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and Other Rites  
and Ceremonies of the Church

Together with The Psalter or Psalms of David

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# The Ratification of the Book of Common Prayer (1789)

By the Bishops, the Clergy, and the Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in Convention, this Sixteenth Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Nine.

This Convention having, in their present session, set forth *A Book of Common Prayer, and Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church*, do hereby establish the said Book: And they declare it to be the Liturgy of this Church: And require that it be received as such by all the members of the same: And this Book shall be in use from and after the First Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

# Preface

It is a most invaluable part of that blessed “liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free,” that in his worship different forms and usages may without offense be allowed, provided the substance of the Faith be kept entire; and that, in every Church, what cannot be clearly determined to belong to Doctrine must be referred to Discipline; and therefore, by common consent and authority, may be altered, abridged, enlarged, amended, or otherwise disposed of, as may seem most convenient for the edification of the people, “according to the various exigency of times and occasions.”

The Church of England, to which the Protestant Episcopal Church in these States is indebted, under God, for her first foundation and a long continuance of nursing care and protection, hath, in the Preface of her Book of Common Prayer, laid it down as a rule, that “The particular Forms of Divine Worship, and the Rites and Ceremonies appointed to be used therein, being things in their own nature indifferent, and alterable, and so acknowledged; it is but reasonable that upon weighty and important considerations, according to the various exigency of times and occasions, such changes and alterations should be made therein, as to those that are in place of Authority should, from time to time, seem either necessary or expedient.”

The same Church hath not only in her Preface, but likewise in her Articles and Homilies, declared the necessity and expediency of occasional alterations and amendments in her Forms of Public Worship; and we find accordingly, that, seeking to keep the happy mean between too much stiffness in refusing, and too much easiness in admitting variations in

things once advisedly established, she hath, in the reign of several Princes, since the first compiling of her Liturgy in the time of Edward the Sixth, upon just and weighty considerations her thereunto moving, yielded to make such alterations in some particulars, as in their respective times were thought convenient; yet so as that the main body and essential parts of the same (as well in the chiefest materials, as in the frame and order thereof) have still been continued firm and unshaken

Her general aim in these different reviews and alterations hath been, as she further declares in her said Preface, to do that which, according to her best understanding, might most tend to the preservation of peace and unity in the Church; the procuring of reverence, and the exciting of piety and devotion in the worship of God; and, finally, the cutting off occasion, from them that seek occasion, of cavil or quarrel against her Liturgy. And although, according to her judgment, there be not any thing in it contrary to the Word of God, or to sound doctrine, or which a godly man may not with a good conscience use and submit unto, or which is not fairly defensible, if allowed such just and favourable construction as in common equity ought to be allowed to all human writings; yet upon the principles already laid down, it cannot but be supposed that further alterations would in time be found expedient. Accordingly, a Commission for a review was issued in the year 1689: but this great and good work miscarried at that time; and the Civil Authority has not since thought proper to revive it by any new Commission.

But when in the course of Divine Providence, these American States became independent with respect to civil government, their ecclesiastical independence was necessarily included; and the different religious denominations of Christians in these States were left at full and equal liberty to model and organize their respective Churches, and forms of worship, and discipline, in such manner as they might judge most convenient for their future prosperity; consistently with the constitution and laws of their country.

The attention of this Church was in the first place drawn to those alterations in the Liturgy which became necessary in the prayers for our Civil Rulers, in consequence of the Revolution. And the principal care herein was to make them conformable to what ought to be the proper end of all such prayers, namely, that “Rulers may have grace, wisdom,

and understanding to execute justice, and to maintain truth;” and that the people “may lead quiet and peaceable lives, in all godliness and honesty.”

But while these alterations were in review before the Convention, they could not but, with gratitude to God, embrace the happy occasion which was offered to them (uninfluenced and unrestrained by any worldly authority whatsoever) to take a further review of the Public Service, and to establish such other alterations and amendments therein as might be deemed expedient.

