

THE FESTAL OFFICE

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Introduction

There is something immensely satisfying about the stark simplicity of Evensong from *The Book of Common Prayer* as the staple diet of the choral foundation of an English Cathedral. There is a restraint and an austerity about it that enables it not to tire despite its daily use. Few changes are made to what Cranmer intended - the penitential introduction may be omitted on the majority of days, an office hymn setting the scene by articulating the season, feast or hour may precede the psalms, the final prayers may introduce variety not found in the Prayer Book. But, for the most part, Prayer Book Evensong really is what it says and, many would believe, cannot be bettered.

Yet there are occasions when the office needs to be turned into something of a celebration, most often in relation to a feast or festival. Certain days need to be marked out by special features that proclaim “Today is different” without destroying the daily rhythm or the integrity of the office. Most often this is by the celebration of a “Festal Evensong”, which is a wonderfully imprecise term, allowing deans and precentors to introduce a great variety of additional ceremonies and texts, or “Solemn Evensong”, which usually implies the use of incense.

Such a service is not always on a feast day itself. As far as Sunday festivals are concerned, it probably will be, for the principal Eucharist of the day will have been in the morning. But, for a weekday festival, cathedrals have the opportunity to replace Evensong with a brief Sung Eucharist on the feast itself and to have any Festal Evensong on the eve of the feast. The convention of a “first Evensong” has a long history. The 1980 provisions allowed for only one Evensong of a feast and thus a first Evensong on the eve has disappeared in many places. But Common Worship is more encouraging of a first Evensong. Indeed for principal feasts (other than Christmas and Easter) it is mandatory and it is an option for festivals, with psalm, readings and Magnificat antiphon provided.

The special features of a Festal Evensong, whether on the eve or the feast, will often include, of course, the use of more festal garments (most often the clergy in copes) and the presence of servers bearing processional cross and candles. But what variations in the text and the movements of Evensong might be part of such a Festal Evensong?

Preces and Responses

One possibility is that, instead of entering the stalls to begin the office, the cantor and choir should sing the opening Preces and Responses from another, more distant, part of the building, and then enter during the singing of the office hymn (plainsong coming gradually nearer is always highly effective in a great building), led by the cross and lights and, may be, incense. As part of such a custom, a choir might keep one or two sets of responses, more acclamatory in style, for use on these festal occasions, marking these days out as different.

Lucenarium

An alternative start is the *Lucenarium*, especially if Evensong is really near dusk or after dark. *The Promise of His Glory* set out ways of doing this, and some texts, and *Common Worship* Evening Prayer on Sunday at least hints at something like it, by providing a Thanksgiving for the Light (on page 40), a note commending *Phos Hilaron* as a suitable opening hymn (on page 58) and two texts of it, one of which is the John Keble translation used by Charles Wood (“Hail! gladdening light”) on page 783.

The Promise of His Glory is much more helpful (pp 9ff). The light may be “a large candle (especially in Eastertide the Paschal Candle), or a cluster of candles, set near the Lectern, or the candles on the Holy Table”. It could also be the Paschal Candle where it stand at the font in another part of the building, the choir and ministers gathering there for the *Lucenarium*, which the congregation hears in the distance, those in the procession then moving to the stalls carrying lighted candles.

The order provides for (a) Sentences of Scripture celebrating Light, (b) the Bringing in of Light and a Versicle & Response, the singing of a version of *Phos Hilaron* and a prayer of Blessing and Thanksgiving for the Light, traditionally a diaconal song. A number of seasonal forms are provided and there are more in *Enriching the Christian Year*, though work needs to be done in setting these for the deacon or cantor. The *Lucenarium* concludes with either a psalm, 141 or 134 (with or without incense), or a prayer. Evensong then continues with the psalms of the day, the opening Preces and Responses almost inevitably having been omitted. Here is a festal opening to the office that provides a dramatic beginning. A choir would need to bring into its repertoire a

number of different musical versions of *Phos Hilaron*. In addition to the two texts in *Common Worship*, there is also the Robert Bridges translation, “O gladsome light, O grace of God the Father’s face”. Choreography also plays its part, whether the candle is in a distant part of the cathedral or within the space being used for worship, the ministers and, if possible, the choir itself need to gather around it to acclaim the light.

