
Proposed commemoration

Richard Allen

First Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1831

I

Loving God, whose servant Richard Allen was born a slave but in thee learned that he was your beloved child by adoption in Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit was led to proclaim liberty to his captive people: Give us strength to proclaim thy freedom to the captives of our world; through Jesus Christ, Savior of all, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Loving God, your servant Richard Allen was born a slave, but in you he learned that he was your beloved child by adoption in Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit was led to proclaim liberty to his captive people: Give us strength to proclaim your freedom to the captives of our world; through Jesus Christ, Savior of all, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

136:1-2, 10-16

Lessons

Exodus 6:1-11

Acts 12:1-11

John 7:25-31

Preface of Baptism

March 27
Revised psalm and lessons

Charles Henry Brent

Bishop of the Philippines, and of Western New York, 1929

LFF 2006

Psalm
122
or 133

Lessons
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13
Matthew 9:35-38

Proposed

Psalm
122

Lessons
Isaiah 56:6-8
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13
Matthew 9:35-38

March 29
Revised psalm and lessons

John Keble
Priest, 1866

LFF 2006

Psalm
26:1-8
or 15

Lessons
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 5:1-12

Proposed

Psalm
26:1-8

Lessons
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 5:1-12

March 30
Proposed commemoration

Innocent of Alaska

Bishop, 1879

I

Holy Immortal One, who didst bless thy people by calling Innocent from leading thy Church in Russia to be an apostle and light to the people of Alaska, and to proclaim the dispensation and grace of God: Guide our steps, that as he didst labor humbly in danger and hardship, we may witness to the Gospel of Christ wherever we are led, and serve thee as gladly in privation as in power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

II

Holy Immortal One, you blessed your people by calling Innocent from leading your Church in Russia to be an apostle and light to the people of Alaska, and to proclaim the dispensation and grace of God: Guide our steps, that as he labored humbly in danger and hardship, we may witness to the Gospel of Christ wherever we are led, and serve you as gladly in privation as in power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

Psalm

148:7-13

Lessons

Isaiah 41:17-20

Philippians 1:3-11

Mark 3:7-15

Preface of Pentecost

March 31
Revised psalm and lessons

John Donne
Priest, 1631

LFF 2006

Psalm
27:5-11
or 16:5-11

Lessons
Wisdom 7:24–8:1
John 5:19-24

Proposed

Psalm
27:5-11

Lessons
Wisdom 7:24–8:1
1 Corinthians 15:20-28
John 5:19-24

April 1
Revised psalm and lessons

Frederick Denison Maurice
Priest, 1872

LFF 2006

Psalm
72:11-17
or 145:8-13

Lessons
Ephesians 3:14-19
John 18:33-37

Proposed

Psalm
72:11-17

Lessons
Genesis 33:1-10
Ephesians 3:14-19
John 18:33-37

April 2
Revised psalm and lessons

James Lloyd Breck
Priest, 1876

LFF 2006

Psalm
145:1-71
or 98:1-4

Lessons
Corinthians 3:4-11
Mark 4:26-32

Proposed

Psalm
145:1-7

Lessons
Joshua 24:14-18
1 Corinthians 3:4-11
Mark 4:26-32

April 3
Revised psalm and lessons

Richard

Bishop of Chichester, 1253

LFF 2006

Psalm

84:7-12

or 23

Lessons

Philippians 4:10-13

Matthew 25:31-40

Proposed

Psalm

119:161-168

Lessons

Proverbs 16:16-20

Philippians 4:10-13

Matthew 25:31-40

April 4
Revised psalm and lessons

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Civil Rights Leader and Martyr, 1968

LFF 2006

Psalm
77:11-20
or 98:1-4

Lessons
Exodus 3:7-12
Luke 6:27-36

Proposed

Psalm
77:11-20

Lessons
Genesis 37:17b-20
Ephesians 6:10-20
Luke 6:27-36

April 5
Proposed commemoration

Pandita Mary Ramabai

Prophetic Witness and Evangelist in India, 1922

I

Everliving God, who didst call the women at the tomb to witness to the resurrection of thy Son: We offer thanks for the courageous and independent spirit of thy servant Pandita Ramabai, the mother of modern India; and we pray that we, like her, may embrace thy gift of new life, caring for the poor, braving resentment to uphold the dignity of women, and offering the riches of our culture to our Savior Jesus Christ; who livest and reignest with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

Everliving God, you called the women at the tomb to witness to the resurrection of your Son: We thank you for the courageous and independent spirit of your servant Pandita Ramabai, the mother of modern India; and we pray that we, like her, may embrace your gift of new life, caring for the poor, braving resentment to uphold the dignity of women, and offering the riches of our culture to our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

9:1-5, 9-12

Lessons

Isaiah 10:1-4

1 John 3:16-24

Luke 18:1-8

Preface of a Saint (3)

April 6
Proposed commemoration

Daniel G. C. Wu

Priest and Missionary among Chinese Americans, 1956

I

We offer thanks, loving God, for the ministry of Daniel Wu, priest and pioneer church planter among Asian-Americans, and for the stable worshiping communities he established, easing many immigrants' passage into a confusing new world. By the power of thy Holy Spirit, raise up other inspired leaders, that today's newcomers may find leaders from their diverse communities faithful to our Savior Jesus Christ; who with thee and the same Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

We give you thanks, loving God, for the ministry of Daniel Wu, priest and pioneer church planter among Asian-Americans, and for the stable worshiping communities he established, easing many immigrants' passage into a confusing new world. By the power of your Holy Spirit, raise up other inspired leaders, that today's newcomers may find leaders from their diverse communities faithful to our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the same Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

147:13-20

Lessons

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Mark 8:1-9a

Preface of Baptism

April 7
Revised psalm

Tikhon

Patriarch of Russia, Confessor and Ecumenist, 1925

LFF 2006

Psalm

72

Lessons

Jeremiah 31:10-14

2 Peter 1:3-11

Matthew 5:3-16

Proposed

Psalm

72:1-8

Lessons

Jeremiah 31:10-14

2 Peter 1:3-11

Matthew 5:3-16

April 8

Revised commemoration (Anne Ayers added to existing feast)
Revised collect, psalm, lessons, and proper preface

William Augustus Muhlenberg and Anne Ayers

Priest, 1877

Religious, 1896

Proposed

I

God of justice and truth, let not thy Church close its eyes to the plight of the poor and neglected, the homeless and destitute, the old and the sick, the lonely and those who have none to care for them. Give us that vision and compassion with which thou didst so richly endow William Augustus Muhlenberg and Anne Ayers, that we may labor tirelessly to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

God of justice and truth, do not let your Church close its eyes to the plight of the poor and neglected, the homeless and destitute, the old and the sick, the lonely and those who have none to care for them. Give us that vision and compassion with which you so richly endowed William Augustus Muhlenberg and Anne Ayers, that we may labor tirelessly to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

LFF 2006 (Muhlenberg)

Psalm

84:1-6
or 133

Lessons

Ephesians 4:11-16
Matthew 21:12-16

Preface of a Saint (1)

Proposed

Psalm

84:1-6

Lessons

Isaiah 63:7-9
Ephesians 4:11-16
Matthew 21:12-16

Preface of Advent

April 9
Revised lessons

Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Theologian and Martyr, 1945

LFF 2006

Psalm
119:89-96

Lessons
Proverbs 3:1-7
Matthew 13:47-52

Proposed

Psalm
119:89-96

Lessons
Proverbs 3:1-7
Romans 6:3-11
Matthew 5:1-12

April 10
Revised psalm and lessons

William Law
Priest, 1761

LFF 2006

Psalm
1
or 103:1-4, 13-18

Lessons
Philippians 3:7-14
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Proposed

Psalm
103:1-4, 13-18

Lessons
Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Philippians 3:7-14
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

April 10
Proposed commemoration

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Scientist and Military Chaplain, 1955

I

Eternal God, the whole cosmos sings of thy glory, from the dividing of a single cell to the vast expanse of interstellar space: We offer thanks for thy theologian and scientist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, who didst perceive the divine in the evolving creation. Enable us to become faithful stewards of thy divine works and heirs of thy everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Eternal God, the whole cosmos sings of your glory, from the dividing of a single cell to the vast expanse of interstellar space: We bless you for your theologian and scientist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, who perceived the divine in the evolving creation. Enable us to become faithful stewards of your divine works and heirs of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

65

Lessons

Isaiah 55:6-11

Revelation 21:1-6

John 3:31-35

Preface of a Saint (3)

April 11
Revised psalm and lessons

George Augustus Selwyn

Bishop of New Zealand, and of Lichfield, 1878

LFF 2006

Psalm

96:1-7

or 98:1-4

Lessons

Ephesians 2:11-18

Matthew 10:7-16

Proposed

Psalm

28:7-11

Lessons

Genesis 12:1-4

Ephesians 2:11-18

Matthew 10:7-16

April 12
Proposed commemoration

Adoniram Judson

Missionary to Burma, 1850

I

Eternal God, we offer thanks for the ministry of Adoniram Judson, who out of love for thee and thy people translated the Scriptures into Burmese. Move us, inspired by his example, to support the presentation of thy Good News in every language, for the glory of Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Eternal God, we thank you for the ministry of Adoniram Judson, who out of love for you and your people translated the Scriptures into Burmese. Move us, inspired by his example, to support the presentation of your Good News in every language, for the glory of Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

93

Lessons

Jeremiah 9:23-24

1 Corinthians 14:6-15

Matthew 18:10-14

Preface of a Saint (2)

April 14
Proposed commemoration

Edward Thomas Demby and Henry Beard Delany

Bishops, 1957, 1928

I

Loving God, we offer thanks for the ministries of Edward Thomas Demby and Henry Beard Delany, bishops of thy Church who, though limited by segregation, served faithfully to thy honor and glory. Assist us, we pray, to break through the limitations of our own time, that we may minister in obedience to Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

Loving God, we thank you for the ministries of Edward Thomas Demby and Henry Beard Delany, bishops of your Church who, though limited by segregation, served faithfully to your honor and glory. Assist us, we pray, to break through the limitations of our own time, that we may minister in obedience to Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

119:161-168

Lessons

Malachi 2:5-7

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

John 4:31-36

Preface of God the Holy Spirit

April 15
Proposed commemoration

Damien and Marianne of Molokai

Priest and Leper, 1889 Religious, 1918

I

God of compassion, we bless thy Name for the ministries of Damien and Marianne, who ministered to the lepers abandoned on Molokai in the Hawaiian Islands. Help us, following their examples, to be bold and loving in confronting the incurable plagues of our time, that thy people may live in health and hope; through Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

God of compassion, we bless your Name for the ministries of Damien and Marianne, who ministered to the lepers abandoned on Molokai in the Hawaiian Islands. Help us, following their examples, to be bold and loving in confronting the incurable plagues of our time, that your people may live in health and hope; through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

103:13-22

Lessons

Isaiah 57:14-19

1 Corinthians 4:9-13

Matthew 11:1-6

Preface of a Saint (1)

April 16
Proposed commemoration

Mary (Molly) Brant (Konwatsijayenni)

Witness to the Faith among the Mohawks, 1796

I

Maker and lover of all creation, who didst endue Molly Brant with the gifts of justice and loyalty, and didst make her a wise and prudent clan mother in the household of the Mohawk nation: Draw us also toward the goal of our faith, that we may at last attain the full dignity of our nature in our true native land, where with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit thou livest and reignest, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II

Maker and lover of all creation, you endued Molly Brant with the gifts of justice and loyalty, and made her a wise and prudent clan mother in the household of the Mohawk nation: Draw us also toward the goal of our faith, that we may at last attain the full dignity of our nature in our true native land, where with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Psalm

111:2-10

Lessons

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 15:1-7, 15-19

Colossians 3:12-17

Matthew 19:28-30

Preface of a Saint (1)

April 19
Revised psalm and lessons

Alphege

Archbishop of Canterbury, and Martyr, 1012

LFF 2006

Psalm

34:1-8

or 31:1-5

Lessons

Revelation 7:13-17

Luke 12:4-12

Proposed

Psalm

49:1-9

Lessons

1 Samuel 24:7b-19

Philemon 1-9a

Luke 23:1-9

April 21
Revised psalm and lessons

Anselm

Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109

LFF 2006

Psalm

139:1-9
or 37:3-6, 32-33

Lessons

Romans 5:1-11
Matthew 11:25-30

Proposed

Psalm

53

Lessons

Wisdom 6:12-16
Romans 5:1-11
Matthew 11:25-30

April 22
Proposed commemoration

John Muir and Hudson Stuck

Naturalist and Writer, 1914 Priest and Environmentalist, 1920

I

Blessed Creator of the earth and all that inhabits it: We offer thanks for thy prophets John Muir and Hudson Stuck, who rejoiced in your beauty made known in the natural world; and we pray that, inspired by their love of thy creation, we may be wise and faithful stewards of the world thou hast created, that generations to come may also lie down to rest among the pines and rise refreshed for their work; in the Name of the one through whom all things art made new, Jesus Christ our Savior, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

Blessed Creator of the earth and all that inhabits it: We thank you for your prophets John Muir and Hudson Stuck, who rejoiced in your beauty made known in the natural world; and we pray that, inspired by their love of your creation, we may be wise and faithful stewards of the world you have created, that generations to come may also lie down to rest among the pines and rise refreshed for their work; in the Name of the one through whom you make all things new, Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

104:17-25

Lessons

Prayer of Azariah and The Song of the Three Jews 52-59

Revelation 22:1-5

Luke 8:22-25

Preface of a Saint (3)

April 23
Proposed commemoration

George

Soldier and Martyr, c. 304

I

Almighty God, who didst commission thy holy martyr George to bear before the rulers of this world the banner of the cross: Strengthen us in our battles against the great serpent of sin and evil, that we too may attain the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Almighty God, you commissioned your holy martyr George to bear before the rulers of this world the banner of the cross: Strengthen us in our battles against the great serpent of sin and evil, that we too may attain the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

3

Lessons

Joshua 1:1-9

Revelation 12:7-12

John 8:21-29

Preface of Lent (1)

April 23
Proposed commemoration

Toyohiko Kagawa

Prophetic Witness in Japan, 1960

I

We bless thy Name, O God, for the witness of Toyohiko Kagawa, reformer and teacher, who was persecuted for his pacifist principles and went on to lead a movement for democracy in Japan; and we pray that thou wouldst strengthen and protect all who suffer for their fidelity to Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

140

Lessons

Job 13:13-22

Philippians 1:12-20

Luke 22:47-53

Preface of a Saint (1)

April 24
Proposed commemoration

Genocide Remembrance

I

Almighty God, our Refuge and our Rock, whose loving care knoweth no bounds and embraceth all the peoples of the earth: Defend and protect those who fall victim to the forces of evil, and as we remember this day those who endured depredation and death because of who they were, not because of what they had done or failed to do, give us the courage to stand against hatred and oppression, and to seek the dignity and well-being of all for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, in whom thou hast reconciled the world to thyself; and who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

Almighty God, our Refuge and our Rock, your loving care knows no bounds and embraces all the peoples of the earth: Defend and protect those who fall victim to the forces of evil, and as we remember this day those who endured depredation and death because of who they were, not because of what they had done or failed to do, give us the courage to stand against hatred and oppression, and to seek the dignity and well-being of all for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, in whom you have reconciled the world to yourself; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

70

Lessons

Isaiah 2:2-5

Revelation 7:13-17

Matthew 2:13-18

Preface of Holy Week

April 26
Proposed commemoration

Robert Hunt

Priest and First Chaplain at Jamestown, 1607

I

Almighty God, we bless thy Name for the life and witness of Robert Hunt, first chaplain to the Jamestown colony, whose community knew him as an honest, religious and courageous divine who, in his short life, endured great hardships without complaint. Help us, like him, to work for reconciliation and healing wherever we may be placed; through Jesus Christ thy Son, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

24

Lessons

Isaiah 43:1-7

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Matthew 5:21-24

Preface of a Saint (2)

April 27
Proposed commemoration

Christina Rossetti

Poet, 1894

I

O God, whom heaven cannot hold, who didst inspire Christina Rossetti to express the mystery of the Incarnation through her poems: Help us to follow her example in giving our hearts to Christ, who is love; and who is alive and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

84

Lessons

Exodus 3:1-6

Revelation 21:1-4

Matthew 6:19-23

Preface of the Incarnation

April 29
Revised psalm and lessons

Catherine of Siena
1380

LFF 2006

Psalm
36:5-10 1
or 16:5-11

Lessons
John 1:5-2:2
Luke 12:22-24, 29-31

Proposed

Psalm
119:73-80

Lessons
Lamentations 3:31-33
1 John 1:5-2:2
Luke 12:22-24, 29-31

April 30
Proposed commemoration

Sarah Josephine Buell Hale
Editor and Prophetic Witness, 1879

I

Gracious God, we bless thy Name for the vision and witness of Sarah Hale, whose advocacy for the ministry of women helped to support the deaconess movement. Make us grateful for thy many blessings, that we may come closer to Christ in our own families; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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Psalm
96

Lessons
Jeremiah 30:17-19, 22
Philippians 1:27-2:2
Matthew 5:1-12

Preface of a Saint (2)

May 2
Revised psalm and lessons

Athanasius
Bishop of Alexandria, 373

LFF 2006

Psalm
71:1-81
or 112:1-9

Lessons
John 5:1-5
Matthew 10:22-32

Proposed

Psalm
71:1-8

Lessons
Ezekiel 3:1-14a
1 John 5:1-5
Matthew 10:22-32

May 4
Revised psalm and lessons

Monnica

Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

LFF 2006

Psalm

115:12-18
or 116:10-17

Lessons

1 Samuel 1:10-11, 20
Luke 7:11-17 *
or John 16:20-24 *

Proposed

Psalm

115:12-18

Lessons

Judges 13:2-8
Galatians 4:1-12a
Luke 7:11-17 *
or John 16:20-24 *

** In some years this passage will occur at the Daily Office on this day.*

May 7
Proposed commemoration

Harriet Starr Cannon

Religious, 1896

I

Gracious God, who didst call Mother Harriet and her companions to revive the religious life in the Episcopal Church by founding the religious community of St. Mary, and to dedicate their lives to thee: Grant that, after their example, we may ever surrender ourselves to the revelation of thy holy will; through our Savior Jesus Christ, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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Psalm

131

Lessons

2 Esdras 2:15-24

Hebrews 13:1-2, 5-8, 15-16

Mark 9:33-37

Preface of a Saint (2)

May 8
Revised psalm and lessons

Dame Julian of Norwich
c. 1417

LFF 2006

Psalm
27:5-11
or 103:1-4, 13-18

Lessons
Hebrews 10:19-24
John 4:23-26

Proposed

Psalm
27:5-11

Lessons
Isaiah 46:3-5
Hebrews 10:19-24
John 4:23-26

May 9
Revised psalm and lessons

Gregory of Nazianzus
Bishop of Constantinople, 389

LFF 2006

Psalm
19:7-11 (12-14)
or 37:3-6, 32-33

Lessons
Wisdom 7:7-14
John 8:25-32

Proposed

Psalm
37:3-6, 32-33

Lessons
Wisdom 7:7-14
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 8:25-32

May 10
Proposed commemoration

Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf
Prophetic Witness, 1760

I

God of life made new in Christ, who dost call thy Church to keep on rising from the dead: We remember before thee the bold witness of thy servant Nicolaus von Zinzendorf, through whom thy Spirit moved to draw many in Europe and the American colonies to faith and conversion of life; and we pray that we, like him, may rejoice to sing thy praise, live thy love and rest secure in the safekeeping of the Lord; who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm
101:1-4

Lessons
Nehemiah 12:27-31a, 43
2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5
John 16:16-22

Preface of a Saint (3)

May 13
Proposed commemoration

Frances Perkins

Public Servant and Prophetic Witness, 1965

I

Loving God, whose Name is blest for Frances Perkins, who lived out her belief that the special vocation of the laity is to conduct the secular affairs of society that all may be maintained in health and decency: Help us, following her example, to contend tirelessly for justice and for the protection of all in need, that we may be faithful followers of Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

II

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Amen.