It seems unnecessary to enumerate all the different alterations and amendments. They will appear, and it is to be hoped, the reasons of them also, upon a comparison of this with the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England. In which it will also appear that this Church is far from intending to depart from the Church of England in any essential point of doctrine, discipline, or worship; or further than local circumstances require.

And now, this important work being brought to a conclusion, it is hoped the whole will be received and examined by every true member of our Church, and every sincere Christian, with a meek, candid, and charitable frame of mind; without prejudice or prepossessions; seriously considering what Christianity is, and what the truths of the Gospel are; and earnestly beseeching Almighty God to accompany with his blessing every endeavour for promulgating them to mankind in the clearest, plainest, most affecting and majestic manner, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour.

*Philadelphia, October, 1789*

# Concerning the Service of the Church

The Holy Eucharist, the principal act of Christian worship on the Lord's Day and other major Feasts, and Daily Morning and Evening Prayer, as set forth in this Book, are the regular services appointed for public worship in the Church.

In addition to these services and the other rites contained in this Book, other forms set forth by authority within this Church may be used. Also, subject to the direction of the bishop, special devotions taken from this Book, or from Holy Scripture, may be used when the needs of the congregation so require.

For special days of fasting or thanksgiving, appointed by civil or Church authority, and for other special occasions for which no service or prayer has been provided in this Book, the bishop may set forth such forms as are fitting to the occasion.

In all services, the entire Christian assembly participates in such a way that the members of each order within the Church, lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons, fulfill the functions proper to their respective orders, as set forth in the rubrical directions for each service.

The leader of worship in a Christian assembly is normally a bishop or priest. Deacons by virtue of their order do not exercise a presiding function; but, like lay persons, may officiate in the Liturgy of the Word, whether in the form provided in the Daily Office, or (when a bishop or priest is not present) in the form appointed at the Eucharist. Under exceptional circumstances, when the services of a priest cannot be obtained, the bishop may, at discretion, authorize a deacon to preside

at other rites also, subject to the limitations described in the directions for each service.

In any of the Proper Liturgies for Special Days, and in other services contained in this Book celebrated in the context of a Rite One service, the contemporary idiom may be conformed to traditional language.

Hymns referred to in the rubrics of this Book are to be understood as those authorized by this Church. The words of anthems are to be from Holy Scripture, or from this Book, or from texts congruent with them.

On occasion, and as appropriate, instrumental music may be substituted for a hymn or anthem.

Where rubrics indicate that a part of a service is to be “said,” it must be understood to include “or sung,” and *vice versa*.

When it is desired to use music composed for them, previously authorized liturgical texts may be used in place of the corresponding texts in this Book.

Scriptural citations in this Book, except for the Psalms, follow the numeration of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

# The Calendar of the Church Year

The Church Year consists of two cycles of feasts and holy days: one is dependent upon the movable date of the Sunday of the Resurrection or Easter Day; the other, upon the fixed date of December 25, the Feast of our Lord’s Nativity or Christmas Day.

Easter Day is always the first Sunday after the full moon that falls on or after March 21. It cannot occur before March 22 or after April 25.

The sequence of all Sundays of the Church Year depends upon the date of Easter Day. But the Sundays of Advent are always the four Sundays before Christmas Day, whether it occurs on a Sunday or a weekday. The date of Easter also determines the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, and the feast of the Ascension on a Thursday forty days after Easter Day.

## 1. Principal Feasts

The Principal Feasts observed in this Church are the following:

Easter Day	All Saints’ Day, <i>November 1</i>
Ascension Day	Christmas Day, <i>December 25</i>
The Day of Pentecost	The Epiphany, <i>January 6</i>
Trinity Sunday	

These feasts take precedence of any other day or observance. All Saints’ Day may always be observed on the Sunday following November 1, in addition to its observance on the fixed date.



## 2. Sundays

All Sundays of the year are feasts of our Lord Jesus Christ. In addition to the dated days listed above, only the following feasts, appointed on fixed days, take precedence of a Sunday:

The Holy Name  
The Presentation  
The Transfiguration

The feast of the Dedication of a Church, and the feast of its patron or title, may be observed on, or be transferred to, a Sunday, except in the seasons of Advent, Lent, and Easter.