Introit?

A word needs to be said about the custom of singing a motet right at the beginning of the service before ever the office begins. Although some may think this over-purist, this paper proceeds on the assumption that the words “O Lord, open thou our lips” should, if at all possible, be the very first words, or at least the first sung words, of the service. A fine anthem and cascades of alleluias sung as an Introit somewhat deprive “O Lord, open thou our lips” of its meaning. Where there is to be a second motet or anthem, it will usually be better at the end of service (see below) than at the beginning. However, if the case for an Introit is successfully made, at very least it should happen from another part of the building and be separated from the Preces by both movement and silence or instrumental music.

Hymnody

Some cathedrals always have a hymn at Evensong - it is the one time in the service when the whole congregation can sing. Others have a hymn only on festivals as a way of marking these as special days. Quite apart from the opportunity for those other than the choir to sing, a hymn can give flavour to the service by indicating mood, emphasis and theme. There can still be found places where this “office hymn” is placed after the first reading and before *Magnificat*. This is quite destructive of the shape of the office that moves very naturally from psalmody to Old Testament scripture and then to a canticle (*Magnificat*) that bridges Old and New in the Song of Mary and leads naturally to the New Testament reading, to which *Nunc Dimittis* becomes an appropriate response of faith. This sequence should not be interrupted by hymnody. But, if the hymn is placed between the Preces and the psalmody, it does stamp each day with its particular character effectively. Of course there is also the option of a hymn later, after the office proper, but by that stage it cannot serve to introduce and articulate what is to be celebrated in the service. *Common Worship* Evening Prayer puts the hymn at the end of the Preparation before the psalms.

Antiphons to the Canticles

It may be argued that one of the complications from which the Prayer Book delivered Anglicans was the use of antiphons before and after psalms and canticles. For all that they give unchanging texts a certain seasonal variety, their use every day could be a distraction from the essential simplicity of Evensong. But there is a case for their use to mark out festival days, either in relation to the *Magnificat* only or in relation to both *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis*. For most cathedrals the only experience at present (and only in relation to the *Magnificat*) is the series of antiphons in the run-up to Christmas, the Great Advent Antiphons, or “Great O’s”. They would need to be very simple, so that they could stand happily on either side of a wide range of settings of the canticles, and their language would need to accord with the Prayer Book texts. Some cathedrals would discover appropriate texts from their own medieval provision, though, more contemporarily, *Common Worship* Evening Prayer provides a set, and this is one of the points where the Prayer Book tradition may happily draw on *Common Worship*, in the way the compilers hoped would happen.

Procession

Once Evensong has run almost to its end, a festival may be marked by a processional hymn. Processions ought always to be going somewhere, moving from A to B, never setting out from A only to return to A in a fairly pointless walk-about. A procession should always have a sense of pilgrimage and therefore it is always a procession to a holy place. At its most simple the procession may be a movement from the stalls where the office has been sung to the altar and the sanctuary, where final prayers are offered. Even then it is good if it can be a procession of the whole congregation, not only of the robed ministers. Processions are to be walked, not watched, even if the congregational element introduces a note of untidiness into the liturgy.

But a procession needs not always be simply to the high altar, however much that may be the norm. A cathedral with a number of chapels will develop customs in relation to these, whereby each provides the destination on certain days of the year. The Christmas crib, the Easter garden, the font, the founder’s tomb, a statue, an icon or even the open door may also be appropriate ending places for the procession. But every cathedral

needs to look at this individually; the history, geography and hagiography of each building is distinct.

On some great feasts, there may be a more complex procession, with one or more “stations”, pausing at each for prayer. At Christmas, for instance, a procession might pause both at a statue of the Virgin and at the crib. At Easter, it might have a station at both the font and the Easter garden, and procession might be led by a minister bearing the paschal candle. At Pentecost it might end at the open door, celebrating the truth that the Spirit is in the world, not trapped in the Church, and also that the commission is to preach the gospel in the world outside. There are many possibilities, but there needs to be a clear theological and liturgical rationale, rather than an apparently aimless holy hike around the building.