Psalm

37:27-31

Lessons

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Ephesians 4:25–5:2

Luke 9:10-17

Preface of Baptism

May 16
Proposed commemoration

The Martyrs of the Sudan

I

O God, steadfast in the midst of persecution, by whose providence the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church: As the martyrs of the Sudan refused to abandon Christ even in the face of torture and death, and so by their sacrifice brought forth a plenteous harvest, may we, too, be steadfast in our faith in Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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Psalm

116:10-17

Lessons

Wisdom 3:1-9

Hebrews 10:32-39

Matthew 24:9-14

Preface of Holy Week

May 17
Proposed commemoration

William Hobart Hare

Bishop of Niobrara, and of South Dakota, 1909

I

Wakantanka, Holy God, who didst call thy servant William Hobart Hare to bear witness to thee throughout the vast reaches of the Niobrara Territory, bearing the means of grace and the hope of glory to the peoples of the Plains: We offer thanks for the devotion of those who received the Good News gladly, and for the faithfulness of the generations who have succeeded them. Strengthen us with thy Holy Spirit that we may walk in their footsteps and lead many to faith in Jesus Christ, in whom the living and the dead are one; and who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

121

Lessons

Isaiah 40:3-11

Romans 10:12-17

John 4:7-15

Preface of a Saint (2)

May 19
Revised psalm and lessons

Dunstan
Archbishop of Canterbury, 988

LFF 2006

Psalm
57:6-11
or 33:1-5, 20-21

Lessons
Ecclesiasticus 44:1-7
Matthew 24:42-47

Proposed

Psalm
57:6-11

Lessons
Job 1:6-8
Ephesians 5:15-20
Matthew 24:42-47

May 20
Revised psalm and lessons

Alcuin

Deacon, and Abbot of Tours, 804

LFF 2006

Psalm

37:3-6, 32-33
or 112:1-9

Lessons

Ecclesiasticus 39:1-9
Matthew 13:47-52

Proposed

Psalm

37:3-6, 32-33

Lessons

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 39:1-9
Titus 2:1-3
Matthew 13:10-16

May 21
Proposed commemoration

John Eliot

Missionary among the Algonquin, 1690

I

Great Creator, source of mercy, we offer thanks for the imagination and conviction of thine evangelist, John Eliot, who brought both literacy and the Bible to the Algonquin people, and reshaped their communities into fellowships of Christ to serve thee and give thee praise; and we pray that we may so desire to share thy Good News with others that we labor for mutual understanding and trust; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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Psalm

68:33-36

Lessons

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 1:1-11

Romans 15:13-21

Mark 4:1-20

Preface of a Saint (1)

May 23
Proposed commemoration

Nicolaus Copernicus and Johannes Kepler

Astronomers, 1543

I

As the heavens declare thy glory, O God, and the firmament showeth thy handiwork, we bless thy Name for the gifts of knowledge and insight thou didst bestow upon Nicolaus Copernicus and Johannes Kepler; and we pray that thou wouldst continue to advance our understanding of thy cosmos, for our good and for thy glory; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

As the heavens declare your glory, O God, and the firmament shows your handiwork, we bless your Name for the gifts of knowledge and insight you bestowed upon Nicolaus Copernicus and Johannes Kepler; and we pray that you would continue to advance our understanding of your cosmos, for our good and for your glory; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

8

Lessons

Genesis 1:14-19

1 Corinthians 2:6-12

Matthew 2:1-11a

Preface of God the Father

May 24
Revised psalm and lessons

Jackson Kemper

First Missionary Bishop in the United States, 1870

LFF 2006

Psalm

67 1
or 96:1-7

Lessons

Corinthians 3:8-11
Matthew 28:16-20

Proposed

Psalm

67

Lessons

Exodus 15:22-25
1 Corinthians 3:8-11
Matthew 28:16-20

May 25
Revised psalm and lessons

Bede, the Venerable
Priest, and Monk of Jarrow, 735

LFF 2006

Psalm
78:1-4
or 19:7-11 (12-14)

Lessons
Wisdom 7:15-22
Matthew 13:47-52

Proposed

Psalm
78:1-4

Lessons
Wisdom 7:15-22
1 Corinthians 15:1-8
Matthew 13:47-52

May 26
Revised psalm and lessons

Augustine

First Archbishop of Canterbury, 605

LFF 2006

Psalm

66:1-82
or 103:1-4, 13-18

Lessons

Corinthians 5:17-20a
Luke 5:1-11

Proposed

Psalm

66:1-8

Lessons

Tobit 13:1, 10-11
2 Corinthians 5:17-20a
Luke 5:1-11

May 27
Proposed commemoration

Bertha and Ethelbert

Queen and King of Kent, 616

I

God our ruler and guide, we honor thee for Queen Bertha and King Ethelbert of Kent who, gently persuaded by the truth of thy Gospel, encouraged others by their godly example to follow freely the path of discipleship; and we pray that we, like them, may show the goodness of thy Word not only by our words but in our lives; through Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

144:9-15

Lessons

Wisdom of Solomon 9:7-12

1 Timothy 4:6-10

Luke 10:21-24

Preface of a Saint (1)

May 28
Proposed commemoration

John Calvin
Theologian, 1564

I

Sovereign and holy God, who didst bring John Calvin from a study of legal systems to understand the godliness of thy divine laws as revealed in Scripture: Fill us with a like zeal to teach and preach thy Word, that the whole world may come to know thy Son Jesus Christ, the true Word and Wisdom; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, ever one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm
119:1-8

Lessons
Joel 2:1-2, 12-14
Romans 9:18-26
John 15:1-11

Preface of Trinity Sunday

May 30
Proposed commemoration

Jeanne d’Arc (Joan of Arc)

Mystic and Soldier, 1431

I

Holy God, whose power is made perfect in weakness: we honor thy calling of Jeanne d’Arc, who, though young, rose up in valor to bear thy standard for her country, and endured with grace and fortitude both victory and defeat; and we pray that we, like Jeanne, may bear witness to the truth that is in us to friends and enemies alike, and, encouraged by the companionship of thy saints, give ourselves bravely to the struggle for justice in our time; through Christ our Savior, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

144:1-12

Lessons

Judith 8:32–9:11

2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Matthew 12:25-30

Preface of the Epiphany

Revised psalm and lessons

The First Book of Common Prayer

This feast is appropriately observed on a weekday following the Day of Pentecost.

LFF 2006

Psalm

96:1-9

or 33:1-5, 20-21

Lessons

Acts 2:38-42

John 4:21-24

Proposed

Psalm

33:1-5, 20-21

Lessons

1 Kings 8:54-61

Acts 2:38-42

John 4:21-24

June 1
Revised psalm and lessons

Justin

Martyr at Rome, c. 167

LFF 2006

Psalm

16:5-11 1
or 116:1-8

Lessons

Corinthians 1:18-25
John 12:44-50

Proposed

Psalm

16:5-11

Lessons

Deuteronomy 7:7-9
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 12:44-50

June 2
Revised psalm and lessons

Blandina and Her Companions, the Martyrs of Lyons
177

LFF 2006

Psalm

126
or 34:1-8

Lessons

1 Peter 1:3-9
Mark 8:34-38

Proposed

Psalm

34:1-8

Lessons

Jeremiah 12:1-3a
1 Peter 1:3-9
Mark 8:34-38

June 3
Revised psalm and lessons

The Martyrs of Uganda
1886

LFF 2006

Psalm

138

139

or 116:10-17

Lessons

Hebrews 10:32-39

Matthew 24:9-14

Proposed

Psalm

138

Lessons

Habakkuk 2:9-14

Hebrews 10:32-39

Matthew 24:9-14

June 4

Proposed commemoration

John XXIII (Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli)

Bishop of Rome, 1963

I

Lord of all truth and peace, who didst raise up thy bishop John to be servant of the servants of God and bestowed on him wisdom to call for the work of renewing your Church: Grant that, following his example, we may reach out to other Christians to clasp them with the love of your Son, and labor throughout the nations of the world to kindle a desire for justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, who is alive and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

Lord of all truth and peace, you raised up your bishop John to be servant of the servants of God and gave him wisdom to call for the work of renewing your Church: Grant that, following his example, we may reach out to other Christians to clasp them with the love of your Son, and labor throughout the nations of the world to kindle a desire for justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

50:1-6

Lessons

Joel 2:26-29

1 Peter 5:1-4

John 21:15-17

Preface of a Saint (1)

June 5
Revised psalm and lessons

Boniface

Archbishop of Mainz, Missionary to Germany, and Martyr, 754

LFF 2006

Psalm

115:1-8
or 31:1-5

Lessons

Acts 20:17-28
Luke 24:44-53

Proposed

Psalm

115:1-8

Lessons

Micah 4:1-2
Acts 20:17-28
Luke 24:44-53

June 6
Proposed commemoration

Ini Kopuria

Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945

I

Loving God, may thy Name be blest for the witness of Ini Kopuria, police officer and founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, whose members saved many American pilots in a time of war, and who continue to minister courageously to the islanders of Melanesia. Open our eyes that we, with these Anglican brothers, may establish peace and hope in service to others, for the sake of Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

31:19-24

Lessons

Zechariah 1:7-11

Revelation 14:13-16

Matthew 8:5-13

Preface of a Saint (3)

June 7

Proposed commemoration

The Pioneers of the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil

1890

I

O God, who didst send thy Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: we bless thee for the missionaries from the Episcopal Church and those who first responded to their message, joining together to establish the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil; and we pray that we, like them, may be ready to preach Christ crucified and risen, and to encourage and support those who pioneer new missions in him; who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

O God, who sent your Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: we bless you for the missionaries from the Episcopal Church and those who first responded to their message, joining together to establish the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil; and we pray that we, like them, may be ready to preach Christ crucified and risen, and to encourage and support those who pioneer new missions in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

125

Lessons

2 Esdras 2:42-48

1 Peter 1:18-25

Luke 4:14-21

Preface of All Saints

June 8

Proposed commemoration

Roland Allen

Mission Strategist, 1947

I

Almighty God, by whose Spirit the Scriptures were opened to thy servant Roland Allen, so that he might lead many to know, live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ: Give us grace to follow his example, that the variety of those to whom we reach out in love may receive thy saving Word and witness in their own languages and cultures to thy glorious Name; through Jesus Christ, thy Word made flesh, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

119:145-152

Lessons

Numbers 11:26-29

2 Corinthians 9:8-15

Luke 8:4-15

Preface of Baptism

June 9
Revised psalm and lessons

Columba
Abbot of Iona, 597

LFF 2006

Psalm
97:1-2, 7-12 1
or 98:1-4

Lessons
Corinthians 3:11-23
Luke 10:17-20

Proposed

Psalm
97:1-2, 7-12

Lessons
Isaiah 61:1-3
1 Corinthians 3:11-23
Luke 10:17-20

June 10
Revised psalm and lessons

Ephrem of Edessa
Deacon, 373

LFF 2006

Psalm
98:5-10
or 33:1-5, 20-21

Lessons
Proverbs 3:1-7
Matthew 13:47-52

Proposed

Psalm
98:5-10

Lessons
Proverbs 3:1-7
Ephesians 3:8-12
John 16:12-15

June 12
Revised lessons

Enmegahbowh

Priest and Missionary, 1902

LFF 2006

Psalm

129

Lessons

Isaiah 52:7-10 *or* 1 Peter 5:1-4

Luke 6:17-23

Proposed

Psalm

129

Lessons

Isaiah 52:7-10

1 Peter 5:1-4

Luke 6:17-23

June 13

Proposed commemoration

Gilbert Keith Chesterton

Apologist and Writer, 1936

I

O God of earth and altar, who didst give G. K. Chesterton a ready tongue and pen, and inspired him to use them in thy service: Mercifully grant that we may be inspired to witness cheerfully to the hope that is in us; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

8

Lessons

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

1 Corinthians 15:50-52

John 1:43-51

Preface of God the Father

June 14
Revised psalm and lessons

Basil the Great
Bishop of Caesarea, 379

LFF 2006

Psalm
139:1-91
or 34:1-8

Lessons
Corinthians 2:6-13
Luke 10:21-24

Proposed

Psalm
139:1-9

Lessons
Ezekiel 22:23-30
1 Corinthians 2:6-13
Luke 10:21-24

June 15
Revised psalm and lessons

Evelyn Underhill
1941

LFF 2006

Psalm
96:7-13
or 37:3-6, 32-33

Lessons
Wisdom 7:24-8:1
John 4:19-24

Proposed

Psalm
37:3-6, 32-33

Lessons
Wisdom 7:24-8:1
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
John 4:19-24

June 16

Revised commemoration (George Berkeley added to existing commemoration)
Revised collect, psalm, and lessons

George Berkeley and Joseph Butler
Bishops and Theologians, 1753, 1752

Proposed

I

Holy God, source of all wisdom: We give thanks for thy servants George Berkeley and Joseph Butler, who by their life and work strengthened thy Church and illumined thy world. Help us, following their examples, to place our hearts and minds in thy service, for the sake of Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Holy God, source of all wisdom: We give thanks for your servants George Berkeley and Joseph Butler, who by their life and work strengthened your Church and illumined your world. Help us, following their examples, to place our hearts and minds in your service, for the sake of Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

LFF 2006 (Joseph Butler)

Psalm

119:89-96
or 1

Lessons

Wisdom 7:7-14
Luke 10:25-28

Proposed

Psalm

119:89-96

Lessons

Isaiah 6:6-10
Acts 13:38-44
John 3:11-16

June 18
Revised psalm and lessons

Bernard Mizeki

Catechist and Martyr in Mashonaland, 1896

LFF 2006

Psalm

116:1-8
or 124

Lessons

Revelation 7:13-17
Luke 12:2-12

Proposed

Psalm

124

Lessons

Nehemiah 6:6-11
Revelation 7:13-17
Luke 12:2-12

June 22
Revised psalm and lessons

Alban

First Martyr of Britain, c. 304

LFF 2006

Psalm

34:1-81
or 31:1-5

Lessons

John 3:13-16
Matthew 10:34-42

Proposed

Psalm

31:1-5

Lessons

Wisdom 3:1-9
1 John 3:13-16
Matthew 10:34-42

June 25
Proposed commemoration

James Weldon Johnson

Poet, 1938

I

Eternal God, we give thanks for the gifts that thou didst bestow upon thy servant James Weldon Johnson: a heart and voice to praise thy Name in verse. As he gave us powerful words to glorify you, may we also speak with joy and boldness to banish hatred from thy creation, in the Name of Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

46:1-8

Lessons

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 39:1-11

Ephesians 6:10-18

Luke 1:57-73

Preface of the Epiphany

June 26
Proposed commemoration

Isabel Florence Hapgood

Ecumenist and Journalist, 1929

I

Loving God, we offer thanks for the work and witness of Isabel Florence Hapgood, who introduced the Divine Liturgy of the Russian Orthodox Church to English-speaking Christians, and encouraged dialogue between Anglicans and Orthodox. Guide us as we build on the foundation that she gave us, that all may be one in Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

24

Lessons

Isaiah 6:1-5

Revelation 5:8-14

John 17:17-23

Preface of All Saints

June 27

Proposed commemoration

Cornelius Hill

Priest and Chief among the Oneida, 1907

I

Everliving Lord of the universe, our loving God, who raised up thy priest Cornelius Hill, last hereditary chief of the Oneida nation, to shepherd and defend his people against attempts to scatter them in the wilderness: Help us, like him, to be dedicated to truth and honor, that we may come to that blessed state thou hast prepared for us; through Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II

Everliving Lord of the universe, our loving God, you raised up your priest Cornelius Hill, last hereditary chief of the Oneida nation, to shepherd and defend his people against attempts to scatter them in the wilderness: Help us, like him, to be dedicated to truth and honor, that we may come to that blessed state you have prepared for us; through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Psalm

90:1-2, 14-17

Lessons

Amos 5:14-15

Romans 14:12-19

John 10:7-18

Preface of God the Father

June 28
Revised psalm and lessons

Irenaeus

Bishop of Lyons, c. 202

LFF 2006

Psalm

85:8-13
or 145:8-13

Lessons

2 Timothy 2:22b-26
Luke 11:33-36

Proposed

Psalm

145:8-13

Lessons

Proverbs 8:6-11
2 Timothy 2:22b-26
Luke 11:33-36

July 1
Proposed commemoration

Harriet Beecher Stowe

Writer and Prophetic Witness, 1896

I

Gracious God, we offer thanks for the witness of Harriett Beecher Stowe, whose fiction inspired thousands with compassion for the shame and sufferings of enslaved peoples, and who enriched her writings with the cadences of The Book of Common Prayer. Help us, like her, to strive for thy justice, that our eyes may see the glory of thy Son, Jesus Christ, when he comes to reign with thee and the Holy Spirit in reconciliation and peace, one God, now and always. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

94:16-23

Lessons

Isaiah 26:7-13

1 Peter 3:8-12

Matthew 23:1-12

Preface of Advent

July 2
Proposed commemoration

Walter Rauschenbusch, Washington Gladden, and Jacob Riis
Prophetic Witnesses, 1918, 1918, 1914

I

Loving God, who dost call us to do justice and love kindness: we offer thanks for the witness of Walter Rauschenbusch, Washington Gladden and Jacob Riis, reformers of society; and we pray that, following their examples of faithfulness to the Gospel, we may be ever mindful of the suffering of those who are poor and work diligently for the reform of our communities; through Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Loving God, you call us to do justice and love kindness: we thank you for the witness of Walter Rauschenbusch, Washington Gladden and Jacob Riis, reformers of society; and we pray that, following their examples of faithfulness to the Gospel, we may be ever mindful of the suffering of those who are poor and work diligently for the reform of our communities; through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

72:12-17

Lessons

Isaiah 46:8-11

James 2:14-18

Matthew 7:7-12

Preface of the Epiphany

July 6
Proposed commemoration

Jan Hus

Prophetic Witness and Martyr, 1415

I

Faithful God, who didst give Jan Hus the courage to confess thy truth and recall thy Church to the image of Christ: Enable us, inspired by his example, to bear witness against corruption and never cease to pray for our enemies, that we may prove faithful followers of our Savior Jesus Christ; who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Faithful God, you gave Jan Hus the courage to confess your truth and recall your Church to the image of Christ: Enable us, inspired by his example, to bear witness against corruption and never cease to pray for our enemies, that we may prove faithful followers of our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