All other Feasts of our Lord, and all other Major Feasts appointed on fixed days in the Calendar, when they occur on a Sunday, are normally transferred to the first convenient open day within the week. When desired, however, the Collect, Preface, and one or more of the Lessons appointed for the Feast may be substituted for those of the Sunday, but not from the Last Sunday after Pentecost through the First Sunday after the Epiphany, or from the Last Sunday after the Epiphany through Trinity Sunday.

With the express permission of the bishop, and for urgent and sufficient reason, some other special occasion may be observed on a Sunday.

## 3. Holy Days

The following Holy Days are regularly observed throughout the year. Unless otherwise ordered in the preceding rules concerning Sundays, they have precedence over all other days of commemoration or of special observance:

### *Other Feasts of Our Lord*

The Holy Name	Saint John the Baptist
The Presentation	The Transfiguration
The Annunciation	Holy Cross Day
The Visitation	

### *Other Major Feasts*

All feasts of Apostles	Saint Mary the Virgin
All feasts of Evangelists	Saint Michael and All Angels
Saint Stephen	Saint James of Jerusalem
The Holy Innocents	Independence Day
Saint Joseph	Thanksgiving Day
Saint Mary Magdalene	

### *Fasts*

Ash Wednesday	Good Friday
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Feasts appointed of fixed days in the Calendar are not observed on the days of Holy Week or of Easter Week. Major Feasts falling in these weeks are transferred to the week following the Second Sunday of Easter, in the order of their occurrence.

Feasts appointed on fixed days in the Calendar do not take precedence of Ash Wednesday.

Feasts of our Lord and other Major Feasts appointed on fixed days, which fall upon or are transferred to a weekday, may be observed on any open day within the week. This provision does not apply to Christmas Day, the Epiphany, and All Saints' Day.

## 4. Days of Special Devotion

The following days are observed by special acts of discipline and self-denial:

Ash Wednesday and the other weekdays of Lent and of Holy Week, except the feast of the Annunciation.

Good Friday and all other Fridays of the year, in commemoration of the Lord's crucifixion, except for Fridays in the Christmas and Easter seasons, and any Feasts of our Lord which occur on a Friday.

## 5. Days of Optional Observance

Subject to the rules of precedence governing Principal Feasts, Sundays,

and Holy Days, the following may be observed with the Collects, Psalms, and Lessons duly authorized by this Church:

Commemorations listed in the Calendar

Other Commemorations, using the Common of Saints

The Ember Days, traditionally observed on the Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays after the First Sunday in Lent, the Day of Pentecost, Holy Cross Day, and December 13.

The Rogation Days, traditionally observed on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Ascension Day

Various Occasions

Provided, that there is no celebration of the Eucharist for any such occasion on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday; and provided further, that none of the Propers appointed for Various Occasions is used as a substitute for, or as an addition to, the Proper appointed for the Principal Feasts.

## January

1	A	<b>The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b>
2	b	
3	c	
4	d	
5	e	
6	f	<b>The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b>
7	g	
8	A	
9	b	Julia Chester Emery, 1922
10	c	William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645
11	d	
12	e	Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167
13	f	Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, 367
14	g	
15	A	
16	b	
17	c	Antony, Abbot in Egypt, 356
18	d	<b>The Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle</b>
19	e	Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095
20	f	Fabian, Bishop and Martyr of Rome, 250
21	g	Agnes, Martyr at Rome, 304
22	A	Vincent, Deacon of Saragossa, and Martyr, 304
23	b	Phillips Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts, 1893
24	c	
25	d	<b>The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle</b>
26	e	Timothy and Titus, Companions of Saint Paul
27	f	John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, 407
28	g	Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Friar, 1274
29	A	
30	b	
31	c	