The Final Stages of the Liturgy

The procession has arrived in the sanctuary or at some other final destination. What is to happen then? There are three likely elements: (1) A Reading, (2) A Motet and (3) Final Prayers. These are discussed in the following sections.

Reading

The most likely final reading is a Gospel Reading and this can be read with Gospel responses, attended by candles, and in other ways similar to the Gospel Reading at the Eucharist. *The Promise of His Glory* (pp 40f) provides for a ‘Gospel Acclamation’ on Saturday evenings and at the end of an evening service before any great festival. One of two six-line responsories leads into the Gospel Reading, after which there follows a hymn or canticle before final prayers. *The Promise of His Glory* assumes the gospel reading of the feast itself, read on the eve of the feast as part of the preparation. This is not the only possibility. On a day when the gospel of the day has only been heard at a morning said celebration of the Eucharist, at which few of those at Evensong have been present, it may be appropriate to use the gospel of the day at the end of Evensong on the feast itself, rather than on its eve. Or it may be appropriate to use another gospel passage, different from the one used at the Eucharist. What will be needed quite often is some adjustment to the lectionary provision that will ensure that the Second Lesson at Evensong is from Acts, the Epistles or Revelation, in order to save a passage from the Gospels for this climax to the service.

Of course the reading at this point does not need necessarily to be from scripture. Non-biblical readings have to be introduced with great sensitivity; they can so easily sound out of place. Length is also important. A Homily of St Augustine, a meditation of St Anselm or the account of the martyrdom of St Perpetua may seem fine when the minister has sat in stall or study selecting it. At the end of a procession, with the entire congregation standing and about to stand also through a choir motet, it may turn out to be inappropriately long or complex. But there are readings, poems, especially, that can be appropriate, especially if they help focus on a statue, icon or other object. Nathaniel Wanley's poem, "The offerings of the eastern kings . . .", for instance, meets the need at the end of a procession to the crib at Epiphany and, rather like a good office hymn, tells the gospel story through a different genre.

Motet

A musical response to the reading is appropriate. It provides an opportunity for a second anthem at Evensong, perhaps contrasting in style with that at an earlier point in the service, almost certainly *a cappella*, sometimes providing not much more than a momentary reflection on the reading.

The alternative, but almost certainly only rarely, is a *Te Deum Laudamus* at this point. This surely ought to be reserved for principal feasts, and probably not all of these, but clearly it provides a great climax to the worship of a great festival. With the decline of Morning Prayer, even in many cathedrals, the opportunities to sing the *Te Deum* are limited, and here is an opportunity to restore it.

If neither of these happen and if there is no final reading and prayer at the end of a procession, a second motet might be appropriate as the very last words of the service when the choir have moved to another space, probably that where they began before they processed into the choir. In other words what we might facetiously call an "extroit" makes more sense than an introit at Evensong.

Final Prayers

After the Reading and a motet, the liturgy needs to conclude with a Collect, perhaps preceded by a Versicle and Response, followed by a Blessing and, if it is the custom, a sung Dismissal. The exit should be accomplished by the shortest route, if possible not returning the way the procession has just come, and with minimal fuss. After a major procession, the withdrawal of the choir and ministers does not want to seem to be another procession. In relation to the prayers, the Collect will need to be different from that used during the Office. Where *The Book of Common Prayer* provision and the traditional language collect in *Common Worship* are entirely different, the second collect can come from these sources. Otherwise, where local provision has not been made, Frank Colquhoun's original *Parish Prayers* is a good source of material still. Blessings, whether 'solemn' or 'simple' abound.

Incense

Cathedrals vary in their use of incense. In general there seems to have been a decrease in its regular use, week in week out, in the life of the Church, but an increase in its use on special occasions and in a variety of ways.

'Solemn Evensong' has traditionally meant the censuring of the altar at the *Magnificat* and the thurible carried at the head of the procession. It may sometimes have meant also the censuring of crib, statue or other object at a station during the procession or at the end of it. The censuring of the altar at the *Magnificat* is somewhat problematic. It is copied from Roman Solemn Vespers, but in that rite the *Magnificat* leads into the time of prayer, concluding with the collect. Indeed the censuring happens at that point in order to prepare for prayer and so that the incense rises as the prayer is offered. But in Prayer Book Evensong, the *Magnificat* is followed, not by the prayers, but by the Second Lesson and then the *Nunc Dimittis*. If the altar is to be censured, it would better to do it during that latter canticle.