119:113-120

Lessons

Job 22:21-30

Revelation 3:1-6

Matthew 23:34-39

Preface of All Saints

July 11
Revised psalm and lessons

Benedict of Nursia

Abbot of Monte Cassino, c. 540

LFF 2006

Psalm

1
or 34:1-8

Lessons

Proverbs 2:1-9
Luke 14:27-33

Proposed

Psalm

119:129-136

Lessons

Proverbs 2:1-9
Philippians 2:12-16
Luke 14:27-33

July 12
Proposed commemoration

Nathan Söderblom

Archbishop of Uppsala and Ecumenist, 1931

I

Almighty God, we bless thy Name for the life and work of Nathan Söderblom, Archbishop of Uppsala, who helped to inspire the modern liturgical revival and worked tirelessly for cooperation among Christians. Inspire us by his example, that we may ever strive for the renewal of thy Church in life and worship, for the glory of thy Name; who with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

II

Almighty God, we bless your Name for the life and work of Nathan Söderblom, Archbishop of Uppsala, who helped to inspire the modern liturgical revival and worked tirelessly for cooperation among Christians. Inspire us by his example, that we may ever strive for the renewal of your Church in life and worship, for the glory of your Name; who with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Psalm

133

Lessons

2 Kings 22:3-13

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

John 13:31-35

Preface of Apostles

July 13
Proposed commemoration

Conrad Weiser

Witness to Peace and Reconciliation, 1760

I

Almighty God, of thy grace thou didst endue Conrad Weiser with the gift of diplomacy, the insight to understand two different cultures and interpret each to the other with clarity and honesty: As we strive to be faithful to our vocation to commend thy kingdom, help us to proclaim the Gospel to the many cultures around us, that by thy Holy Spirit we may be effective ambassadors for our Savior Jesus Christ; who with thee and the same Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

122

Lessons

Job 5:8-9, 20-27

2 Corinthians 5:16-20

John 16:33–17:5

Preface of the Epiphany

July 14
Proposed commemoration

Samson Occom

Witness to the Faith in New England, 1792

I

God, the Great Spirit, whose breath givest life to the world and whose voice thundereth in the wind: We give thee thanks for thy servant Samson Occom, strong preacher and teacher among the Mohegan people; and we pray that we, cherishing his example, may love learning and by love build up the communities into which thou sendest us, and on all our paths walk in beauty with Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

God, Great Spirit, whose breath gives life to the world and whose voice thunders in the wind: We thank you for your servant Samson Occom, strong preacher and teacher among the Mohegan people; and we pray that we, cherishing his example, may love learning and by love build up the communities into which you send us, and on all our paths walk in beauty with Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit, is alive and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

29

Lessons

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 14:20-27

Acts 10:30-38

Luke 8:16-21

Preface of Baptism

July 16
Proposed commemoration

“The Righteous Gentiles”

I

God of the Covenant and Lord of the Exodus, who by the hand of Moses didst deliver thy chosen people from cruel enslavement: We offer thanks for Raoul Wallenberg and all those Righteous Gentiles who with compassion, courage and resourcefulness rescued thousands of thy children from certain death. Grant that, in the power of thy Spirit, we may protect the innocent of every race and creed in the Name of Jesus Christ, strong Deliverer of us all; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

God of the Covenant and Lord of the Exodus, by the hand of Moses you delivered your chosen people from cruel enslavement: We give you thanks for Raoul Wallenberg and all those Righteous Gentiles who with compassion, courage and resourcefulness rescued thousands of your children from certain death. Grant that, in the power of your Spirit, we may protect the innocent of every race and creed in the Name of Jesus Christ, strong Deliverer of us all; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

11

Lessons

Joshua 2:1-21

Colossians 3:1-4

John 19:10-15

Preface of a Saint (2)

July 17
Revised psalm and lessons

William White
Bishop of Pennsylvania, 1836

LFF 2006

Psalm
92:1-4, 11-14
or 84:7-12

Lessons
Jeremiah 1:4-10
John 21:15-17

Proposed

Psalm
92:1-4, 11-14

Lessons
Jeremiah 3:15-19
1 Timothy 3:1-10
John 21:15-17

July 18
Proposed commemoration

Bartolomé de las Casas

Friar and Missionary to the Indies, 1566

I

Eternal God, we offer thanks for the witness of Bartolomé de las Casas, whose deep love for thy people caused him to refuse absolution to those who would not free their Indian slaves. Help us, inspired by his example, to work and pray for the freeing of all enslaved people of our world, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

52

Lessons

Isaiah 59:14-20

Philemon 8-16

Matthew 10:26-31

Preface of Baptism

July 19
Revised lessons

Macrina

Monastic and Teacher, 379

LFF 2006

Psalm

119:97-104

Lessons

Ecclesiasticus 51:13-22

Matthew 11:27-30

Proposed

Psalm

119:97-104

Lessons

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 51:13-22

Philippians 3:7-11

Matthew 11:27-30

July 19
Proposed commemoration

Adelaide Teague Case
Teacher, 1948

I

Everliving God, in whose light we see light: We offer thanks for thy teacher and peacemaker Adelaide Case, who inspired generations of students with a love of learning that built up the Church and their communities. Grant that we, following her example, may serve thee tirelessly as learners and teachers, laboring for the transformation of the world toward thy reign of peace, through the companionship of Jesus thy Saving Word; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm
119:33-40

Lessons
Proverbs 4:1-9
Hebrews 5:11-6:1
Mark 4:21-25

Preface of God the Son

July 20
Revised lessons

**Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, Sojourner Truth, and
Harriet Ross Tubman**

Liberators and Prophets, 1902, 1894, 1883, 1913

LFF 2006

Psalm

146

Lessons

Wisdom 7:24-28

Luke 11:5-10

Proposed

Psalm

146

Lessons

Wisdom 7:24-28

1 Peter 4:10-11

Luke 11:5-10

July 21
Proposed commemoration

Albert John Luthuli

Prophetic Witness in South Africa, 1967

I

Eternal God, we offer thanks for the witness of Chief Luthuli, Nobel Laureate for Peace, who was sustained by his Christian faith as he led the struggle against apartheid in South Africa. Strengthen us, after his example, to make no peace with oppression and to witness boldly for our Deliverer, Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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Psalm

122

Lessons

Numbers 20:9-11

Ephesians 2:12-17

John 16:25-33

Preface of a Saint (2)

July 24
Revised psalm and lessons

Thomas à Kempis
Priest, 1471

LFF 2006

Psalm
34:1-8
or 33:1-5, 20-21

Lessons
Philippians 4:4-9
Luke 6:17-23

Proposed

Psalm
33:1-5, 20-21

Lessons
Ecclesiastes 9:11-18
Ephesians 4:32-5:2
Luke 6:17-23

July 26
Revised psalm and lessons

Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

LFF 2006

Psalm

132:11-19
or 85:8-13

Lessons

Genesis 17:1-8
Luke 1:26-33

Proposed

Psalm

132:11-19

Lessons

Genesis 17:1-8
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Luke 1:26-33

July 27
Revised psalm and lessons

William Reed Huntington
Priest, 1909

LFF 2006

Psalm
133
or 145:8-13

Lessons
Ephesians 4:11-16
or Ephesians 1:3-10
John 17:20-26

Proposed

Psalm
133

Lessons
Job 22:21-28
Ephesians 1:3-10
John 17:20-26

July 28

Proposed commemoration

Johann Sebastian Bach, George Frederick Handel, and Henry Purcell

Composers, 1750, 1759, 1695

I

Almighty God, beautiful in majesty and majestic in holiness, who dost teach us in Holy Scripture to sing thy praises and who gavest thy musicians Johann Sebastian Bach, George Frederick Handel and Henry Purcell grace to show forth thy glory in their music: Be with all those who write or make music for thy people, that we on earth may glimpse thy beauty and know the inexhaustible riches of thy new creation in Jesus Christ our Savior; who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Almighty God, beautiful in majesty and majestic in holiness, who teaches us in Holy Scripture to sing your praises and who gave your musicians Johann Sebastian Bach, George Frederick Handel and Henry Purcell grace to show forth your glory in their music: Be with all those who write or make music for your people, that we on earth may glimpse your beauty and know the inexhaustible riches of your new creation in Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

150

Lessons

2 Chronicles 7:1-6

Colossians 2:2-6

Luke 2:8-14

Preface of a Saint (3)

July 29

Revised commemoration (Lazarus added to existing commemoration)
Revised collect, psalm, and lessons

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

Proposed

I

Generous God, whose Son Jesus Christ enjoyed the friendship and hospitality of Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany: Open our hearts to love thee, our ears to hear thee, and our hands to welcome and serve thee in others, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Generous God, whose Son Jesus Christ enjoyed the friendship and hospitality of Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany: Open our hearts to love you, our ears to hear you, and our hands to welcome and serve you in others, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

LFF 2006 (Mary and Martha)

Psalm

36:5-10
or 33:1-5, 20-21

Lessons

Romans 12:9-13
Luke 10:38-42

Proposed

Psalm

36:5-10

Lessons

Ruth 2:5-12
Romans 12:9-13
John 11:1-7, 17-44

July 30

Revised commemoration (Anthony Ashley-Cooper added to existing commemoration)
Revised collect, psalm, lessons, and proper preface

William Wilberforce and Anthony Ashley-Cooper, Lord Shaftesbury
Prophetic Witnesses, 1833, 1885

Proposed

I

Just and eternal God, we offer thanks for the stalwart faith and persistence of thy servants William Wilberforce and Anthony Ashley-Cooper, who, undeterred by opposition and failure, held fast to a vision of justice in which no child of yours might suffer in enforced servitude and misery. Grant that we, drawn by that same Gospel vision, may persevere in serving the common good and caring for those who have been cast down, that they may be raised up through Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

II

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LFF 2006 (Wilberforce)

Psalm

146:4-9
or 112:1-9

Lessons

Galatians 3:23-29
Matthew 25:31-40

Preface of a Saint (2)

Proposed

Psalm

112:1-9

Lessons

Proverbs 25:11-15
Galatians 3:23-29
Mark 9:33-37, 42

Preface of the Incarnation

July 31
Revised lessons

Ignatius of Loyola
Priest and Monastic, 1556

LFF 2006

Psalm
34:1-81

Lessons
Corinthians 10:31–11:1
Luke 9:57-62

Proposed

Psalm
34:1-8

Lessons
Proverbs 22:1-6
1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1
Luke 9:57-62

August 1
Revised psalm and lessons

Joseph of Arimathaea

LFF 2006

Psalm

16:5-11
or 112:1-9

Lessons

Proverbs 4:10-18
Luke 23:50-56

Proposed

Psalm

16:5-11

Lessons

Genesis 23:3-9, 17-19
James 1:17-18
Luke 23:50-56

August 2
Proposed commemoration

Samuel Ferguson

Missionary Bishop for West Africa, 1916

I

Almighty God, we bless thee for moving thy servant Samuel Ferguson to minister in Liberia, expanding the missionary vision of thy Church in education and ministry. Stir up in us a zeal for thy mission and a yearning for thy holy Word; through Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

119:9-16

Lessons

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 51:13-26

2 Peter 1:16-21

John 3:1-15

Preface of a Saint (2)

August 3
Proposed commemoration

George Freeman Bragg, Jr.
Priest, 1940

I

Almighty God, we offer thanks for the strength and courage of George Freeman Bragg, who rose from slavery to freedom, documented African-American history, and helped to found the first advocacy group for black people. Grant that we may recount the story of thy wondrous works in ways that proclaim thy justice in our own time, to the glory of Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Almighty God, we thank you for the strength and courage of George Freeman Bragg, who rose from slavery to freedom, documented African-American history, and helped to found the first advocacy group for black people. Grant that we may tell the story of your wondrous works in ways that proclaim your justice in our own time, to the glory of Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm
143:5-10

Lessons
Wisdom of Solomon 10:9-17
2 Corinthians 10:3-7
Luke 17:20-31

Preface of Baptism

August 3
Proposed commemoration

William Edward Burghardt DuBois
Sociologist, 1963

I

Gracious God, we offer thanks for the witness of William Edward Burghardt DuBois, passionate prophet of civil rights, whose scholarship advanced the dignity of the souls of black folk; and we pray that we, like him, may use our gifts to do justice in the Name of Jesus Christ our Liberator and Advocate; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm
113:1-7

Lessons
Jeremiah 34:8-18
Galatians 2:15-20
Mark 3:23-29

Preface of Baptism

August 5
Proposed commemoration

Albrecht Dürer, Matthias Grünewald, and Lucas Cranach the Elder

Artists, 1528, 1529, 1553

I

We give thee thanks, O Lord, for the vision and skill of Albrecht Dürer, Matthias Grünewald and Lucas Cranach the Elder, whose artistic depictions helped the peoples of their age understand the full suffering and glory of thine incarnate Son; and we pray that their work may strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ and the mystery of the Holy Trinity; who livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for the vision and skill of Albrecht Dürer, Matthias Grünewald and Lucas Cranach the Elder, whose artistic depictions helped the peoples of their age understand the full suffering and glory of your incarnate Son; and we pray that their work may strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ and the mystery of the Holy Trinity; for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

96:7-13

Lessons

Exodus 35:21-29

Romans 8:1-11

John 19:31-37

Preface of God the Son

August 7
Revised psalm and lessons

John Mason Neale
Priest, 1866

LFF 2006

Psalm
106:1-52
or 33:1-5, 20-21

Lessons
Chronicles 20:20-21
Matthew 13:44-52

Proposed

Psalm
106:1-5

Lessons
2 Chronicles 20:20-21
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Matthew 13:44-52

August 7
Proposed commemoration

Catherine Winkworth

Poet, 1878

I

Comfort thy people, O God of peace, and prepare a way for us in the desert, that, like thy poet and translator Catherine Winkworth, we may preserve the spiritual treasures of thy saints of former years and sing our thanks to thee with hearts and hands and voices, eternal triune God whom earth and heaven adore; for thou livest and reignest for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

47:5-9

Lessons

Exodus 6:28-7:2

1 Corinthians 14:20-25

Mark 1:35-38

Preface for the Dedication of a Church

August 8

Revised collect, psalm, and lessons

Dominic

Priest and Friar, 1221

Proposed

I

Almighty God, whose servant Dominic grew in knowledge of thy truth and formed an order of preachers to proclaim the good news of Christ: Give to all thy people a hunger for your Word and an urgent longing to share the Gospel, that the whole world may come to know thee as thou art revealed in thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

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LFF 2006

Psalm

96:1-7
or 98:1-4

Lessons

Romans 10:13-17
John 7:16-18

Proposed

Psalm

112:4-9

Lessons

2 Samuel 22:22-29
Romans 10:13-17
John 7:16-18

August 9
Proposed commemoration

Herman of Alaska

Missionary to the Aleut, 1837

I

Holy God, we bless thy Name for Herman, joyful north star of Christ's Church, who came from Russia to bring the Good News of Christ's love to thy native people in Alaska, to defend them from oppressors and to proclaim the Gospel of peace; and we pray that we may follow his example in proclaiming the Gospel; through the same Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, throughout all ages. *Amen.*

II

Holy God, we bless your Name for Herman, joyful north star of Christ's Church, who came from Russia to bring the Good News of Christ's love to your native people in Alaska, to defend them from oppressors and to proclaim the Gospel of peace; and we pray that we may follow his example in proclaiming the Gospel; through the same Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, throughout all ages. *Amen.*

Psalm

148:7-14

Lessons

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 1:1-10

2 Timothy 1:3-7

Luke 9:46-48

Preface of Apostles

August 10
Revised psalm and lessons

Laurence

Deacon, and Martyr at Rome, 258

LFF 2006

Psalm

112:1-92
or 126

Lessons

Corinthians 9:6-10
John 12:24-26

Proposed

Psalm

126

Lessons

Job 29:11-17
2 Corinthians 9:6-10
John 12:24-26

August 11
Revised psalm and lessons

Clare

Abbess at Assisi, 1253

LFF 2006

Psalm

63:1-8

or 34:1-8

Lessons

Song of Solomon 2:10-13

Luke 12:32-37

Proposed

Psalm

63:1-8

Lessons

Song of Solomon 2:10-13

1 Peter 4:1-2

Luke 12:32-37

August 12
Revised lessons

Florence Nightingale
Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910

LFF 2006

Psalm
73:23-29

Lessons
Isaiah 58:6-11
Matthew 25:31-46

Proposed

Psalm
73:23-29

Lessons
Isaiah 58:6-11
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Luke 5:4-11

August 13
Revised psalm and lessons

Jeremy Taylor

Bishop of Down, Connor, and Dromore, 1667

LFF 2006

Psalm

139:1-9
or 16:5-11

Lessons

Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12
Matthew 24:42-47

Proposed

Psalm

16:5-11

Lessons

Proverbs 7:1-4
Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12
John 3:11-21

August 14
Revised lessons

Jonathan Myrick Daniels
Seminarian and Martyr, 1965

LFF 2006

Psalm
85:7-13

Lessons
Galatians 3:22-28
Luke 1:46-55

Proposed

Psalm
85:7-13

Lessons
Proverbs 4:20-27
Galatians 3:22-28
Luke 1:46-55

August 17
Proposed commemoration

Samuel Johnson, Timothy Cutler, and Thomas Bradbury Chandler

Priests, 1772, 1765, 1790

I

God of a pilgrim people, who didst call Samuel Johnson, Timothy Cutler and Thomas Chandler to leave their spiritual home and embrace the Anglican way: We give thee thanks for their devoted service in building up thy Church and shepherding thy flock in colonial times; and we pray that, like them, we may follow where thy Spirit leads and be ever eager to feed the hearts and minds of those entrusted to our care, in the Name of Jesus Christ; who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

32:8-12

Lessons

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 24:1-8

1 Peter 2:1-10

Matthew 16:13-20

Preface of Advent

August 18
Revised psalm and lessons

William Porcher DuBose
Priest, 1918

LFF 2006

Psalm

19:7-11 (12-14)
or 37:3-6, 32-33

Lessons

2 Timothy 1:11-14
Luke 24:25-32

Proposed

Psalm

37:3-6, 32-33

Lessons

Deuteronomy 30:11-14
2 Timothy 1:11-14
Luke 24:25-32

August 20
Revised psalm and lessons

Bernard

Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153

LFF 2006

Psalm

139:1-9
or 19:7-11 (12-14)

Lessons

Ecclesiasticus 39:1-10
John 15:7-11

Proposed

Psalm

19:7-11 (12-14)

Lessons

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 39:1-10
Jude 1-3
John 15:7-11

August 23
Proposed commemoration

Martin de Porres, Rosa de Lima, and Toribio de Mogrovejo

Witnesses to the Faith in South America, 1639, 1617, 1606

I

Merciful God, who didst send thy Gospel to the people of Peru through Martin de Porres, who brought its comfort even to slaves; through Rosa de Lima, who worked among the poorest of the poor; and through Toribio de Mogrovejo, who founded the first seminary in the Americas and baptized many: Help us to follow their example in bringing fearlessly the comfort of thy grace to all downtrodden and outcast people, that thy Church may be renewed with songs of salvation and praise; through Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

Merciful God, you sent your Gospel to the people of Peru through Martin de Porres, who brought its comfort even to slaves; through Rosa de Lima, who worked among the poorest of the poor; and through Toribio de Mogrovejo, who founded the first seminary in the Americas and baptized many: Help us to follow their example in bringing fearlessly the comfort of your grace to all downtrodden and outcast people, that your Church may be renewed with songs of salvation and praise; through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