## February

- 1 d Brigid (Bride), 523  
2 e **The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple**  
3 f Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg,, Missionary to  
Denmark and Sweden, 865  
4 g Cornelius the Centurion  
5 A The Martyrs of Japan, 1597  
6 b  
7 c  
8 d  
9 e  
10 f  
11 g  
12 A  
13 b Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818  
14 c Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop, Missionaries  
to the Slavs, 869, 885  
15 d Thomas Bray, Priest and Missionary, 1730  
16 e  
17 f  
18 g Martin Luther, 1546  
19 A  
20 b  
21 c  
22 d  
23 e Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr of Smyrna, 156  
24 f **Saint Matthias the Apostle**  
25 g  
26 A  
27 b George Herbert, Priest, 1633  
28 c  
29

## March

- 1 d David, Bishop of Menevia, Wales, c. 544  
2 e Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, 672  
3 f John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791, 1788  
4 g  
5 A  
6 b  
7 c Perpetua and Her Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 202  
8 d  
9 e Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, c. 394  
10 f  
11 g  
12 A Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604  
13 b  
14 c  
15 d  
16 e  
17 f Patrick, Bishop and Missionary of Ireland, 461  
18 g Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, 386  
19 A **Saint Joseph**  
20 b Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 687  
21 c Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1711  
14 22 d James De Koven, Priest, 1879  
3 23 e Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop and Missionary of  
Armenia, c. 332  
24 f  
11 25 g **The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**  
26 A  
19 27 b Charles Henry Brent, Bishop of the Philippines, and of  
Western New York, 1929  
8 28 c  
29 d John Keble, Priest, 1866  
16 30 e  
5 31 f John Donne, Priest, 1631

## April

	1	g	Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, 1872
13	2	A	James Lloyd Breck, Priest, 1876
	2	3	Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253
	4	c	Martin Luther King, Jr., Civil Rights Leader, 1968
10	5	d	
	6	e	
18	7	f	
	7	8	William Augustus Muhlenberg, Priest, 1877
		9	A Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1945
15	10	b	William Law, Priest, 1761
4	11	c	George Augustus Selwyn, Bishop of New Zealand, and of Lichfield, 1878
	12	d	
12	13	e	
1	14	f	
	15	g	
9	16	A	
17	17	b	
6	18	c	
	19	d	Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Martyr, 1012
	20	e	
	21	f	Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109
	22	g	
	23	A	
	24	b	
	25	c	<b>Saint Mark the Evangelist</b>
	26	d	
	27	e	
	28	f	
	29	g	Catherine of Siena, 1380
	30	A	

## May

	1	b	<b>Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles</b>
	2	c	Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, 373
	3	d	
	4	e	Monnica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387
	5	f	
	6	g	
	7	A	
	8	b	Dame Julian of Norwich, c. 1417
	9	c	Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, 389
10	d		
11	e		
12	f		
13	g		
14	A		
15	b		
16	c		
17	d		
18	e		
19	f		Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, 988
20	g		Alcuin, Deacon, and Abbot of Tours, 804
21	A		
22	b		
23	c		
24	d		Jackson Kemper, First Missionary Bishop in the United States, 1870
25	e		Bede, the Venerable, Priest, and Monk of Jarrow, 735
26	f		Augustine, First Archbishop of Canterbury, 605
27	g		
28	A		
29	b		
30	c		
31	d		<b>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>

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

## June

1	e	Justin, Martyr at Rome, c. 167
2	f	The Martyrs of Lyons, 177
3	g	The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886
4	A	
5	b	Boniface, Archbishop of Mainz, Missionary to Germany, and Martyr, 754
6	c	
7	d	
8	e	
9	f	Columba, Abbot of Iona, 597
10	g	Ephrem of Edessa, Syria, Deacon, 373
11	A	<b>Saint Barnabas the Apostle</b>
12	b	[Enmegahbowh, Priest and Missionary, 1902]
13	c	
14	d	Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379
15	e	Evelyn Underhill, 1941
16	f	Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham, 1752
17	g	
18	A	Bernard Mizeki, Catechist and Martyr in Rhodesia, 1896
19	b	
20	c	
21	d	
22	e	Alban, First Martyr of Britain, c. 304
23	f	
24	g	<b>The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist</b>
25	A	
26	b	
27	c	
28	d	Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, c. 202
29	e	<b>Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles</b>
30	f	