However, if some of the suggestions here are followed, there may be a better way. If incense is to be used, it may be brought in at the head of the entrance procession, it may burn before the altar throughout the service, it may be used to honour the Book of the Gospels if a gospel reading is part of the concluding rite and, when there is the singing

of the *Te Deum*, that is the point when the altar and sanctuary might be honoured with incense before the Final Prayers.

A Festal Order

Not all these ideas need to be followed and some may be reserved for principal days.

Nevertheless it is useful to set out the sequence in its fullest form:

1. *Opening Responses or Lucernarium*
2. *Hymn*
3. *Psalms*
4. *Reading from the Old Testament*
5. *Magnificat with Antiphons*
6. *Reading from the New Testament*
7. *Nunc Dimittis*
8. *Prayer Book provision from Creed to Collects*
9. *Anthem*
10. *(Prayers, Hymn, Sermon)*
11. *Processional Hymn*
12. *Gospel or other Reading*
13. *Motet (or Te Deum)*
14. *Versicle & Response, Collect, Blessing*
15. *Exit and possible Motet (if not at 13 above)*
16. *Dismissal*

The Naming of Jesus

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, judge of all earth:
thy word endures for ever in heaven.
Yet in the stillness of midnight
the almighty Word
leapt down from his royal throne
and was born in the likeness of men.
In him, the Word made flesh, was life,
a life that is the light of men:
it brings to light what is hidden in dark
and the darkness will never quench it.
Rejoice in the light, ye people of God.
For by his light shall the nations walk
till at the name of Jesus every knee shall now
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God the Father.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

Thou hast done great things, O God,
and holy is thy name.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

1st E

Jeremiah 23.1-6

Colossians 2.8-15

Luke 2.15-21*

2nd E

Deuteronomy 30.11-20

Acts 3.1-6

Luke 2.15-21* or Matthew 1.20-23

** the gospel of the day*

Final Prayers

Thou hast given him a name which is above every name;
That at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.

Almighty God,
who hast taught us
that in the name of Jesus Christ alone is salvation:
mercifully grant that they faithful people,
ever glorying in his name,
may make thy salvation known to all the world;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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The Epiphany

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe:
thine be the glory and praise for ever!
From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.
When the time had fully come,
thine unconquered Son of Righteousness
in whom the fullness of thy glory dwells
called us out of darkness into his own marvellous light.
Thou gavest him as a light to the nations,
and by the out-pouring of his anointing Spirit
thou dost establish us as thy royal priesthood.
According to the riches of his glory
may we be strengthened through his Spirit
that, rooted and grounded in love,
our lives may be a witness to thy truth,
and our lips never cease to proclaim thy praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen in whom my soul delights;
the anointed one on whom my Spirit rests.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

1st E

Isaiah 49.1-13
Ephesians 1.3-14
Matthew 2.1-12*

2nd E

Baruch 4.36-5.9 or Isaiah 60.1-9
Hebrews 1
Matthew 2.1-12* or John 2.1-11

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Final Prayers

Arise, shine, for thy light has come;
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

O Lord our God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
grant that we, who with the wise men
have been drawn by thy light,
may discern the glory of thy presence in thy Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The Baptism of Christ

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Sovereign God, joyful Trinity,
one God in the dance of holy light,
three persons in the perfect unity of love,
unchanging in being, active in mercy.
Foreshadowed in the anointing of David,
thy mystery was made manifest in the baptism of Jesus.
The Son took his stand with sinners;
the Spirit led him to the service of the cross.
The reign of peace dawns in our darkness;
the fellowship of love is opened for all.
Light of the city that is to come,
fountain of beauty, source of all joy,
blessed art thou, eternal God, Holy and undivided Trinity
Blessed be God for ever.