9:9-14

Lessons

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 7:32-36

James 2:1-8, 14-17

Mark 10:23-30

Preface of Baptism

August 25
Revised psalm and lessons

Louis
King of France, 1270

LFF 2006

Psalm
21:1-7
or 112:1-9

Lessons
Wisdom 3:1-9
Luke 12:22-31

Proposed

Psalm
21:1-7

Lessons
Wisdom 3:1-9
Colossians 2:6-10
Luke 12:22-31

August 27
Revised psalm and lessons

Thomas Gallaudet with Henry Winter Syle
1902, 1890

LFF 2006

Psalm

19:1-6
or 96:1-7

Lessons

Isaiah 35:3-6a
Mark 7:32-37

Proposed

Psalm

25:7-14

Lessons

Isaiah 35:3-6a
2 Thessalonians 1:3-4
Mark 7:32-37

August 28
Revised psalm and lessons

Augustine

Bishop of Hippo, and Theologian, 430

LFF 2006

Psalm

87

or 84:7-12

Lessons

Hebrews 12:22-24, 28-29

John 14:6-15

Proposed

Psalm

87

Lessons

Isaiah 62:6-12

Hebrews 12:22-24, 28-29

John 14:6-15

August 28
Proposed commemoration

Moses the Black

Desert Father and Martyr, c. 400

I

God of transforming power and transfiguring mercy, who heedeth the prayers of all who, like Abba Moses, cry to thee: “O God whom we do not know, let us know thee!” Draw them and all of us from unbelief to faith and from violence into thy peace, through the cross of Jesus our Savior; who livest and reignest with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

God of transforming power and transfiguring mercy: Listen to the prayers of all who, like Abba Moses, cry to you: “O God whom we do not know, let us know you!” Draw them and all of us from unbelief to faith and from violence into your peace, through the cross of Jesus our Savior; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

86:1-13

Lessons

2 Chronicles 28:8-15

Acts 22:6-21

Luke 23:39-43

Preface of God the Son

August 29
Proposed commemoration

John Bunyan

Writer, 1688

I

God of peace, who didst call John Bunyan to be valiant for truth: Grant that as strangers and pilgrims we may at the last rejoice with all the faithful in thy heavenly city; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

God of peace, you called John Bunyan to be valiant for truth: Grant that as strangers and pilgrims we may at the last rejoice with all the faithful in your heavenly city; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

49:4-15

Lessons

Job 33:14-19, 26-28

Hebrews 4:12-15

Matthew 7:12-14

Preface of All Saints

August 30
Proposed commemoration

Charles Chapman Grafton

Bishop of Fond du Lac, and Ecumenist, 1912

I

Loving God, who didst call Charles Chapman Grafton to be a bishop in thy Church, endowing him with a burning zeal for souls: Grant that, following his example, we may ever live for the extension of thy kingdom, that thy glory may be the chief end of our lives, thy will the law of our conduct, thy love the motive of our actions, and Christ's life the model and mold of our own; through the same Jesus Christ, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, throughout all ages. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

134

Lessons

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 50:16-21

Revelation 5:7-10

John 10:11-16

Preface of a Saint (1)

August 31

Revised commemoration (Cuthbert moved from March 20, combined with existing feast)
Revised collect, psalm, lessons, and proper preface

Aidan and Cuthbert

Bishops of Lindisfarne. 651, 684

Proposed

I

Everliving God, who didst call thy servants Aidan and Cuthbert to proclaim the Gospel in northern England and endued them with loving hearts and gentle spirits: Grant us grace to live as they did, in simplicity, humility and love for the poor; through Jesus Christ, who came among us as one who serves, and who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

Everliving God, you called your servants Aidan and Cuthbert to proclaim the Gospel in northern England and gave them loving hearts and gentle spirits: Grant us grace to live as they did, in simplicity, humility and love for the poor; through Jesus Christ, who came among us as one who serves, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

LFF 2006 (Cuthbert)

Psalm

23
or 1

Lessons

2 Corinthians 6:1-10
Matthew 6:24-33

Preface of a Saint (2)

LFF 2006 (Aidan)

Psalm

97:1-2, 7-12
or 85:8-13

Lessons

1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Matthew 19:27-30

Preface of Apostles

Proposed

Psalm

104: 32-35

Lessons

Isaiah 55:6-12
Romans 12:6-13
John 10:25b-30

Preface of Apostles

September 1
Revised psalm and lessons

David Pendleton Oakerhater
Deacon and Missionary, 1931

LFF 2006

Psalm
96:1-7
or 98:1-4

Lessons
Isaiah 52:7-10
Luke 10:1-9

Proposed

Psalm
96:1-7

Lessons
Isaiah 52:7-10
Romans 8:1-6
Luke 10:1-9

September 2
Revised psalm and lessons

The Martyrs of New Guinea
1942

LFF 2006

Psalm
116:1-8
or 126

Lessons
Revelation 7:13-17
Luke 12:4-12

Proposed

Psalm
126

Lessons
1 Chronicles 22:11-13
1 Thessalonians 5:21b-24
Luke 12:4-12

September 3
Proposed commemoration

Prudence Crandall

Teacher and Prophetic Witness, 1890

I

God, the wellspring of justice and strength: We thank thee for raising up in Prudence Crandall a belief in education and a resolute will to teach girls of every color and race, that alongside her they might take their place in working for the nurture and well-being of all society, undaunted by prejudice or adversity. Grant that we, following her example, may participate in the work of building up the human family in Christ, thy Word and Wisdom; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

86:11-17

Lessons

Habakkuk 3:16-19

Acts 24:10-21

Luke 9:62–10:2

Preface of a Saint (2)

September 4
Revised psalm and lessons

Paul Jones
1941

LFF 2006

Psalm
133

Lessons
Malachi 2:17-3:5
John 8:31-32

Proposed

Psalm
76

Lessons
Malachi 2:17-3:5
1 Peter 3:8-14a
John 8:31-32

September 5
Proposed commemoration

Gregorio Aglipay

Priest and Founder of the Philippine Independent Church, 1940

I

Eternal God, who didst call Gregorio Aglipay to witness to thy truth in the renewal of thy Church in the Philippines: Help us, like him, to be guided by thy Holy Spirit, that people everywhere may hear the saving words of our Savior, so that all may believe and find eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Eternal God, you called Gregorio Aglipay to witness to your truth in the renewal of your Church in the Philippines: Help us, like him, to be guided by your Holy Spirit, that people everywhere may hear the saving words of our Savior, so that all may believe and find eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

126

Lessons

1 Chronicles 28:19–29:2

1 Peter 4:7-11

Matthew 20:1-16

Preface for the Dedication of a Church

September 7
Proposed commemoration

Elie Naud

Huguenot Witness to the Faith, 1722

I

Blessed God, whose Son Jesus calmed the waves and knelt to serve his disciples: We give thee honor for the witness of the Huguenot Elie Naud, remembered as Mystic of the Galleys and Servant of Slaves; praying that, with him, we may proclaim Christ in suffering and joy alike, and call others to join us in ministry to those littlest and least, following Jesus who came not to be ministered to but to minister; who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, to whom be honor and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

30

Lessons

Daniel 6:10b-16, 19-23

James 1:2-4, 12a

Matthew 15:21-28

Preface of Baptism

September 8
Proposed commemoration

Nikolai Grundtvig

Bishop and Hymnwriter, 1872

I

Almighty God, who didst build thy Church upon a rock: Help us remember, with thy hymn writer Nikolai Grundtvig, that though steeples may fall and buildings made by hands may crumble, Jesus makes our bodies his temple through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Help us to recognize Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life, that we may join our voices to the eternal alleluia; through the same Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II

Almighty God, you built your Church upon a rock: Help us remember, with your hymn writer Nikolai Grundtvig, that though steeples may fall and buildings made by hands may crumble, Jesus makes our bodies his temple through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Help us to recognize Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life, that we may join our voices to the eternal alleluia; through the same Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Psalm

86:1-12

Lessons

Proverbs 3:1-2, 5-8

Romans 5:1-5

Matthew 8:5-10

Preface of God the Holy Spirit

September 8
Proposed commemoration

Søren Kierkegaard

Teacher and Philosopher, 1855

I

Heavenly Father, whose beloved Son Jesus Christ felt sorrow and dread in the Garden of Gethsemane: Help us to remember that though we walk through the valley of the shadow, thou art always with us, that with thy philosopher Søren Kierkegaard, we may believe what we have not seen and trust where we cannot test, and so come at length to the eternal joy which thou hast prepared for those who love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Savior, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

22:1-11

Lessons

Exodus 33:14-23

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Matthew 9:20-22

Preface of a Saint (2)

September 9
Revised psalm and lessons

Constance, Nun, and Her Companions
1878

LFF 2006

Psalm
116:1-8
or 116:10-17

Lessons
2 Corinthians 1:3-5
John 12:24-28

Proposed

Psalm
25:15-21

Lessons
Job 16:6-9
2 Corinthians 1:3-5
John 12:24-28

September 10
Revised lessons

Alexander Crummell
1898

LFF 2006

Psalm
19:7-11

Lessons
Sirach 39:6-11
Mark 4:1-10, 13-20

Proposed

Psalm
19:7-11

Lessons
Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 2:7-11, 17-18
James 1:2-5
Mark 4:1-10, 13-20

September 11
Proposed commemoration

Harry Thacker Burleigh

Composer, 1949

I

God our strong deliverer, whose Name is blest for the gifts of grace given to Harry Thacker Burleigh to gather and preserve the good heritage of African-American music and to lift up in song the struggles of his people: Let that Spirit of love which spurred him draw us also to join hands throughout the earth in Christ's one great fellowship of love; through the same Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

103:1-5, 20-22

Lessons

Isaiah 42:10-12

Romans 15:5-11

Luke 1:39-45

Preface of the Epiphany

September 12
Revised psalm and lessons

John Henry Hobart
Bishop of New York, 1830

LFF 2006

Psalm
78:3-7
or 133

Lessons
Jude 20-21, 24-25
John 17:11b-19

Proposed

Psalm
78:3-7

Lessons
Isaiah 18:1-3
Titus 1:7-9
John 17:11b-19

September 13

Revised commemoration (date change, from January 27)

Revised psalm and lessons

John Chrysostom

Bishop of Constantinople, 407

LFF 2006

Psalm

49:1-8

or 34:15-22

Lessons

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Luke 21:12-15

Proposed

Psalm

49:1-8

Lessons

Jeremiah 42:1-6

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:7

Luke 21:12-15

September 15

Revised commemoration (date change, from September 13)

Revised psalm and lessons

Cyprian

Bishop and Martyr of Carthage, 258

LFF 2006

Psalm

23

or 116:10-17

Lessons

1 Peter 5:1-4, 10-11

John 10:11-16

Proposed

Psalm

116:10-17

Lessons

Micah 4:1-5

1 Peter 5:1-4, 10-11

John 10:11-16

September 15
Proposed commemoration

James Chisholm

Priest, 1855

I

Merciful God, who didst call thy priest James Chisholm to sacrifice his life in working to relieve his parishioners and the people of his city during a yellow fever epidemic: Help us remember that in giving up our lives to thy service, we win the eternal crown that never fades away in that heavenly kingdom where, with Jesus Christ our Savior and the Holy Spirit, thou reignest, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

116:5-9

Lessons

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 38:9-17

2 Corinthians 1:3-11

Matthew 24:1-8

Preface of God the Son

September 16
Revised psalm and lessons

Ninian

Bishop in Galloway, c. 430

LFF 2006

Psalm

97:1-2, 7-12
or 96:1-7

Lessons

Isaiah 49:1-6
Matthew 28:16-20

Proposed

Psalm

97:1-2, 7-12

Lessons

Isaiah 49:1-6
Acts 10:21-35
Matthew 28:16-20

September 17
Revised lessons

Hildegard
1179

LFF 2006

Psalm
104:25-34

Lessons
Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 43:1-2, 6-7, 9-12, 27-28
John 3:16-21

Proposed

Psalm
104:25-34

Lessons
Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 43:1-2, 6-7, 9-12, 27-28
Colossians 3:14-17
John 3:16-21

September 18
Revised psalm and lessons

Edward Bouverie Pusey
Priest, 1882

LFF 2006

Psalm
106:1-5
or 84:7-12

Lessons
1 Peter 2:19-23
Matthew 13:44-52

Proposed

Psalm
106:1-5

Lessons
Ezekiel 36:24-28
1 Peter 2:19-23
Luke 3:10-14

September 19
Revised psalm and lessons

Theodore of Tarsus
Archbishop of Canterbury, 690

LFF 2006

Psalm
34:9-14
or 112:1-9

Lessons
2 Timothy 2:1-5, 10
Matthew 24:42-47

Proposed

Psalm
71:18-23

Lessons
Malachi 2:5-7
2 Timothy 2:1-5, 10
Matthew 8:23-27

September 20
Revised psalm and lessons

John Coleridge Patteson and his Companions
Bishop of Melanesia, Martyrs, 1871

LFF 2006

Psalm

121
or 116:1-8

Lessons

1 Peter 4:12-19
Mark 8:34-38

Proposed

Psalm

119:49-56

Lessons

Jeremiah 22:1-4
1 Peter 4:12-19
Mark 8:34-38

September 22
Revised psalm and lessons

Philander Chase

Bishop of Ohio, and of Illinois, 1852

LFF 2006

Psalm

108:1-6
or 16:5-11

Lessons

Isaiah 44:1-6, 8
Luke 9:1-6

Proposed

Psalm

108:1-6

Lessons

Isaiah 44:1-6, 8
Acts 18:7-11
Luke 9:1-6

September 25
Revised psalm and lessons

Sergius

Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, 1392

LFF 2006

Psalm

34:1-8

or 33:1-5, 20-21

Lessons

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 39:1-9

Matthew 13:47-52

Proposed

Psalm

87

Lessons

Proverbs 4:1-9

1 John 2:15-17

Luke 8:16-21

September 26

Revised collect, psalm, and lessons

Lancelot Andrewes

Bishop of Winchester, 1626

Proposed

I

Almighty God, who gavest thy servant Lancelot Andrewes the gift of thy holy Spirit and made him a man of prayer and a faithful pastor of thy people: Perfect in us what is lacking of thy gifts, of faith, to increase it, of hope, to establish it, of love, to kindle it, that we may live in the life of thy grace and glory; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

Almighty God, you gave your servant Lancelot Andrewes the gift of your Holy Spirit and made him a man of prayer and a faithful pastor of your people: Perfect in us what is lacking in your gifts, of faith, to increase it, of hope, to establish it, of love, to kindle it, that we may live in the life of your grace and glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

LFF 2006

Psalm

63:1-8
or 34:1-8

Lessons

1 Timothy 2:1-7a
Luke 11:1-4

Proposed

Psalm

63:1-8

Lessons

Isaiah 11:1-5
1 Timothy 2:1-7a
Luke 11:1-4

September 26
Proposed commemoration

Wilson Carlile
Priest, 1942

I

God of boundless energy and light: We offer thanks for the courage and passion of Wilson Carlile who, after the example of thy Son, sought new ways to open thy Church to diverse leaders as beacons of the Gospel of Christ. Quicken our hearts to give bold witness to Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm
41:1-5, 10-13

Lessons
Jeremiah 7:1-7
2 Corinthians 9:8-15
John 13:12-17

Preface of God the Holy Spirit

September 27
Proposed commemoration

Vincent de Paul

Religious, and Prophetic Witness, 1660

I

Loving God, we offer thanks for thy servant Vincent de Paul, who gave himself to training clergy to work among the poor and provided many institutions to aid the sick, orphans and prisoners. May we, like him, encounter Christ in the needy, the outcast and the friendless, that we may come at length into thy kingdom where thou reignest, one God, holy and undivided Trinity, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Loving God, we thank you for your servant Vincent de Paul, who gave himself to training clergy to work among the poor and provided many institutions to aid the sick, orphans and prisoners. May we, like him, encounter Christ in the needy, the outcast and the friendless, that we may come at length into your kingdom where you reign, one God, holy and undivided Trinity, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

37:27-33

Lessons

Amos 8:4-6

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Matthew 9:35-38

Preface of Baptism

September 27
Proposed commemoration

Thomas Traherne
Priest, 1674

I

Creator of wonder and majesty, who didst inspire thy poet Thomas Traherne with mystical insight to see thy glory in the natural world and in the faces of men and women around us: Help us to know thee in thy creation and in our neighbors, and to understand our obligations to both, that we may ever grow into the people thou hast created us to be; through our Savior Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, in everlasting light. *Amen.*

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Psalm
119:129-136

Lessons
Jeremiah 20:7-9
Revelation 19:1-5
John 3:1-8

Preface of God the Father

September 28
Proposed commemoration

Richard Rolle, Walter Hilton, and Margery Kempe

Mystics, 1349, 1396, c. 1440

I

Gracious God, we offer thanks for the lives and work of Richard Rolle, Walter Hilton, and Margery Kempe, hermits and mystics, who, passing through the cloud of unknowing, beheld thy glory. Help us, after their examples, to see thee more clearly and love thee more dearly, in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

63:1-8

Lessons

Job 26:1-14

Romans 11:33–12:2

Matthew 5:43-48

Preface of a Saint (3)

September 30
Revised psalm and lessons

Jerome

Priest, and Monk of Bethlehem, 420

LFF 2006

Psalm

19:7-11 (12-14)
or 119:97-104

Lessons

2 Timothy 3:14-17
Luke 24:44-48

Proposed

Psalm

119:97-104

Lessons

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-8
2 Timothy 3:14-17
Luke 24:44-48

October 1
Revised psalm and lessons

Remigius

Bishop of Rheims, c. 530

LFF 2006

Psalm

135:13-21
or 103:1-4, 13-18

Lessons

1 John 4:1-6
John 14:3-7

Proposed

Psalm

135:13-21

Lessons

Jeremiah 10:1-11
1 John 4:1-6
John 14:3-7

October 3
Proposed commemoration

George Kennedy Allen Bell

Bishop of Chichester, and Ecumenist, 1958

I

God of peace, who didst sustain thy bishop George Bell with the courage to proclaim thy truth and justice in the face of disapproval in his own nation: As he taught that we, along with our enemies, are all children of God, may we stand with Christ in his hour of grieving, that at length we may enter thy country where there is no sorrow nor sighing, but fullness of joy in thee; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

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Psalm

46:4-11

Lessons

Amos 7:10-15

Revelation 11:15-18

Mark 13:1-13

Preface of Holy Week

October 3
Proposed commemoration

John Raleigh Mott

Evangelist and Ecumenical Pioneer, 1955

I

O God, the shepherd of all, we offer thanks for the lifelong commitment of thy servant John Raleigh Mott to the Christian nurture of students in many parts of the world; and we pray that, after his example, we may strive for the weaving together of all peoples in friendship, fellowship and cooperation, and while life lasts be evangelists for Jesus Christ, in whom alone is our peace; and who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

71:17-24

Lessons

Isaiah 60:1-5

1 John 2:12-14

Luke 7:11-17

Preface of All Saints

October 4
Revised psalm and lessons

Francis of Assisi
Friar, 1226

LFF 2006

Psalm
148:7-14
or 121

Lessons
Galatians 6:14-18
Matthew 11:25-30

Proposed

Psalm
148:7-14

Lessons
Jeremiah 22:13-16
Galatians 6:14-18
Matthew 11:25-30

October 6

Revised commemoration (Miles Coverdale added to existing feast)
Revised collect, psalm, lessons, and proper preface