## July

1	g	
2	A	
3	b	
4	c	<b>Independence Day</b>
5	d	
6	e	
7	f	
8	g	
9	A	
10	b	
11	c	Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Casino, c. 540
12	d	
13	e	
14	f	
15	g	
16	A	
17	b	William White, Bishop of Pennsylvania, 1836
18	c	
19	d	Macrina, 379
20	e	Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, Sojourner Truth, and Harriet Ross Tubman
21	f	
22	g	<b>Saint Mary Magdalene</b>
23	A	
24	b	Thomas a Kempis, Priest, 1471
25	c	<b>Saint James the Apostle</b>
26	d	The Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
27	e	William Reed Huntington, Priest, 1909
28	f	
29	g	Mary and Martha of Bethany
30	A	William Wilberforce, 1833
31	b	Ignatius of Loyola, 1556

## August

- 1 c Joseph of Arimathaea
- 2 d
- 3 e
- 4 f
- 5 g
- 6 A **The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ**
- 7 b John Mason Neale, Priest, 1866
- 8 c Dominic, Priest and Friar, 1221
- 9 d
- 10 e Lawrence, Deacon, and Martyr at Rome, 258
- 11 f Clare, Abbess at Assisi, 1253
- 12 g [Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910]
- 13 A Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down, Connor, and Dromore, 1667
- 14 b Jonathan Myrick Daniels, 1965
- 15 c **Saint Mary the Virgin, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ**
- 16 d
- 17 e
- 18 f William Porcher DuBose, Priest, 1918
- 19 g
- 20 A Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153
- 21 b
- 22 c
- 23 d
- 24 e **Saint Bartholomew the Apostle**
- 25 f Louis, King of France, 1270
- 26 g
- 27 A Thomas Gallaudet, 1902, and Henry Winter Syle, 1890
- 28 b Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, 430
- 29 c
- 30 d
- 31 e Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 651

## September

- 1 f David Pendleton Oakerhater, Deacon and Missionary, 1931
- 2 g The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942
- 3 A
- 4 b Paul Jones, 1941
- 5 c
- 6 d
- 7 e
- 8 f
- 9 g Constance, Nun, and her Companions, 1878
- 10 A Alexander Crummel, 1898
- 11 b
- 12 c John Henry Hobart, Bishop of New York, 1830
- 13 d Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr of Carthage, 258
- 14 e **Holy Cross Day**
- 15 f
- 16 g Ninian, Bishop in Galloway, c. 430
- 17 A Hildegard of Bingen, 1170
- 18 b Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882
- 19 c Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690
- 20 d John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1971
- 21 e **Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**
- 22 f
- 23 g
- 24 A
- 25 b Sergius, Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, 1392
- 26 c Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626
- 27 d
- 28 e
- 29 f **Saint Michael and All Angels**
- 30 g Jerome, Priest, and Monk of Bethlehem, 420

## October

1	A	Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, c. 530
2	b	
3	c	
4	d	Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226
5	e	
6	f	William Tyndale, Priest, 1536
7	g	
8	A	
9	b	Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, 1253
10	c	
11	d	[Philip, Deacon and Evangelist]
12	e	
13	f	
14	g	Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, Bishop of Shanghai, 1906
15	A	Teresa of Avila, Nun, 1582
16	b	Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, Bishops, 1555, and Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1556
17	c	Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, and Martyr, c. 1115
18	d	<b>Saint Luke the Evangelist</b>
19	e	Henry Martyn, Priest and Missionary to India and Persia, 1812
20	f	
21	g	
22	A	
23	b	<b>Saint James of Jerusalem, Brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and Martyr, c. 62</b>
24	c	
25	d	
26	e	Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, 899
27	f	
28	g	Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles
29	A	James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1885
30	b	
31	c	