*Enriching the Christian Year
(altered)*

Magnificat Antiphon

Draw waters from the wells of salvation,
for Christ our Lord has made creation holy.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

First and Second Lessons as set, but add Gospel (choice of 3)

Final Prayers

I saw water flowing from the threshold of the temple;
wherever the river flows everything will spring to life.

O Lord of all time and eternity,
who in the baptism of Jesus thy beloved Son
didst open the heavens
and didst reveal thyself as Father:
by the power of thy Spirit
make perfect the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Common Worship Post Communion

The Conversion of Paul

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe:
thine be the glory and praise for ever!
We rejoice in the glorious splendour of thy majesty.
For thou hast given us a share
in the inheritance of the saints in light.
In the darkness of this passing age
thy saints proclaim the glory of thy kingdom.
Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards that city of eternal light
where they sing the triumphal song.
Open our eyes to behold thy glory
and free our tongues to join our songs with theirs;
for great and wonderful are thy deeds,
O Lord God almighty,
just and true are thy ways, O king of the ages.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

On the foundation stones of the heavenly city
are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three office reading

1st E

Isaiah 49.1-13

Acts 22.3-16

Matthew 19.27-30*

2nd E

Ecclesiasticus 39.1-10 or Isaiah 56.1-8

Colossians 1.24-2.7

Matthew 19.27-30* or Mark 16.15-18

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Final Prayers

I am sending thee to open the eyes of the Gentiles;
that they may be turned from darkness to light.

Almighty Saviour,
who didst call thy servant Paul to be an apostle to the gentiles:
we beseech thee to illumine the world
with the radiance of the gospel of thy grace
committed to his trust,
that all nations may worship thee
and acknowledge thee to be the Lord;
who art with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Parish Prayers

The Presentation of Christ

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe:
thine be the glory and praise for ever!
Thou art our light and our salvation
and we thy children wait for thy loving kindness
in the midst of thy temple.
In thy Christ, born of the Virgin Mary,
there has sprung up a light for the righteous
and joyful gladness for those who are faithful.
As we, like Simeon and Anna, welcome him with joy,
presented before us as light of all the world,
may we be filled with his Spirit and made a living temple
to the praise and glory of thy holy name.
Blessed be God for ever.

*Enriching the Christian Year
(altered)*

Magnificat Antiphon

Simeon held the child in his arms, and beheld his salvation;
Anna gave thanks unto God and proclaimed her redeemer.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

1st E

1 Samuel 1.19b-28
Hebrews 4.11-16
Luke 2.22-40*

2nd E

Haggai 2.1-9
Hebrews 10.1-10
Luke 2.22-40* or John 2.18-22

** the gospel of the day*

Final Prayers

We have waited, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness
in the midst of thy temple;
**open me the gates of righteousness,
and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

Almighty Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ was presented in the temple
and acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations:
grant that in him we may be presented to thee
and in the world may reflect his glory;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

ASB 1980 (altered)

Joseph

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe:
thine be the glory and praise for ever!
In the beginning thou didst lay the foundations of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of thy hands;
yet in thy tender compassion
thou visitest us with thy salvation.
For when the time had fully come
thou didst send forth thy Son, born of a woman,
to bring light to those who sit in darkness,
who walk in the shadow of death.
He is the first-born of all creation,
the offspring of David;
he is the bright and morning star.
In him the light shines on;
the darkness is put to flight.
So we thy people, beholding thy glory,
join the praises of earth and heaven:
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

Joseph of Nazareth went up to Bethlehem,
to be taxed, with Mary, his espoused wife,
who was great with child. [Alleluia.]

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

1st E

Hosea 11.1-9

1 Peter 3.1-7

Matthew 1.18-25*

2nd E

Genesis 50.22-26

1 Peter 1.8-12

Matthew 1.18-25* or Matthew 2.13-23

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Joseph (cont.)

Final Prayers

Joseph, son of David, fear not to take Mary to be thy wife. [Alleluia.]
for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. [Alleluia.]