William Tyndale and Miles Coverdale

Translators of the Bible, 1536, 1568

Proposed

I

Almighty God, who didst plant in the heart of thy servants William Tyndale and Miles Coverdale a consuming passion to bring the Scriptures to people in their native tongue, and didst endow them with the gift of powerful and graceful expression and with strength to persevere against all obstacles: Reveal to us, we pray thee, thy saving Word, as we read and study the Scriptures, and hear them calling us to repentance and life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Almighty God, you planted in the heart of your servants William Tyndale and Miles Coverdale a consuming passion to bring the Scriptures to people in their native tongue, and endowed them with the gift of powerful and graceful expression and with strength to persevere against all obstacles: Reveal to us your saving Word, as we read and study the Scriptures, and hear them calling us to repentance and life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

LFF 2006 (Tyndale)

Psalm

1
or 15

Lessons

James 1:21-25
John 12:44-50

Preface of the Epiphany

Proposed

Psalm

119:89-96

Lessons

Proverbs 8:10-17
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 12:44-50

Preface of a Saint (2)

October 7
Proposed commemoration

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg

Lutheran Pastor in North America, 1787

I

Loving God, Shepherd of thy people, we offer thanks for the ministry of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, who left his native land to care for the German and Scandinavian pioneers in North America; and we pray that, following the teaching and example of his life, we may grow into the full stature of Christ; who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Loving God, Shepherd of your people, we thank you for the ministry of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, who left his native land to care for the German and Scandinavian pioneers in North America; and we pray that, following the teaching and example of his life, we may grow into the full stature of Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

111

Lessons

Isaiah 60:1-5

Galatians 5:22-6:10

Matthew 18:15-20

Preface of a Saint (2)

October 8
Proposed commemoration

William Dwight Porter Bliss and Richard Theodore Ely

Priest, 1926

Economist, 1943

I

Blessed God, whose Son Jesus came as servant to all: We offer thanks for William Bliss and Richard Ely, whose dedication to the commonweal through economic justice led them to be bold reformers of the world and the Church; and we pray that we, with them, may find our true happiness through self-sacrifice in service of thy reign, where all the hungry are fed and the downtrodden are raised up through Jesus Christ our Liberator; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

18:21-31

Lessons

Isaiah 61:1-4

Acts 2:41-47

Luke 16:19-31

Preface of a Saint (2)

October 9
Proposed commemoration

Wilfred Thomason Grenfell
Medical Missionary, 1940

I

Compassionate God, whose Son Jesus Christ taught that by ministering to the least of our brothers and sisters, we minister to him: Make us ever ready to respond to the needs of others, that, inspired by the ministry of Wilfred Grenfell to the sick and to seafarers in Labrador and northern Newfoundland, our actions may witness to the love of our Savior Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm
107:23-32

Lessons
2 Kings 2:19-22
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Mark 6:45-56

Preface of a Saint (1)

October 10
Revised lessons

Vida Scudder

Educator and Witness for Peace, 1954

LFF 2006

Psalm

25:1-1

Lessons

Isaiah 11:1-10

John 6:37-51

Proposed

Psalm

25:1-14

Lessons

Isaiah 42:5-9

Romans 12:1-2, 14-21

John 6:37-51

October 11
Revised lessons

Philip
Deacon and Evangelist

LFF 2006

Psalm
67

Lessons
Isaiah 53:7-11 *or* Acts 8:26-40
Matthew 28:18-20

Proposed

Psalm
67

Lessons
Isaiah 53:7-11
Acts 8:26-40
Matthew 28:18-20

October 14
Revised psalm and lessons

Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky
Bishop of Shanghai, 1906

LFF 2006

Psalm
84:1-62
or 116:10-17

Lessons
Corinthians 4:11-18
Luke 24:44-48

Proposed

Psalm
84:1-6

Lessons
Isaiah 12:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:11-18
Luke 24:44-48

October 15
Revised psalm and lessons

Teresa of Avila
Nun, 1582

LFF 2006

Psalm
42:1-7
or 139:1-9

Lessons
Romans 8:22-27
Matthew 5:13-16

Proposed

Psalm
42:1-7

Lessons
Song of Songs 4:12-16
Romans 8:22-27
Matthew 5:13-16

October 16

Revised commemoration (Cranmer moved to March 21)

Revised collect, psalm, and lessons

Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley

Bishops and Martyrs, 1555

Proposed

I

Keep us, O Lord, constant in faith and zealous in witness, that, like thy servants Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, we may live in thy fear, die in thy favor, and rest in thy peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

Keep us, O Lord, constant in faith and zealous in witness, that, like your servants Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, we may live in your fear, die in your favor, and rest in your peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

LFF 2006 (Latimer, Ridley, and Cranmer)

Psalm

142

or 124

Lessons

1 Corinthians 3:9-14

John 15:20–16:1

Proposed

Psalm

142

Lessons

Zephaniah 3:1-5

1 Corinthians 3:9-14

John 15:20–16:1

October 17
Revised psalm and lessons

Ignatius

Bishop of Antioch, and Martyr, c. 115

LFF 2006

Psalm

116:1-8
or 31:1-5

Lessons

Romans 8:35-39
John 12:23-26

Proposed

Psalm

31:1-5

Lessons

Isaiah 43:16-21
Romans 8:35-39
John 12:23-26

October 19
Revised psalm and lessons

Henry Martyn

Priest, and Missionary to India and Persia, 1812

LFF 2006

Psalm

98:1-4

or 96:1-7

Lessons

Isaiah 49:1-6

John 4:22-26

Proposed

Psalm

56:8-13

Lessons

Isaiah 49:1-6

Romans 1:8-15

John 4:22-26

October 19
Proposed commemoration

William Carey

Missionary to India, 1834

I

Merciful God, who didst call William Carey to missionary work in India and didst endue him with a zeal for thy Word that led him to translate Scripture into many local languages and dialects: Give us a heart for the spreading of thy Gospel and a thirst for justice among all the peoples of the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who sheds thy light and peace throughout humanity, and who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm

119:25-32

Lessons

Jeremiah 1:4-8

Romans 10:14-17

Matthew 17:14-20

Preface of a Saint (1)

October 26
Revised psalm and lessons

Alfred the Great
King of the West Saxons, 899

LFF 2006

Psalm
21:1-7
or 112:1-9

Lessons
Wisdom 6:1-3, 9-12, 24-25
Luke 6:43-49

Proposed

Psalm
21:1-7

Lessons
Wisdom 6:1-3, 9-12, 24-25
2 Thessalonians 2:13-17
Luke 6:43-49

October 29
Revised psalm and lessons

James Hannington and his Companions
Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, Martyrs, 1885

LFF 2006

Psalm
124
or 116:1-8

Lessons
1 Peter 3:14-18, 22
Matthew 10:16-22

Proposed

Psalm
124

Lessons
Job 23:10-17
1 Peter 3:14-18, 22
Matthew 10:16-22

October 30
Proposed commemoration

John Wyclif

Priest and Prophetic Witness, 1384

I

O God, whose justice continually challenges thy Church to live according to its calling: Grant us who now remember the work of John Wyclif contrition for the wounds which our sins inflict on thy Church, and such love for Christ that we may seek to heal the divisions which afflict his Body; through the same Jesus Christ, who livest and reignest with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

O God, your justice continually challenges your Church to live according to its calling: Grant us who now remember the work of John Wyclif contrition for the wounds which our sins inflict on your Church, and such love for Christ that we may seek to heal the divisions which afflict his Body; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

33:4-11

Lessons

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 43:26-33

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 4:13-20

Preface of God the Holy Spirit

October 31
Proposed commemoration

Paul Shinji Sasaki and Philip Lindel Tsen

Bishop of Mid-Japan, and of Tokyo, 1946 Bishop of Honan, China, 1954

I

Almighty God, we offer thanks for the faith and witness of Paul Sasaki, bishop in the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, tortured and imprisoned by his government, and Philip Tsen, leader of the Chinese Anglican Church, arrested for his faith. We pray that all Church leaders oppressed by hostile governments may be delivered by thy mercy, and that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may be faithful to the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ; who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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Psalm

20

Lessons

Ezekiel 34:22-31

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Mark 4:26-32

Preface of All Saints

November 1

Revised psalm and lessons
to conform with the Revised Common Lectionary,
as adopted by the 75th General Convention

All Saints

Psalm
Year A: 34:1-10, 22

Lessons
Revelation 7:9-17
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

Year B: 24

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9
or Isaiah 25:6-9
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

Year C: 149

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

November 2
No revisions

All Faithful Departed

LFF 2006 and Proposed

Psalm

130

or 116:10-17

Lessons

Wisdom 3:1-9

or Isaiah 25:6-9

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

or 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

John 5:24-27

November 3

Revised collect, psalm, and lessons

Richard Hooker

Priest, 1600

Proposed

I

God of peace and truth, who didst raise up thy servant Richard Hooker in a time of controversy to be a voice of wisdom and moderation: May his fidelity to your Word, his regard for reason and his respect for tradition help us in our own day to discern the mind of Christ, who is our truth; and who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

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LFF 2006

Psalm

37:3-6, 32-33
or 19:7-11 (12-14)

Lessons

1 Corinthians 2:6-10, 13-16
John 17:18-23

Proposed

Psalm

19:1-11

Lessons

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 44:10-15
1 Corinthians 2:6-10, 13-16
John 17:18-23

November 6
Revised lessons

William Temple
Archbishop of Canterbury, 1944

LFF 2006

Psalm
119:97-104

Lessons
Ephesians 3:7-12
John 1:9-18

Proposed

Psalm
119:97-104

Lessons
Exodus 22:21-27
Ephesians 3:7-12
John 1:9-18

November 7
Revised psalm and lessons

Willibrord

Archbishop of Utrecht, Missionary to Frisia, 739

LFF 2006

Psalm

96:1-7

or 98:1-4

Lessons

Acts 1:1-9

Luke 10:1-9

Proposed

Psalm

115:9-15

Lessons

Isaiah 55:1-5

Acts 1:1-9

Luke 10:1-9

November 10
Revised psalm and lessons

Leo the Great
Bishop of Rome, 461

LFF 2006

Psalm
77:11-15
or 23

Lessons
2 Timothy 1:6-14
Matthew 5:13-19

Proposed

Psalm
77:11-15

Lessons
Lamentations 3:22-33
2 Timothy 1:6-14
Matthew 5:13-19

November 11
Revised psalm and lessons

Martin

Bishop of Tours, 397

LFF 2006

Psalm

15

or 34:15-22

Lessons

Isaiah 58:6-12

Matthew 25:34-40

LFF 2006

Psalm

15

Lessons

Isaiah 58:6-12

Galatians 6:1-2

Luke 18:18-30

November 12
Revised psalm and lessons

Charles Simeon
Priest, 1836

LFF 2006

Psalm
145:8-13
or 96:1-7

Lessons
Romans 10:8b-17
John 21:15-17

Proposed

Psalm
145:8-13

Lessons
Isaiah 12:1-6
Romans 10:8b-17
John 21:15-17

November 14

Revised collect, psalm, and lessons

Samuel Seabury

First American Bishop, 1796

Proposed

I

Eternal God, who didst bless thy servant Samuel Seabury with the gift of perseverance to renew the Anglican inheritance in North America; Grant that, joined together in unity with our bishops and nourished by thy holy Sacraments, we may proclaim the Gospel of redemption with apostolic zeal; through Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Eternal God, you blessed your servant Samuel Seabury with the gift of perseverance to renew the Anglican inheritance in North America: Grant that, joined together in unity with our bishops and nourished by your holy Sacraments, we may proclaim the Gospel of redemption with apostolic zeal; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

LFF 2006 (“Consecration of Samuel Seabury”)

Psalm

133
or 33:1-5, 20-21

Lessons

Acts 20:28-32
Matthew 9:35-38

Proposed

Psalm

133

Lessons

Isaiah 63:7-9
Acts 20:28-32
Matthew 9:35-38

November 15
Proposed commemoration

Francis Asbury and George Whitefield
Evangelists, 1816, 1770

I

Holy God, who didst so inspire Francis Asbury and George Whitefield with evangelical zeal that their faithful proclamation of the Gospel caused a great awakening among those who heard them: Inspire us, we pray, by thy Holy Spirit, that, like them, we may be eager to share thy Good News and lead many to Jesus Christ, in whom is eternal life and peace; and who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II

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Psalm
97:8-12

Lessons
Numbers 11:24-30
1 Thessalonians 5:13b-24
John 17:5-13

Preface of the Epiphany

November 16
Revised psalm and lessons

Margaret
Queen of Scotland, 1093

LFF 2006

Psalm
146:4-9
or 112:1-9

Lessons
Proverbs 31:10-11, 20, 26, 28
Matthew 13:44-52

Proposed

Psalm
112:1-9

Lessons
Deuteronomy 15:7-11
2 John 1-9
Luke 4:16-22a

November 17

Revised commemoration (Robert Grosseteste moved from Oct 9, combined with existing feast)
Revised collect, psalm, lessons, and proper preface

Hugh, and Robert Grosseteste

Bishops of Lincoln, 1200, 1253

Proposed

I

Holy God, our greatest treasure, who didst bless Hugh and Robert, Bishops of Lincoln, with wise and cheerful boldness for the proclamation of thy Word to rich and poor alike: Grant that all who minister in thy Name may serve with diligence, discipline and humility, fearing nothing but the loss of thee and drawing all to thee through Jesus Christ our Savior; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the communion of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Holy God, our greatest treasure, you blessed Hugh and Robert, Bishops of Lincoln, with wise and cheerful boldness for the proclamation of your Word to rich and poor alike: Grant that all who minister in your Name may serve with diligence, discipline and humility, fearing nothing but the loss of you and drawing all to you through Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you in the communion of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

LFF 2006 – Robert Grosseteste

Psalm

112:1-9
or 23

Lessons

Acts 20:28-32
Luke 16:10-15

Preface of a Saint (1)

LFF 2006

Psalm

112:1-9
or 15

Lessons

Titus 2:7-8, 11-14
Matthew 24:42-47

Preface of a Saint (2)

Proposed

Psalm

61

Lessons

Micah 4:1-4
Titus 2:7-8, 11-14
Luke 12:35-44

Preface of a Saint (2)

November 18
Revised psalm and lessons

Hilda

Abbess of Whitby, 680

LFF 2006

Psalm

122

or 33:1-5, 20-21

Lessons

Ephesians 4:1-6

Matthew 19:27-29

Proposed

Psalm

113

Lessons

Proverbs 6:20-23

Ephesians 4:1-6

Matthew 19:27-29

November 19
Revised psalm and lessons

Elizabeth
Princess of Hungary, 1231

LFF 2006

Psalm
146:4-9
or 112:1-9

Lessons
Tobit 12:6b-9
Matthew 25:31-40
or Luke 12:32-34

Proposed

Psalm
109:20-25

Lessons
Tobit 12:6b-9
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Luke 6:35-38

November 20
Revised psalm and lessons

Edmund

King of East Anglia, 870

LFF 2006

Psalm

21:1-7
or 126

Lessons

1 Peter 3:14-18
Matthew 10:16-22

Proposed

Psalm

21:1-7

Lessons

2 Samuel 1:17-27
1 Peter 3:14-18
Matthew 10:16-22

November 21
Proposed commemoration

William Byrd, John Merbecke, and Thomas Tallis
Musicians, 1623, 1585, 1585

I

O God most glorious, whose praises art sung night and day by thy saints and angels in heaven: We offer thanks for William Byrd, John Merbecke and Thomas Tallis, whose music hath enriched the praise that thy Church offers thee here on earth. Grant, we pray thee, to all who are touched by the power of music such glimpses of eternity that we may be made ready to join thy saints in heaven and behold thy glory unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

O God most glorious, whose praises are sung night and day by your saints and angels in heaven: We give you thanks for William Byrd, John Merbecke and Thomas Tallis, whose music has enriched the praise that your Church offers you here on earth. Grant, we pray, to all who are touched by the power of music such glimpses of eternity that we may be made ready to join your saints in heaven and behold your glory unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm
47

Lessons
1 Chronicles 15:16, 19-25, 28
Revelation 15:1-4
John 15:1-8

Preface of a Saint (3)

November 22
Proposed commemoration

Cecilia

Martyr at Rome, c. 280

I

Most gracious God, whose blessed martyr Cecilia didst sing in her heart to strengthen her witness to thee: We thank thee for the makers of music whom thou hast gifted with Pentecostal fire; and we pray that we may join with them in creation's song of praise until at the last, with Cecelia and all thy saints, we come to share in the song of those redeemed by our Savior Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II

Most gracious God, whose blessed martyr Cecilia sang in her heart to strengthen her witness to you: We give you thanks for the makers of music whom you have gifted with Pentecostal fire; and we pray that we may join with them in creation's song of praise until at the last, with Cecelia and all your saints, we come to share in the song of those redeemed by our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Psalm

150

Lessons

Azariah 1:28-34, 52-59, 68

Revelation 15:1-4

Luke 10:38-42

Preface of All Saints

November 22
Revised lessons

Clive Staples Lewis
Apologist and Spiritual Writer, 1963

LFF 2006

Psalm
139:1-9

Lessons
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 16:7-15

Proposed

Psalm
139:1-9

Lessons
Proverbs 23:15-18
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 16:7-15

November 23
Revised psalm and lessons

Clement

Bishop of Rome, c. 100

LFF 2006

Psalm

78:3-72
or 85:8-13

Lessons

Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 6:37-45

Proposed

Psalm

78:3-7

Lessons

1 Chronicles 23:28-32
2 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 6:37-45

November 24
Proposed commemoration

Juan de la Cruz (John of the Cross)

Mystic, 1591

I

Judge eternal, throned in splendor, who gavest Juan de la Cruz strength of purpose and mystical faith that sustained him even through the dark night of the soul: Shed thy light on all who love thee, in unity with Jesus Christ our Savior; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Judge eternal, throned in splendor, you gave Juan de la Cruz strength of purpose and mystical faith that sustained him even through the dark night of the soul: Shed your light on all who love you, in unity with Jesus Christ our Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm

121

Lessons

Song of Solomon 3:1-4

Colossians 4:2-6

John 16:12-15, 25-28

Preface of God the Son

November 25
Revised psalm and lessons

James Otis Sargent Huntington
Priest and Monk, 1935

LFF 2006

Psalm
119:161-168
or 34:1-8

Lessons
Galatians 6:14-18t
John 6:34-38

Proposed

Psalm
119:161-168

Lessons
Nehemiah 5:1-12
Galatians 6:14-18
John 6:34-38

November 26
Proposed commemoration

Isaac Watts

Hymnwriter, 1748

I

God of truth and grace, who didst give Isaac Watts singular gifts to present thy praise in verse, that he might write psalms, hymns and spiritual songs for thy Church: Give us grace joyfully to sing thy praises now and in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

II

God of truth and grace, you gave Isaac Watts singular gifts to present your praise in verse, that he might write psalms, hymns and spiritual songs for your Church: Give us grace joyfully to sing your praises now and in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Psalm

108:1-6

Lessons

1 Chronicles 16:1-6

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 18:35-43

Preface of a Saint (3)

November 28
Revised psalm and lessons

Kamehameha and Emma

King and Queen of Hawaii, 1864, 1885

LFF 2006

Psalm

33:12-22
or 97:1-2, 7-12

Lessons

Acts 17:22-31
Matthew 25:31-40

Proposed

Psalm

97:1-2, 7-12

Lessons

Proverbs 21:1-3
Acts 17:22-31
Matthew 25:31-40

**Guidelines and Procedures for
Continuing Alteration of the Calendar of the Episcopal Church**

“There the Lord will permit us, so far as possible, to gather together in joy and gladness to celebrate the day of his martyrdom as a birthday, in memory of those athletes who have gone before, and to train and make ready those who are to come hereafter.”