## November

1	d	<b>All Saints</b>
2	e	Commemoration of All Faithful Departed
3	f	Richard Hooker, Priest, 1600
4	g	
5	A	
6	b	
7	c	Willibrord, Archbishop of Utrecht, Missionary to Frisia, 739
8	d	
9	e	
10	f	Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, 461
11	g	Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397
12	A	Charles Simeon, Priest, 1836
13	b	
14	c	Consecration of Samuel Seabury, First American Bishop, 1784
15	d	
16	e	Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093
17	f	Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200
18	g	Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680
19	A	Elizabeth, Princess of Hungary, 1231
20	b	Edmund, King of East Anglia, 870
21	c	
22	d	
23	e	Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100
24	f	
25	g	James Otis Sargent Huntington, Priest and Monk, 1935
26	A	
27	b	
28	c	Kamehameha and Emma, King and Queen of Hawaii, 1864, 1885
29	d	
30	e	<b>Saint Andrew the Apostle</b>

## December

1	f	Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637
2	g	Channing Moore Williams, Missionary Bishop in China and Japan, 1910
3	A	
4	b	John of Damascus, Priest, c. 760
5	c	Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c. 210
6	d	Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 342
7	e	Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397
8	f	
9	g	
10	A	
11	b	
12	c	
13	d	
14	e	
15	f	
16	g	
17	A	
18	b	
19	c	
20	d	
21	e	<b>Saint Thomas the Apostle</b>
22	f	
23	g	
24	A	
25	b	<b>The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Day</b>
26	c	<b>Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr</b>
27	d	<b>Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist</b>
28	e	<b>The Holy Innocents</b>
29	f	Thomas Becket, 1170
30	g	
31	A	

## The Titles of the Seasons Sundays and Major Holy Days observed in this Church throughout the Year

### *Advent Season*

The First Sunday of Advent  
The Second Sunday of Advent  
The Third Sunday of Advent  
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

### *Christmas Season*

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Day, *December 25*  
The First Sunday after Christmas Day  
The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, *January 1*  
The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

### *Epiphany Season*

The Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, *January 6*  
The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord  
Jesus Christ  
The Second Sunday through the Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany  
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

### *Lenten Season*

The First Day of Lent, or Ash Wednesday  
The First Sunday in Lent  
The Second Sunday in Lent  
The Third Sunday in Lent  
The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

### *Holy Week*

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday  
Monday in Holy Week



Tuesday in Holy Week  
Wednesday in Holy Week  
Maundy Thursday  
Good Friday  
Holy Saturday

*Easter Season*

Easter Eve  
The Sunday of the Resurrection, or Easter Day  
Monday in Easter Week  
Tuesday in Easter Week  
Wednesday in Easter Week  
Thursday in Easter Week  
Friday in Easter Week  
Saturday in Easter Week  
The Second Sunday of Easter  
The Third Sunday of Easter  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Ascension Day  
The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day  
The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

*The Season After Pentecost*

The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday  
The Second Sunday through the Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
The Last Sunday after Pentecost

*Holy Days*

Saint Andrew the Apostle, *November 30*  
Saint Thomas the Apostle, *December 21*  
Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr, *December 26*  
Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist, *December 27*  
The Holy Innocents, *December 28*  
The Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle, *January 18*

The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle, *January 25*  
The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple,  
also called the Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin, *February 2*  
Saint Matthias the Apostle, *February 24*  
Saint Joseph, *March 19*  
The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
to the Blessed Virgin Mary, *March 25*  
Saint Mark the Evangelist, *April 25*  
Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles, *May 1*  
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, *May 31*  
Saint Barnabas the Apostle, *June 11*  
The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, *June 24*  
Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles, *June 29*  
Saint Mary Magdalene, *July 22*  
Saint James the Apostle, *July 25*  
The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, *August 6*  
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, *August 15*  
Saint Bartholomew the Apostle, *August 24*  
Holy Cross Day, *September 14*  
Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, *September 21*  
Saint Michael and All Angels, *September 29*  
Saint Luke the Evangelist, *October 18*  
Saint James of Jerusalem, Brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and Martyr, *October 23*  
Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles, *October 28*  
All Saints' Day, *November 1*

*National Days*

Independence Day, *July 4*  
Thanksgiving Day