(Martyrdom of Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, A.D.156)

Introduction

The Church is “the communion of Saints,” that is, a people made holy through their mutual participation in the mystery of Christ. This communion exists through history, continues in the present, and endures beyond the grave and gate of death into heaven, for God is not a God of the dead but of the living, and those still on their earthly pilgrimage continue to have fellowship with those whose work is done. The pilgrim Church and the Church at rest join in watching and praying for that great day when Christ shall come again to change and make perfect our common humanity in the image of Christ’s risen glory.

The pilgrim Church rejoices to recognize and commemorate those faithful departed who were extraordinary or even heroic servants of God and of God’s people for the sake, and after the example, of their Savior Jesus Christ. By this recognition and commemoration, their service endures in the Spirit, as their examples and fellowship continue to nurture the pilgrim Church on its way to God.

Principles of Revision

1. *Historicity*: Christianity is a radically historical religion, so in almost every instance it is not theological realities or spiritual movements but exemplary witness to the Gospel of Christ in lives actually lived that is commemorated in the Calendar.
2. *Christian Discipleship*: The death of the saints, precious in God’s sight, is the ultimate witness to the power of the Resurrection. What is being commemorated, therefore, is the completion in death of a particular Christian’s living out of the promises of baptism. Baptism is, therefore, a necessary prerequisite for inclusion in the Calendar.
3. *Significance*: Those commemorated should have been in their lifetime extraordinary, even heroic servants of God and God’s people for the sake, and after the example, of Jesus Christ. In this way they have testified to the Lordship of Christ over all of history, and continue to inspire us as we carry forward God’s mission in the world.
4. *Memorability*: The Calendar should include those who, through their devotion to Christ and their joyful and loving participation in the community of the faithful,

deserve to be remembered by The Episcopal Church today. However, in order to celebrate the whole history of salvation, it is important also to include those “whose memory may have faded in the shifting fashions of public concern, but whose witness is deemed important to the life and mission of the Church” (Thomas Talley).

5. *Range of Inclusion:* Particular attention should be paid to Episcopalians and other members of the Anglican Communion. Attention should also be paid to gender and race, to the inclusion of lay people (witnessing in this way to our baptismal understanding of the Church), and to ecumenical representation. In this way the Calendar will reflect the reality of our time: that instant communication and extensive travel are leading to an ever deeper international and ecumenical consciousness among Christian people.
6. *Local Observance:* Similarly, it should normatively be the case that significant commemoration of a particular person already exists at the local and regional levels before that person is included in the Calendar of the Episcopal Church as a whole.
7. *Perspective:* It should normatively be the case that a person be included in the Calendar only after two generations or fifty years have elapsed since that person’s death.
8. *Levels of Commemoration:* Principal Feasts, Sundays and Holy Days have primacy of place in the Church’s liturgical observance. It does not seem appropriate to distinguish between the various other commemorations by regarding some as having either a greater or a lesser claim on our observance of them. Each commemoration should be given equal weight as far as the provision of liturgical propers is concerned (including the listing of three lessons).
9. *Combined Commemorations:* Not all those included in the Calendar need to be commemorated “in isolation.” Where there are close and natural links between persons to be remembered, a joint commemoration would make excellent sense (e.g., the Reformation martyrs—Latimer and Ridley; bishops of Lincoln, Robert Grosseteste and Hugh).

Procedures: Local Calendars and Memorials

Local and regional commemoration normally occurs for many years prior to national recognition.

The Book of Common Prayer (pp. 13, 18, 195, and 246) permits memorials not listed in the Calendar, provides collects and readings for them (the Common of Saints), and recognizes the bishop’s authority to set forth devotions for occasions for which no prayer or service has been provided by the Prayer Book. Although the Prayer Book does not

require the bishop's permission to use the Common of Saints for memorials not included in the Calendar, it would seem appropriate that the bishop's consent be requested.

While these Guidelines cannot provide procedures for initiating local, diocesan, or regional memorials that would govern all such commemorations, this process is suggested:

- A. A congregation, diocese, or other community or organization establishes a memorial for a specific day, using the above Principles of Revision to guide the decision.

- B. A collect is appointed from the Common of Saints or composed, perhaps in consultation with the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music or the diocesan or parish liturgical commission. Readings and a proper preface may also be appointed if desired. A brief description of the person or group is written, in accord with these Guidelines and Procedures.

- C. The congregation, diocese, province, or organization proceeds to keep the memorial.

- D. Those interested in promoting a wider commemoration begin to share these materials with others, suggesting that they also adopt the memorial. If at some time it is desired to propose a local commemoration for national recognition, documented evidence of the spread and duration of local commemoration is essential to include in the proposal to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Some commemorations, perhaps many, will remain local, diocesan, or regional in character. This in no way reduces their importance to those who revere and seek to keep alive the memory of beloved and faithful witnesses to Christ.

Procedures for National Recognition

All requests for consideration of individuals or groups to be included in the Calendar of the church year shall be submitted to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for evaluation and subsequent recommendation to the next General Convention for acceptance or rejection (cf. Resolution A119s of the 1991 General Convention).

Each proposal must include:

- a) a detailed rationale for commemoration based on the Principles of Revision (above) and demonstrating how this person manifests Christ and would enhance the devotional life of the Church;

- b) an inspirational 350-word biographical sketch of the person to be commemorated, preferably including some of the person's own words;

c) information concerning the spread and duration of local or international commemoration of this individual or group;

d) suggested collect and readings.

A. Proposals must be received by the Chair of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music no less than 18 months prior to the next General Convention.

B. The chair of the Calendar Committee of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music will communicate with

1. organizations submitting proposed commemorations;
2. the Secretary of the General Convention regarding names and addresses of any groups applying for exhibit space in order to present to Convention delegates a potential addition to the Calendar;
3. the chairs of the Cognate Committees on Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Music, in order to facilitate the review of submissions.

C. The Calendar Committee of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music will arrange for

1. submission of appropriate resolutions to General Convention;
2. publication of same in the *Blue Book*;
3. distribution of pertinent materials to members of the Cognate Committees on Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Music, as may be needed;
4. preparation of materials for *Holy Women, Holy Men*.

Dioceses, bishops, and deputies are always able to submit a proposal for a new commemoration directly to the General Convention. Such proposals are commonly referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for evaluation during the following triennium; only on very rare occasions has the General Convention approved a new commemoration that has not first been reviewed by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Procedures to Remove Commemorations from the Calendar

A Commemoration may be removed from the Calendar by the same procedure by which one is added, namely, the procedure set forth in Article X of the Constitution of the General Convention concerning Alterations and Additions, which requires concurrence by two consecutive Conventions.

Proposed deletions of commemorations must be forwarded to the Chair of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music no less than 18 months prior to the next General Convention.

Appendix

There are people worthy of commemoration who do not qualify under the “fifty-year rule” previously concurred by General Convention (see “Guidelines and Procedures for Continuing Alteration of the Calendar of the Episcopal Church,” *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* 2006, p. 492). The method of appointing General Convention Legislative Committees and Interim Bodies tends to encourage short-term corporate memory. We believe that these people should remain in the Church’s memory even though they do not meet all of the criteria of “Guidelines and Procedures” at this time. We hope that they will be given serious consideration in the future, and we encourage local and regional commemorations to continue (it has been the Church’s custom, since the 2nd century, to commemorate Christians on the anniversary of their death). The following list is intended to be representative rather than exhaustive.

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Commemoration</u>
January 3, 1970	Gladys Aylward, missionary
January 23, 1993	Thomas A. Dorsey, composer/musician
January 24, 1993	Thurgood Marshall, jurist
March 2, 1985	William Stringfellow, lawyer
April 23, 1993	Caesar Chavez, labor leader
July 1, 1985	Pauli Murray, educator/priest
August 16, 2005	Frere Roger Schutz, Founder of Taizé
August 21, 1994	Tan Sri John Savarimuthu, Bishop of Western Malaysia
September 6, 2007	Allen Crite, artist
September 10, 1976	Mordecai Johnson, educator
October 3, 2006	Alberto Ramento, Obispo Maximo, Philippine Independent Church
October 23, 1983	Cyril Lakshman Wickremesinghe, Bishop of Kuranagala, Sri Lanka
October 29, 1967	Clarence Jordan, evangelist
November 29, 1980	Dorothy Day, journalist
December 13, 1986	Ella J. Baker, NAACP, SCLC, SNCC
December 29, 1968	Austin Farrer, theologian
1971	Isabelo de los Reyes, Jr., Obispo Maximo, Philippine Independent Church
1975	Laurence Clifton Jones, educator
1990	Benito Cabanban, 1 st Prime Bishop, Episcopal Church in the Philippines

The Calendar Committee
 Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
 October

2008

Short Biographical Sketches for New Names in *Holy Women, Holy Men*

(date of death appears in **bold**; date of commemoration appears in *italics*)

Aglipay, Gregorio (Filipino) [1860-**Sept. 1, 1940**] Religious reformer and founder of Iglesia Filipina Independiente (IFI; Philippine Independent Church, or PIC). A Catholic priest who led the Filipinization Movement of the Catholic Church. After he was excommunicated, he, along with the labor leader, Isabelo delos Reyes, founded the IFI, now considered the only enduring “and tangible result of the Philippine Revolution of 1898.” PIC is a full ecumenical partner of the Episcopal Church. (*Sept. 5*)

Allen, Richard [1716-**Mar. 26, 1831**] Born into slavery, he became a preacher when he purchased his freedom, and was the first African American ordained in the Methodist Episcopal Church. After the founding of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, he was elected a bishop. (*March 26*)

Allen, Roland [1868-**June 9, 1947**] Anglican priest and missionary to China and Africa, he worked to establish local, self-generating churches instead of ones supported by colonial missions. He was the author of the influential *Missionary Methods: St. Paul’s or Ours?* (*June 8*)

Andrews, Charles Freer [1871-**Feb. 12, 1940**] Anglican priest and friend of Gandhi, he felt called to service among the poor in India. He was deeply involved with the struggle for India’s independence, and worked so tirelessly to bring races and castes together that he eventually resigned his own orders so they would not stand as a separation between himself and those he served. Later he worked in Fiji, parts of the South Pacific and Africa to help free indentured Indian servants. (*Feb 12*)

Asbury, Francis [1745-**March 31, 1816**] Methodist General Superintendent in America, ordained by John Wesley, he ordained four thousand preachers to evangelize the frontier. *with George Whitefield* [Dec. 27, 1714-**Sept. 30, 1770**] The “Grand Itinerant” and a key figure in “the Great Awakening,” he was a leading preacher in colonial America. His evangelism increased tolerance of dissent in a religiously diverse society because he downplayed denominational differences. (*Nov. 15*)

Ayers, Anne *see Muhlenberg, William Augustus*

Azariah, Vedanayagam Samuel [1874-**January 2, 1945**] First native Anglican bishop of the Church of India, Burma and Ceylon, he was associated with the indigenous church movement started by the work of Roland Allen. (*Jan. 2*)

Bach, Johann Sebastian [1685-**March 21, 1750**] Composer and church musician *with George Frederick Handel* [1685-**April 14, 1759**] Composer of religious oratorios, including “The Messiah” with the ever-popular “Hallelujah Chorus.” *and Henry Purcell* [1659-**November 21, 1695**] English composer and developer of the “verse anthem” with texts from Hebrew Scripture. (*July 28*)

Barth, Karl [1886-**Dec. 10, 1968**] Swiss Protestant theologian instrumental in the theological foundation of the “Confessing Church” in opposition to Hitler. Barth tried to lead 20th century Protestantism back to its reliance on God’s redeeming grace, and away from pride in scientific and artistic achievements and a faith based on “feeling” and mysticism. (*Dec. 10*)

Baxter, Richard [1615-**December 8, 1691**] Puritan Divine and influential Evangelical writer. Author of hymn, “Ye holy angels bright.” (*Dec. 8*)

Bell, George Kennedy Allen [Feb. 4, 1883-**Oct. 3, 1958**] Bishop of Chichester and ardent ecumenist, he strongly supported the Confessing Church in Germany during the Third Reich. He condemned the “area” allied bombing of Germany during WW2 because it killed civilians, and helped 90 German citizens with Jewish ancestry emigrate to England to escape the death camps. He was instrumental in the Faith and Order movement of the World Council of Churches. (*Oct. 3*)

Benson, Richard Meux [1824-**Jan. 15, 1915**] Founder of the Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE), also known as the Cowley Fathers, in Cowley, near Oxford (England). Although the order was not founded as a contemplative one, Benson felt that the primary mission of it ought to be to call the Church back to “conscious and habitual union with Christ.”

with Charles Gore [1853-**January 17, 1932**] Bishop of Oxford and champion of the High Church movement, he also advanced the Christian Socialist movement and worked for social justice. (*Jan. 16*)

Berkeley, George [March 12, 1685-**January 14, 1753**] Irish philosopher and Church of England clergyman (later a bishop), he claimed that individuals can only directly know sensations and ideas of objects, not abstractions—a view that would influence Hume, Kant and Schopenhauer. Berkeley was always interested in educational schemes. For three years, he settled on a plantation near Newport, Rhode Island, hoping to raise money to found a college in Bermuda. When this failed, he gave the money he collected to Harvard and Yale to build up their libraries. He then returned to Ireland where he was instrumental in building up Trinity College in Dublin. Berkeley, California, is named after him.

with Joseph Butler (*June 16, in LFF*)

Queen Bertha and King Ethelbert [he died in **616**] In 597, as consort of King Ethelbert, she welcomed St. Augustine and his companions to Kent. She was already a Christian, and with her help, Augustine converted Ethelbert and many of the other Saxons in the area. (*May 27*)

Bliss, William Dwight Porter [Aug. 20, 1856-**Oct. 8, 1926**] Priest and social reformer who believed the Episcopal Church had a responsibility to work for justice “rooted and grounded in Christ, the Liberator...the Head of Humanity.”

with R. T. Ely [April 13, 1854-**Oct. 4, 1943**] Economist and proponent of the Social Gospel. He was influential in establishing Social Security. (*Oct. 8*)

Bragg, George Freeman Jr. [Jan. 25, 1863-March 12, 1940] Born in slavery, he became an influential priest and historian of African Americans in the Episcopal Church. He helped found the parent movement of the NAACP. (*August 3*)

Brant, Mary (Molly) (Konwatsijayenni) [?-April 16, 1796] Matron among the Mohawks. Born in what is now the United States to a family of tribal chieftains, she was educated in an Anglican school. She married Sir William Johnson, British agent for Indian affairs in a Mohawk ceremony, since they were not allowed to marry legally. Nonetheless, she was widely respected in two cultures, even after her husband's death in 1774. As a matriarch among the Indians, her voice was sought in tribal councils. After the revolution, her house and village were destroyed because she and her Mohawk people remained loyal to the Church and to England, partly thanks to her influence. They fled to Canada, where she helped found St. George's Anglican Parish in Kingston, mourned by British Loyalists and by the Mohawk nation. (*April 16*)

Budd, Henry [Ordained Apr. 2, 1875] First Amerindian (Cree) ordained in North America (Saskatchewan). An effective evangelist, he served his people faithfully despite discrimination from the CMS which paid him only half the stipend of the white missionaries. (*Dec. 14*)

Bunyan, John [1628-August 30 or 31, 1688] Author. A member of the Independent Church, his *Pilgrims Progress* and *Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners* remain Christian classics. (*Aug. 29*)

Harry Thacker Burleigh [1866-September 12, 1949] Composer. The grandson of slaves, with a highly educated mother who nonetheless was obliged to work as a maid, Burleigh sang in churches and attended the National Conservatory of Music, supporting himself as a baritone soloist at St. George's Episcopal Church in NYC. Strongly influenced by Anton Dvořák, he became interested in black American folksongs and spirituals, preserving much African-American music (including "Go Down Moses" and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot") that would otherwise have been lost. He is the composer of "Deep River," "Sometimes I Feel like a Motherless Child," "Nobody Knows" and many other beloved songs. (*Sept. 11*)

Butler, Joseph *see Berkeley, George*

Byrd, William [c. 1543-July 4, 1623] "Parent of British Music," although a Roman Catholic, he was a "Gentleman of the Chapel Royal" (C of E) where he became organist with Thomas Tallis. His music remains a staple of the Anglican choir tradition.
with John Merbecke [d. c. 1585, **date of death unknown**] English Divine and musician who adapted the Coverdale Psalter of the BCP to plainchant.
and Thomas Tallis [d. **November 23, 1585**] "Father of English Cathedral Music," and colleague of William Byrd, his choir music remains a staple for services. (*Nov. 21*)

Calvin, John [1509-**May 27, 1564**] Reformer and theologian in France and Geneva, his writings were the primary influence on non-Lutheran Protestants. He established a theocracy in Geneva, Switzerland, with himself as its head. The “Reformed Tradition of Churches” (Presbyterian, United Church of Christ, Reformed Church of America, etc.) counts him as their founder. (*May 28*)

Cannon, Harriet Starr [May 7, 1823-**April 9, 1896**] Mother Harriet was first a member of the Sisterhood of the Holy Communion, founded on the model of the Lutheran deaconesses by William Augustus Muhlenberg. However, she longed for something that blended contemplation with work so broke away with four other women to found the Community of Saint Mary which still endures. Although they founded a number of charitable institutions, several of which survive, Mother Harriet was notable for her deep spirituality and her understanding of fully devoting one’s life to Christ. (*May 7*)

Carey, William [1761-**June 9, 1834**] Baptist missionary to India and translator of the Bible into Bengali and 24 other languages and dialects of the Indian sub-continent. His activism was instrumental in abolishing the custom of “suttee.” (*Oct. 19*)

Carlile, Wilson [1847-**May 27, 1942**] Founder of the Church Army, a lay organization, originally to evangelize the London slums, now operating in many great cities. In times of war, it ministers to the troops. (*September 26*)

Case, Adelaide Teague [Jan. 10, 1887-**July 19, 1948**] First woman appointed to teach at an Episcopal seminary (Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, MA). Her interests were Christian education and social reform, and she took part in many educational, social and ecumenical movements including “The Episcopal Pacifist Fellowship.” (*July 19*)

Cassian, John [c. 360-435, **February 29 in Orthodox calendars**] Canonized in the Eastern Church, he has never been fully accepted in the West (except in Marseilles, where he had a monastery). His “Institutes” lay out the basis of many later rules of life for Western monastics. Another of his writings explains the teachings of Nestorius. (*Feb 29*)

Cecilia [**Nov. 22, c. 280**] Virgin martyr buried in the Catacomb of St. Callixtus, Rome. She is considered the patron saint of music. (*Nov 22*)

Chandler, Thomas Bradbury, *see Johnson, Samuel*

Chesterton, Gilbert Keith [1874-**June 12, 1936**] English essayist, novelist, poet and lay theologian, he converted to Roman Catholicism in 1922, although the theology expressed in his writings remains the same. Best known today for his “Father Brown” detective stories which use theology to help solve crimes, and for some of his poems including “O God of earth and altar.” (*June 13*)

Chisholm, James [Sept. 30, 1815-**Sept. 15, 1855**] Episcopal priest in Portsmouth Virginia, he remained with his congregation during an 1855 epidemic of yellow fever when the wealthy abandoned the city and the poor were largely deserted by clergy and

doctors. He brought spiritual comfort, food, such medical assistance as he could minister, and even dug graves. As the epidemic waned, he contracted the disease and, having worn himself out in the service of others, died. (*Sept 15*)

Cooper, Anna Julia Haywood, Aug. 10, c. 1858-**1964** on February 28, *LFF 2006*, with **Wright, Elizabeth Evelyn** [1872-1904] Wright was the founder of Voorhees College and a disciple of Booker T. Washington. Despite ill health, limited resources, and opposition from the Ku Klux Klan, she persevered in established a school that would teach both skills and “Christian character” to poor African Americans. (*Feb 28*)

Copernicus, Nicolaus [1473-**May 23, 1543**] German father of modern astronomy, he rejected the Ptolemaic system which put earth at center of solar system, showing that it actually revolved around the sun with other planets.

with **Johannes Kepler** [1571-**November 15, 1543**] German Lutheran astronomer who defended Gregorian calendar against the Protestant Churches, and discovered three laws of planetary motion. He argued that the universe reflected God and gave us another way of knowing the deity. (*May 23*)

Coverdale, Miles *see Tyndale*

Cram, Ralph Adams (Dec. 16, 1863-**Sept. 22, 1942**) Architect. Proponent of the Gothic style, Cram designed West Point, St. Thomas (Episcopal Church) Fifth Avenue, Princeton University, St. John the Divine (Cathedral, New York City), and many other famous American buildings. His social philosophy emphasized the importance of a sacramental understanding of reality in the face of power and materialism.

with **Richard Upjohn** [January 22, 1802-**August 16, 1878**] British-born American architect of many famous churches, including Trinity, Wall Street NY, and public buildings.

with **John LaFarge** [March 31, 1835-**Nov. 14, 1910**] Catholic artist who not only decorated many famous churches (of many denominations) but also tried to form an aesthetic of religious art. (*Dec 16*)

Cranach, Lucas *see Dürer*

Crandall, Prudence [September 3, 1803-**January 28, 1890**] The daughter of Quakers, Crandall opened a boarding school for women training to be teachers in Canterbury, Connecticut. When she admitted the daughter of a wealthy African American farmer, the school was forced to close, but Crandall opened a new one, exclusively to educate young Black women of the Northeast. She was arrested under the provisions of an act prohibiting the teaching “of any colored people...not inhabitants of” the state. She was tried twice, but freed on a technicality. Mob attacks on the school continued, and ultimately Crandall moved to Illinois with her Baptist husband. She continued to teach and work for African American, Indian and woman’s rights. Crandall died in Kansas. (*Sept. 3*)

Cranmer, Thomas [1489–**March 21, 1566**] 16th century Archbishop of Canterbury and compiler of the first two editions of The Book of Common Prayer. (*March 21*)

Crosby, Francis Jane (Fanny) Van Alstyne [1829-**February 12, 1915**] American hymn-writer. Having lost her eyesight in infancy, she was educated at the Institute for the Blind in NY, then became an instructor there. She worked closely with Dwight Moody and Ira Sankey. She wrote over 9,000 hymns, including “Blessed Assurance,” under her maiden name, Fanny Crosby. (*Feb 11*)

Crowther, Samuel Ajayi [1807-**Dec. 31, 1891**] First bishop of Niger. Born in Yoruba, he was sold into slavery but rescued by a British ship and educated by missionaries in Sierra Leone. He went to London to attend the Church Missionary College, but then returned to Africa where he wrote school books and translated the BCP and the Bible into Yoruba. (*Dec 31*)

Cuffee, Paul [1757-**March 7, 1812**] A Shinnecock Indian, he was converted to Christianity in his early 20s and became a famous preacher and apostle to the native communities around the present-day Mastic Beach; at Hampton Bays and Montauk, all on Long Island. His gravestone reads, “In testifying the Gospel of the Grace of God he finished his course with Joy.” (*March 4*)

Cutler, Timothy *see Johnson, Samuel*

Damien [1840-**April 15, 1889**] Belgian priest who came to Hawaii and devoted himself to the lepers on Molokai whom no one else would care for. He eventually contracted the disease but would not cease his labors until his death.

with Marianne of Molokai [Jan 23, 1838-**Aug. 9, 1918**] A Roman Catholic nun who was asked to found a leper hospital for women on Molokai and to take over the work of **Fr. Damien** among the males. She and her sisters brought hope to the hopeless sufferers by restoring a semblance of normal life among them. (*April 15*)

Delany, Henry Beard [Feb. 5, 1858-**April 14, 1928**] and **Edward Thomas Demby** [Feb. 13, 1869-**Oct. 14, 1957**]. Delany was the second African American bishop in the Episcopal Church and father of Sadie and Bessy Delany (*Having Our Say*). Demby was the first African American bishop in the Episcopal Church. (*April 14*)

Demby, Edward Thomas (see Delany)

Dorcas *see Lydia, Dorcas and Phoebe*

Dorchester Chaplains, The [**Feb. 3, 1943**] Four army chaplains, Lt. George Fox (Methodist), Lt. Alexander D. Goode (Jewish), Lt. Clark V. Poling (Dutch Reform), and Lt. John P. Washington (Roman Catholic) had shown remarkable ecumenical/interfaith cooperation among their shipmates on the troopship, Dorchester. When it was torpedoed, the four gave up their life jackets to men who had none and stayed with the ship as it sank to comfort those left behind. 668 of 902 men died. The four have an active cult. (*Feb 3*)

Douglass, Frederick [Feb. 14, 1818-**Feb. 20, 1895**] Abolitionist, Writer, Orator. The child of a slave and a white man, Douglass escaped to the north and changed his name. One of the great orators and writers in favor of abolition, he influenced Abraham Lincoln and was an inspiration to his cause. (*Feb 20*)

DuBois, William Edward Burghardt [1868-**August 3, 1963**] African American sociologist and civil rights leader, he co-founded the NAACP. His most familiar book is *The Souls of Black Folks*. DuBois believed agitation was the only way to advance civil rights for Blacks. Toward the end of his life, he repudiated his American citizenship and moved to Ghana. (*Aug 3*)

Dürer, Albrecht [1471-**April 6, 1528**] German printer and engraver. Dürer's religious images remain some of the best known in western Christianity. Though a Roman Catholic, he sympathized with the Protestant Reformation in Germany.

with Matthias Grünewald [c. 1475-**1528, August, date unknown**] (Real name: Matthis Nithart, later called himself Gothart). German painter most famous for his Isenheim Altar triptych portraying Christ's suffering in realistic detail for the patients of the hospital where it was commissioned. He was also capable of luminous representations of the Nativity and the Resurrection.

and Lucas Cranach, the Elder [1471-**October 16, 1553**] German Lutheran painter of religious and secular subjects. (*Aug 5*)

Eliot, John [1604-**May 21, 1690**] "Apostle to the Indians," he came from England to New England where he translated the Bible and the Catechism into Algonquin, compiled many grammars of Amerindian languages and wrote texts books for tribal use. (*May 21*)

Ely, R. T. *see Bliss*

Ethelbert, *see Bertha*

Ferguson, Samuel [Jan. 1, 1842-**Aug. 2, 1916**] Missionary Bishop for West Africa, and the first black bishop to sit in the House of Bishops. As a child, he emigrated to Liberia with his parents. He became an Episcopal priest and returned to the States for his consecration. Founder of Cuttington College. (*Aug 2*)

Foucauld, Charles de [1858-**Dec. 1, 1916**] An experience of Muslim piety in Morocco helped him recover his Catholic faith. He served as a Trappist in Syria, then as a priest in Algeria where he revived the tradition of desert spirituality where he converted others with an "evangelism of presence." He was martyred by Tuareg rebels. (*Dec 1*)

Francis Xavier [1506-**Dec. 3, 1552**] A Basque, he became a friend and disciple of Ignatius of Loyola. He was a Jesuit missionary to India and Japan, dying on his way to China. (*Dec 3*)

Garrison, William Lloyd [1805-May 24, 1879] Abolitionist, journalist and social reformer, he was one of the founders of the Anti Slavery Society. After the Civil War, he became an advocate of Women's Suffrage, Temperance, and Civil Rights for Blacks.

with **Maria Stewart** [1803-Dec. 17, 1879] Orator, educator, and first African American woman to speak publicly on behalf of women's rights. Although much criticized for her boldness, she campaigned tirelessly against all forms of oppression. She organized many schools and Sunday schools in major cities along the eastern seaboard. (Baptist) (Dec. 17)

George [martyred c. 304-Feast April 23] Patron of England, Germany, Venice, Aragon, Portugal, Greece. He is reputed to have been a soldier and martyr, but little of his legend is believed to be supported by historical evidence. Later he became associated with defeating a dragon—a symbol of evil. (Apr. 23)

Gladden, Washington *see Rauschenbusch*

Gore, Charles *see Benson*

Grafton, Charles Chapman [Apr. 12, 1830-Aug. 30, 1912] Bishop of Fond du Lac and Anglo Catholic champion, he revived many of the ritual principles in use today, including the mixed chalice (addition of water to the wine) and eucharistic vestments. An ardent ecumenist, especially with the Orthodox and Old Catholics. (Aug 30)

Grünewald, Matthias *see Dürer*

Grenfell, Wilfred Thomason [1865-October 9, 1940] British medical missionary to Labrador and Newfoundland where he established hospitals and founded the first Seamen's Institute. (Oct 9)

Grundtvig, Nikolai Fredrik Severin [1783-September 3, 1872] Danish theologian and hymn writer who helped reform the Danish Lutheran Church. (Sept 8)

Hale, Sarah Josephine Buell [Oct. 24, 1788-Apr. 30, 1879] A social reformer and advocate for women, she was an early supporter of the deaconess movement and helped establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday. (Apr 30)

Handel, George Frederick *see Bach*

Hapgood, Isabel Florence [1851-June 26, 1928] Journalist, literary critic and translator, her *The Service Book of the Holy Orthodox-Catholic (Greco-Russian) Church* introduced English-speaking Christians to the liturgy of the Russian Orthodox which, in turn, re-inaugurated conversations between Anglicans and Orthodox in the early 20th century. She was a protégé of William Reed Huntington. (June 26)

Hare, William Hobart [May 17, 1838-**Oct. 23, 1909**] Bishop and missionary to Native Americans, he was the grandson of Bishop Hobart. He was the first missionary bishop of Niobrara (now the Diocese of South Dakota) which served many tribes. (*May 17*)

Herman of Alaska [1756-**Dec. 13, 1837**] A lay monk and hermit in Russia, Herman was sent with others to found an Orthodox mission in the Aleutian islands. But the others died or returned to Russia. Herman continued the work alone, educating the native peoples and feeding and clothing orphans. His own life was as ascetic as that of the desert fathers, but he was loving and generous to everyone else and often interceded with the government for the Aleut who called him “Apa” [“grandfather”]. His letters and journals give a vivid picture of the life of the Aleutians of the time. He fed the animals around him, even the bears, from his own hands, and sometimes sang the liturgy to them. In 1970, the Orthodox Church in America glorified him as the Venerable Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of All America. (*Aug. 9*)

Hill, Cornelius [**commemorated on January 25 in Indigenous Calendar on Episcopal website.** 1843-1907; ordained to diaconate June 27, 1895, to priesthood in 1903] Last of the old Oneida chiefs in Wisconsin, he successfully resisted government attempts to move the tribe further west. Having been an “interpreter” for Episcopal services, he was ordained by Bishop Grafton. His wisdom and sanctity are still revered by the Oneida and there are several shrines to him. (*June 27*)

Hilton, Walter *see Rolle*

Horden, John [1828-**Jan. 12, 1893**] Bishop and Missionary. Born in England of a working-class family, he educated himself so that he might be a missionary in India. Instead, the Church Missionary Society sent him to Moosonee in Western Canada. There he was able to build on the work of a Methodist missionary among the Cree. Horden was ordained in Canada and soon began training native Christians to help him in his work. After establishing solid missions among the Cree, he began to work with the Inuit. He died in office. (*Dec 15*)

Hunt, Robert [?1563-1608, date unknown] First chaplain of the Jamestown Colony, and during his short tenure there, before he died, helped bring the colonists together. Captain John Smith said of him, “He was an honest, religious and courageous divine. He preferred the service of God in so good a voyage to every thought of ease at home. He endured every privation, yet none ever heard him repine. During his life our factions were oft healed and our great extremities so comforted that they seemed easy in comparison with what we endured after his memorable death. We all received from him the Holy Communion as a pledge of reconciliation for we all loved him for his exceeding goodness.” (*April 26*)

Hus, Jan [c. 1372-**July 6, 1415**] Reformer and martyr in Bohemia (now Czech Republic), he was influenced by Wycliffe and tried to reform the abuses of the Catholic Church in his area with an evangelical understanding of communion rooted in moral

conversion and holiness and a recognition that the only head of the Church is Christ. (July 6)

Hutchinson, Anne, *see Williams, Roger*

Innocent of Alaska [August 27, 1797-**March 31, 1879**] Apostle to Alaska. Born Ioann Veniaminov to a poor family in Russia, he paid for his seminary education by learning clock-making. He and his wife came to Alaska after his ordination where he worked tirelessly among the Aleuts, often traveling in a skin kayak from island to island. He also translated the liturgies and catechism and parts of the Bible for them. He persuaded them to be vaccinated for smallpox and kept scientific journals of flora and fauna in the area, and built churches with his own hands. Finally, he became the first Orthodox bishop in the New World. When the cathedral in Sitka was built, Innocent made its clock. He also helped establish English as a liturgical language in the Americas before he was made Metropolitan of Moscow in 1867. (March 30)

Jeanne d'Arc [?1412-**May 30, 1431**] French visionary who led the French army to break the English siege of Orleans (though she never fought, herself). She was burned at Rouen as a heretic. 450 years later, the Church canonized her. (May 30)

John XXIII (Angelo Roncalli) [1881-**June 4, 1963**] Pope who convened the Second Vatican Council which brought reform to the Roman Catholic Church. (June 4)

James Weldon Johnson [June 17, 1932-**June 26, 1938**] Poet, Writer. A major figure in the Harlem Renaissance, Johnson was also active in the NAACP and served as consul to Venezuela and Nicaragua. Author of *God's Trombones* and wrote lyrics to "Lift Every Voice and Sing." (June 25)

Johnson, Samuel, [Oct. 14, 1696-**Jan. 6, 1772**] Leader of Anglican Church in Colonial New England, he was one of the "Yale Apostates." Johnson was a missionary in the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, a philosopher and founder of the first Episcopal congregation in Connecticut. Later, he became president of Kings College in NY (later Columbia University).

with Thomas Bradbury Chandler [Apr. 26, 1726-**June 17, 1790**] Missionary in the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, pupil of Samuel Johnson of Yale and defender of having bishops in the American colonies. He was chosen to be the first bishop in the Americas (Nova Scotia) but was too ill to accept the appointment. Chandler was father-in-law of Bishop John Henry Hobart.

with Timothy Cutler [May 31, 1684-**Aug. 17, 1765**]. President of Yale, and one of the "Yale Apostates" (Congregational) who became convinced of the importance of bishops in apostolic succession, and were received into Episcopal orders. (Aug 17)

Juan Bosco [1815-**January 31, 1888**] Teacher, Founder of the Salesian Order. Born in northern Italy (Turin area), he felt called to teach young poor boys, and later girls as well. He especially cared for homeless children and promoted an educational system free of corporal punishment promoting vocational training. In 1859, he founded the Pious

Society of St. Francis de Sales, the Salesians, who quickly spread to many countries. [Appears in Church of England calendar]. (*Jan 31*)

Juan de la Cruz [1542-**Oct. 15, 1591**] Mystical theologian and Doctor of the Church and Mystic, he was joint founder of Discalced Carmelites with St. Teresa. Author of *Dark Night of the Soul*. (*Nov 24*)

Judson, Adoniram [1788-**April 12, 1850**] Missionary to Burma. An American Baptist, he translated the Bible into Burmese, and also compiled the first dictionary in that language. (*April 12*)

Kagawa, Toyohiko [1888-**April 23, 1960**] Japanese social reformer, he was a pacifist during World War II and a leader of the democratic movement in Japan. (*April 23*)

Kempe, Margery *see Rolle*

Kepler, Johannes *see Copernicus*

Kierkegaard, Søren [1813-**November 11, 1855**] Danish philosopher and theologian with profound influence on modern theology with its stress on the opposition between faith and reason. (*Sept 8*)

Kopuria, Ini [d. **June 6, 1945**] In 1925, he founded the Melanesian Brotherhood which became one of the largest religious communities in the Anglican Communion. He is revered throughout the Pacific Islands and Papua, New Guinea. (*June 6*)

Las Casas, Bartolomé de [1484-**July 18, 1566**] Dominican Friar called “Defender of the Indians” in the New World. When he was appointed Bishop of Chiapas (Mexico), he refused absolution to any member of his flock who would not free his Indian slaves. (*July 18*)

LaFarge, John *see Cram*

Liddell, Eric [Jan. 16, 1902-**February 21, 1945**] One of the Olympic medalists commemorated in the movie “Chariots of Fire,” Liddell was born in China. His parents were Scottish missionaries, and he became a missionary to China as well. After he won his Olympic medal running, he was ordained (1932) and returned to China. He elected to stay when British citizens were evacuated because of the fighting between Chinese and Japanese, and was eventually put in an internment camp where he died in 1945. (*Feb. 22*)

Lucy or Lucia [**Dec. 13, 304**] Virgin martyr of Syracuse (Sicily). Died for the faith after long torture. Her feast, which falls during Advent, is celebrated especially in Scandinavia and Sicily. (*Dec. 13*)

Luthuli, A. M. J. [1898-**July 21, 1967**] Zulu Chief and Nobel Laureate, he was an early champion of the African National Congress in the struggle against Apartheid in South Africa. His Christian faith sustained him in his struggles. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1960. (*July 21*)

Lydia, Dorcas and Phoebe **Lydia** was “a seller of purple cloth” converted by Paul’s preaching at Philippi in Macedonia. Paul and his companions stayed at her house both before they were thrown in prison and after they were released [Acts 16:13-15, 40].

Dorcas (or Tabitha—the Aramaic form of the name) was raised from the dead by Peter. **Phoebe** was a follower of Paul and apparently the bearer of his letter to the Romans, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae [Romans 16:1-2]. These three women exemplify the vital ministry of service women played in the early Church. (*Jan 27*)

Martyrs of the Sudan, The In 1983, the Christian bishops, chiefs, clergy and people of Sudan declared on May 16 that they would resist the demands of the Khartoum government’s imposition of Sharia Law insofar as it forced them to renounce their understanding of God and Christ. For 22 years of Civil War, Christian leaders were persecuted, often tortured and killed, churches and schools were destroyed and many Christians were driven into exile. Despite this persecution, the Episcopal Church of the Sudan continues to grow because of their deep commitment to the mercy of God. (*May 16*)

Mayo, William W. [1819-**March 6, 1911**] In 1889, Dr. William W. Mayo, with his two sons, Dr. William J. and Dr. Charles H. Mayo, built the first general hospital in Minnesota. It soon took on other doctors and helpers, and rapidly expanded to model cooperative scientific medical care and research. With the Sisters of St. Francis, originally a teaching order but persuaded to turn to nursing, their clinical practice also took care to treat the whole patient both medically and spiritually. Today, the Mayo Clinic remains an outstanding source of patient care and medical research.

with **Charles Menninger** In 1919, Dr. Menninger (1862-1953) and his son, Dr. Karl Menninger (1893-1990) pioneered a new kind of psychiatric facility in Topeka, Kansas. They were joined by Karl’s brother, William (1899-1966) and worked not only to treat mental illness in a more humane and medically sound way, but also to educate the American public about mental health. The Menninger Clinic remains an important American institution. (*March 6*)

McDonald, Robert [?-**August 30, 1913**] Missionary. Because of his “mixed blood” (he was part Ojibwa), McDonald was treated as a second-class priest by the Church Missionary Society. He ministered in the Yukon and Alaska to Kutchin tribes, helping establish native ministries. His valuable ethnographic work produced ground-breaking studies of native life and language. His devotion to the gospel surmounted prejudice and helped establish vibrant native ministries in the far north. (*Dec. 15*)

Merbecke, John *see* *Byrd*

Thomas Merton [1915-**Dec. 10, 1968**] Trappist author and poet. Merton's Catholic conversion is the subject of his best-selling *The Seven Storey Mountain*. He became a contemplative monk at Gethsemane Abbey in Kentucky, yet remained engaged with social justice and world affairs through reading and vast correspondence. (*Dec. 10*)

Mogrovegjo, Toribio de *see Porres*

Moon, Charlotte Diggs ("Lottie") [Dec. 14, 1840-**Dec. 24, 1912**] Southern Baptist missionary to China. During a famine, she stopped eating in solidarity with the people she served. As her health deteriorated, she was sent back to US but died when the boat reached Kobe, Japan. The Southern Baptists still hold a Lottie Moon Christmas Food Offering for mission work. (*Dec. 22*)

Morgan, Emily Malbone [Dec. 10, 1826-**Feb. 27, 1937**] Founder of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross (SCHC): women who lived in secular society while devoting themselves to intercessory prayer, social justice, Christian unity and simplicity of life. (*Feb. 26*)

Moses the Black [330-405, **August 28 in Orthodox calendar**] Ethiopian thief who converted and became a renowned Desert Father. (*Aug. 28*)

Mott, John Raleigh [May 25, 1865-**January 31, 1955**] A Methodist layman and ecumenist, he devoted himself to presenting Christ to students. In 1886, he represented Cornell University's YMCA at the first interdenominational student Christian conference and became a co-founder of the Student Volunteer Movement for Student Missions. He became the General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1946. (*Oct. 3*)

Muhlenberg, Henry Melchior [1711-**October 7, 1787**] "The Father of American Lutheranism," Muhlenberg helped organize the scattered Lutheran churches of colonial America through his zeal for the Gospel and administrative skills. He preached ecumenism. His eldest son, John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg, was ordained in London by an Anglican bishop so he could serve both Lutheran and Anglican parishes in Maryland and Virginia. Later, he became a general in Washington's army during the Revolution. A second son, Frederick Augustus Conrad Muhlenberg, was a member of the First Continental Congress, and grandfather of William Augustus Muhlenberg. (*Oct. 7*)

Muhlenberg, William Augustus *in LFF, with Anne Ayers* [Jan. 3, 1816-**Feb 9, 1896**] Founder of the first religious sisterhood in the Episcopal Church (The Sisters of the Holy Communion) who worked at St. Luke's Hospital, NYC. She worked with William Augustus Muhlenberg, as his close associate and later became his first biographer. (*April 8*)

Muir, John [1838-**Dec. 24, 1914**] American naturalist and writer born in Scotland, but educated in Wisconsin. His interest in nature was infused with his Christianity. His

efforts preserved Yosemite as a national park, and he is greatly responsible for many national conservation policies.

with Hudson Stuck [Nov. 11, 1863-**Oct. 11, 1920**] Priest, missionary to Alaska and environmentalist, Stuck immersed himself the cultures of indigenous tribes and worked to preserve the Alaskan wilderness from overdevelopment. (*April 22, Earth Day*)

Naud (or Neau), Elie [1661- **September 7, 1722**] A Huguenot passionate about Christianity, Naud was exiled from his native France under the Edict of Nantes. He moved to Boston, and commanded a ship. Captured by the French, he was condemned to the galleys, and eventually incarcerated in the infamous Chateau d’If. He could have been freed merely by conforming to Catholicism, yet refused. After twenty-two months of imprisonment, he returned to New York City where he attended the Huguenot parish, Saint Esprit (now part of the Episcopal Diocese of New York). Naud became a catechist for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel and conformed to the Church of England in 1705. He worked for ecumenical cooperation among the churches of the area, and was a missionary among slaves. He opened a “ragged school” for the children of slaves and Native Americans. He is a much-loved poet among Francophones, and the author of fifty-two hymns in French. (*Sept. 7*)

Newman, John Henry [1801-**February 21, 1890**] Anglican, then Catholic theologian, author and poet with a gift for blending traditional and modern thought. (*Feb. 21*)

Occom, Samson [1723-**July 14, 1792**] The son of a Mohegan Indian woman who had converted to Christianity, Occom was educated by Eleazar Wheelock who was so encouraged by Occom’s scholarship that he decided to found a school for Native Americans. Occom was sent to England to raise money for the project (he became the first Native American to preach there), only to discover on his return, that Wheelock had decided to educate whites instead. Later, Occom helped found the Brotherton Community of Indians in Oneida, NY (1786). His preaching was admired by Jonathan Edwards. (*July 14*)

Passavant, William [Oct. 9, 1821-**Jan. 3, 1894**] Social Reformer. As a Lutheran pastor, Passavant saw a need to emulate Theodore Fliedner’s German deaconess program in the United States. He established the first Deaconess Hospital in Allegheny. Eventually, he traveled through the upper Midwest, founding hospitals and orphanages. He also established a synod, and helped found Thiel College in Greenville, Pennsylvania and the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chicago (1891). His influence helped the spread of the deaconess movement to both the Episcopal and Methodist churches. (*Jan. 3*)

Perkins, Frances [Apr. 10, 1880-**May 13, 1965**] Advocate for social justice and Secretary of Labor in FD Roosevelt cabinet, Perkins was the first woman cabinet member. Inspired by her Christian convictions, she believed in “the special vocation of the laity to conduct and carry on the worldly and secular affairs of modern society...in order that all men may be maintained in health and decency.” (*May 13*)

Phoebe *see Lydia, Dorcas and Phoebe*

Pioneers of the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil [1890] In 1890, Lucien Lee Kinsolving and James Watson Morris were sent as Episcopal missionaries to Brazil. The following year, they were joined by three other American missionaries. These five, along with six Brazilians, are now celebrated as the founders of the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil. In 1899, Kinsolving became its first bishop, and it was declared a missionary district of The Episcopal Church in 1907. In 1965, it became an autonomous province of the Anglican Communion. The Brazilian calendar commemorates this feast from June 1 to June 7 each year. (*June 7*)

Porres, Martin de [1579-Nov. 3, 1639] Religious. The son of a Spanish knight and a black Panamanian freewoman, he was born in Lima, Peru, and joined the Third Order of St. Dominic when he was 15. As almoner, he became known for his charitable work among the poor, especially with slaves. He became a noted spiritual advisor, unusual for a lay person of that time. He is regarded as the patron saint of race relations, and John XXIII said he should be invoked as a patron for social justice [appears in Church of England calendar].

with Rosa de Lima [1586-August 23, 1617] Patron of the poor. Exceedingly beautiful, Rosa (baptized Isabel) was to be used as a pawn in her family's failing fortunes. They planned to marry her off to a rich man. To prevent this, she disfigured herself, but then helped her family by taking in sewing and also by gardening. Eventually, she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic, and became a recluse. Later, however, she began to do works of mercy for the poorest of the poor—Indians and slaves. She was the first saint of the New World to be canonized.

and Toribio de Mogrovejo [1538-March 23, 1606] Bishop. Born in Spain, he became Bishop of Lima. He founded the first seminary in the New World, covered his diocese on foot, and confirmed many significant people from the early days of Christianity in Peru, including Martin de Porres and Rosa de Lima. (*Aug. 23*)

Purcell, Henry *see Bach*

Quintard, Charles Todd [Dec. 22, 1824-February 15, 1898] Bishop of Tennessee and educator, he was instrumental in rebuilding the University of the South after the Civil War. He believed in making the Church “a refuge for all—the lame, halt and blind as well as the rich.” He opposed plans to segregate African Americans into their own congregations and opposed pew rents. (*Feb. 16*)

Ramabai, Pandita Mary [1858-April 5, 1922] Indian Christian and social reformer. Widowed at 23, she became sensitized to the plight of widows and orphans in the Hindu caste system, and the need for women's rights. After studying the gospel with Anglican missionary nuns, she converted to Christianity because Scripture seemed to her the purest expression of human equality. Nonetheless, she refused to work for the conversion of Hindus. (*April 5*)

Rauschenbusch, Walter [1861-**July 25, 1918**] Foremost theological exponent of the Social Gospel. His experiences as a Baptist pastor in New York's notorious Hell's Kitchen convinced him that preaching personal salvation was not enough, and emphasis should be placed on Jesus's preaching of the Kingdom of God.

with **Washington Gladden** [February 11, 1836-**July 2, 1918**] Congregational minister and leader of the Progressive Movement, he founded *The American Independent*, an influential paper for causes associated with rights for the working poor and for its anti-corruption stand. He was instrumental in exposing the infamous Tweed Ring in NYC. Author of the hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" and a prolific author.

and **Jacob Riis** [1849-**May 26, 1914**] Journalist, photographer and social reformer. His book of photos and essays, *How the Other Half Lives*, portraying the tenements of New York City, persuaded Mayor Theodore Roosevelt to close the police poor houses and encouraged widespread improvement of living conditions among the poor of the city. (July 2)

Righteous Gentiles, The (Rescuers of Jews during WW2: Raoul Wallenberg [Swedish, d. 1947] Hiram Bingham IV [d. 1988, American]; Karl Lutz [d. 1975, Swiss]; C. Sujihara [Japanese]; Andre Trocme [French]. Originally proclaimed by Israel for their service. (July 16)

Richard Rolle [295- **Sept. 29, 1349**] English hermit, mystical writer and poet.

with **Walter Hilton** (d. 1396, date unknown) English mystic, Augustinian canon and author of "The Ladder of Perfection," (some have also attributed "The Cloud of Unknowing" to him)

and **Margery Kempe** [c.1373-1438] laywoman, mother of 14, who after being a successful businesswoman, became a mystic under influence of Hilton and Brigit of Sweden, and wrote an autobiography describing her life, pilgrimages and visions. (Sept. 28)

Roberts, John [1853-1949] Welsh Anglican missionary, who came to the Wind River mission in Wyoming in 1883. He founded schools among the Shoshone and Arapaho peoples so that children might be educated. Roberts translated most of The Book of Common Prayer into Arapaho and served among native peoples for 66 years. He worked closely with Chief Washakie [c. 1804-1900] of the Shoshone people, whom he converted from Mormonism to the Episcopal Church. He also claimed to have buried Sakajawea who, he said, had returned to her people after the Lewis and Clark Expedition. (Feb. 25)

Rosa de Lima *see* *Porres*

Rossetti, Christina [1830-**December 29, 1894**] One of the most celebrated poets of her day, she was the most talented member of an artistic Anglo-Italian family. A devout Anglican, she also wrote books on spirituality. Author of the hymn "In the bleak midwinter." (April 27)

Rublev, Andrei [c. 1365-c. 1430, **date of death unknown**] Russian Orthodox monk and icon painter. (Jan. 29)

Sasaki, Paul Shinji, Bishop of Tokyo, Japan [1885-1946] and Philip Lendel Tsen Bishop of Honan, China [d. June 6, 1954] Sasaki was a bishop of Nippon Sei Ko Kai (the Anglican Church in Japan) who endured much persecution for his beliefs. In 1937, Tsen and Sasaki attended the 1937 Synod in Canada where they publicly bore witness to the unity among Asian Christians despite the Sino-Japanese war. Sasaki was tortured and imprisoned by the Japanese government in 1944. Bishop Tsen was raised by American missionaries, but after his priestly ordination became involved with a Canadian mission group. He helped sustain the people of his district during the bitter war with Japan. At the end of WW2, he became the leader of the Chinese Anglican Church. Returning from the 1948 Lambeth meeting, he was placed under house arrest by the Communist government. (*Oct. 31*)

Seton, Elizabeth Ann [Aug. 28, 1774-January 4, 1821] Social reformer. Born to a wealthy, New York socialite family, the death of family members, including her husband, made her seek a religious calling. Because no such opportunity existed in the Episcopal Church of her day, she became a Roman Catholic and founded a school in Maryland run by the religious order she had begun—the American Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph. Mother Seton was the first native-born saint canonized by the Roman Catholic Church in North America. (*Jan. 4*)

Shaftsbury, Anthony Ashley Cooper, 7th Earl of Shaftsbury [1801-October 1, 1885] In Parliament, he passed landmark legislation regulating working conditions in mines for women and children, and the terrible conditions under which little boys worked as chimney sweeps. He devoted his life to fighting injustice and opposed the slave trade. He was a man of prayer whose notebooks are filled with his spiritual reflections. *with William Wilberforce, July 30, LFF (July 30)*

Shoemaker, Samuel [Dec. 27, 1893-Jan 31, 1963] Priest and co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous, he was an effective evangelist and promoted the use of small groups. (*Jan. 31*)

Söderblom, Nathan [1866-July 12, 1931] Lutheran archbishop of Uppsala, Sweden, he was the chief promoter of the “Life and Work” ecumenical movement where Churches cooperated in their mission to the world. His theological works argue that holiness is the basis of religion and encouraged the liturgical revival among Lutherans. (*July 12*)

Stowe, Harriet Beecher [June 14, 1811-July 1, 1896] Author and abolitionist, Stowe came from a prominent Calvinist family, but her growing dissatisfaction with its harsh tenants led her to join the Episcopal Church (her grandmother had been an Episcopalian). Stowe’s writing was influenced by the BCP. Some of her later novels portray the Episcopal Church of her time. (*July 1*)

Stuck, Hudson *see Muir*

Studdert Kennedy, Geoffrey Anketell [1883-March 8, 1929] Anglican priest, poet and military chaplain known as “Woodbine Willie” for his custom of handing out that brand of cigarettes to the troops during WW1. A popular theological writer, he was instrumental in the founding of the “Industrial Christian Fellowship” to promote social justice. His poems remain in many anthologies. (*March 8*)

Tallis, Thomas *see* *Byrd*

Teilhard de Chardin, Pierre [May 1, 1881-April 10, 1955] Jesuit theologian, paleontologist and mystic, Teilhard explored ways in which matter and spirit might ultimately evolve to converge as in Christ’s incarnation. (*April 10*)

Traherne, Thomas [c. 1636-September 27, 1674] British metaphysical poet and divine whose most famous work, *Centuries of Meditations*, was only discovered in the 20th century. It treats the mystical bond between God and creation, and ethics. (*Sept. 27*)

Trasher, Lillian [Sept. 27, 1887-Dec. 17, 1961] Lillian Trasher worked in an orphanage as a teenager. Two weeks before her marriage, she attended a lecture by a missionary, broke off her engagement and decided to volunteer for mission work. She and her sister went to Egypt. A dying mother left her baby in Trasher’s care. Her missionary community expelled her and Trasher became a beggar to support herself and the child. She traveled around on a donkey, soliciting alms for her child and for other needy people. Originally scorned by the Muslim community, she gradually earned their respect. The Assemblies of God took her on and put her in charge of other orphans. By 1915, she supervised 50 children. 8 years later, she had 300. The Lillian Trasher Orphanage still exists and claims to be the world’s largest. (*Dec. 19*)

Tsen, Phillip Lendel *see* *Sasaki*

Tyndale, William [?1494-October 6, 1536] English Reformer and Bible translator. Unlike earlier English translators, Tyndale translated from the Hebrew and Greek into a vigorous language that remains the basis of AV, RSV and NRSV phrasing to this day. *with Miles Coverdale*, [1488-1568, February 19, date of burial] He translated the “Great Bible,” whose psalms remains the basis for the BCP Psalter. (*Oct. 6*)

Vincent de Paul [1576-Sept. 27, 1660] Founder of the Vincentians, secular priests dedicated to training of parish work among the rural poor. Also founded the Daughters of Charity: “Their convent is the sickroom, their chapel the parish church, their cloister the streets of the city.” Established many charitable projects including hospitals, orphanages and ministry to prisoners. (*Sept. 27*)

Watts, Isaac [1647-November 25, 1748] Nonconformist author of many hymns still in use today. (*Nov. 26*)

Weiser, Conrad [Nov. 2, 1696-July 13, 1760] Weiser’s family emigrated to the United States (Pennsylvania) from Germany when he was in his teens. At 17, he went to live

among the Indians for 8 months and learn their language and culture. The authorities in Philadelphia made him an official liaison with the native peoples because of his understanding of the Iroquois language and customs. Weiser often found himself resolving disputes not just among settlers and natives but among the tribes, themselves. He also helped resolve disputes among Lutherans and was an early ecumenist. He became the father-in-law of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. When Weiser died, an Iroquois chief said, “We are at a great loss and sit in darkness...as since his death we cannot so well understand one another.” (*July 13*)

Williams, Roger [?1599-1683, date unknown. Arrived in America for the first time on February 5, 1631, and is celebrated by some on that day] Champion of religious freedom, he emigrated to the Massachusetts Bay Colony, but was eventually expelled. He settled in Rhode Island where he founded Providence Plantation. He worked with the local Native American tribes and preached religious toleration.

with **Anne Hutchinson**, [1591-Aug. 26, 1643] Prophet and defender of women’s rights, she emigrated to Boston in search of religious freedom but fell afoul of the Puritan authorities and was banished to Rhode Island where, with Roger Williams, she became the one of the first founders of the colony. In 1642, she left for Long Island with six of her children where she was massacred by a local tribe. (*Feb. 5*)

Winkworth, Catherine [September 13, 1827-July 1, 1878] As John Mason Neale produced translations of the ancient Latin hymns for hymnals in English, Winkworth’s *Lyra Germanica* introduced superior translations of the great hymns of the German Renaissance to us. Nine of her translations remain in the 1982 Hymnal. (*Aug. 7*)

Wright, Elizabeth Evelyn *see Cooper*

Wu, Daniel G. C. [1883-April 6, 1956] Pioneer Church planter for Asian Americans, came to the United States from China in 1907 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1913. He founded True Sunshine Chinese Mission and the Church of Our Savior, both in the San Francisco area. Wu’s ministry with Chinese immigrants helped form devout, worshipping communities and also eased their passage into the New World. (*Apr. 6*)

Wyclif, John [c. 1329-December 31, 1384] Later called “The Morning Star of the Reformation,” he believed all pious people have the right to read and interpret Scripture for themselves. His teaching influenced two early translations of the Bible into English (from the Vulgate—Latin Bible). The popular legend that he was their translator is discredited. (*Oct. 30*)

von Zinzendorf, Count Nicolaus Ludwig [1700-May 9, 1760] Founder of the *Herrnhuter Brüdergemeinde* or Moravian Brotherhood. A reformer of the Holiness Movement, who believed in “religion of the heart,” and worked to infuse new life into Protestant orthodoxy. (*May 10*)