Heavenly Father,
whose Son grew in wisdom and stature
in the home of Joseph the carpenter of Nazareth
and on the wood of the cross
perfected the work of the world's salvation:
grant us, strengthened by this celebration,
to count the wisdom of this world as foolishness,
and to walk with him in simplicity of faith;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

*Common Worship Post Communion
(altered)*

The Annunciation

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe:
thine be the glory and praise for ever!
In the greatness of thy mercy thou didst choose the Virgin Mary
to be the mother of thy only Son.
In her obedience the day of our redemption has dawned
when by the over-shadowing of thy Holy Spirit
he took our flesh and dwelt in the darkness of her womb.
In her your glory shines as in the burning bush,
and so we call her blessed with every generation.
With her we rejoice in thy salvation
and ponder in our hearts the mystery of thy love.
As now we join our prayers with hers, blessed among all women,
create in us a heart of love obedient to thy will.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

Mary received the word of the Lord
and conceived the Word of life. [Alleluia.]

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

First and Second Lessons as set, but add Gospel (Luke 1.26-38)

Final Prayers

The angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary, [Alleluia,]
and she conceived by the Holy Ghost. [Alleluia.]

Heavenly Father,
who didst choose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised Saviour:
fill us thy servants with thy heavenly grace,
that in all things we may embrace thy holy will
and with her rejoice in thy salvation;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Common Worship Post Communion for Advent 4

Easter Day

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Sovereign God, conqueror of death,
thy light invades the places of darkness,
restores sight and joy to the blind,
and summons those enslaved by death to walk free in hope.
For us Jesus poured out his life like water
and lay bound in the dusk of death.
In his rising a new world is created,
where light, goodness and joy spring forth.
The rule of sin is broken for ever;
love and truth drive out hatred and folly;
a new humanity is clothed with thy love
and sings with hope of beauty to come.
Joy of those who walk in darkness,
destroyer of death, hope of resurrection,
blessed art thou, Sovereign God, light of the world.
Blessed be God for ever.

*Enriching the Christian Year
(altered)*

Magnificat Antiphon

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. Alleluia.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

<i>E Year A</i>	<i>Year B</i>	<i>Year C</i>
Song of Solomon 3.2-5;8.6-7	Ezekiel 37.1-14	Isaiah 43.1-21
Revelation 1.12-18	Colossians 3.1-4	1 Corinthians 15.1-11
Matthew 28.1-10* or John 20.11-18	Mark 16.1-8* or Luke 24.13-35	Luke 21.1-12* or John 20.19-23.

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Final Prayers

The Lord is risen from the dead, Alleluia.
who for our sake hung upon the tree. Alleluia.

O Lord, who by triumphing over the power of darkness
prepared our place in the new Jerusalem:
grant that we,
who have this day given thanks for thy resurrection,
may praise thee in the city where thou art the light;
for there with the Father and the Holy Spirit
thou livest and reignest,
now and for ever.

Lent, Holy Week, Easter

George

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Sovereign God, source of light,
giver of all things good.
In thy presence wisdom has prepared a feast;
she calls the foolish to leave the way of darkness;
she welcomes us with truth and goodness.
In Jesus thy light has shone out;
his cross has brought peace to the sinful.
Thy Spirit has opened our hearts;
with George and all the saints we share thy light.
Refuge of the weary, hope of the dying,
blessed art thou, Sovereign God, light in the darkness.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

Those who gave up their lives for Christ and followed in the Way
rejoice with God now and for ever. Alleluia.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

1st E

Jeremiah 15.15-21

Hebrews 11.32-12.2

John 15.18-21*

2nd E

Isaiah 43.1-7

1 Peter 4.12-19

John 15.18-21* or John 15.1-8

** the gospel of the day*

Final Prayers

They overcame the dragon by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony. Alleluia.
And they loved not their lives unto the death. Alleluia.

Almighty God,
by whose grace and power thy holy martyr George
triumphed over suffering and despised death:
grant, we beseech thee, that enduring hardness
and waxing valiant in fight,
we may with the noble army of martyrs
receive the crown of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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Mark

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe:
thine be the glory and praise for ever!
We rejoice in the glorious splendour of thy majesty.
For thou hast given us a share
in the inheritance of the saints in light.
In the darkness of this passing age
thy saints proclaim the glory of thy kingdom.
Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards that city of eternal light
where they sing the triumphal song.
Open our eyes to behold thy glory
and free our tongues to join our songs with theirs;
for great and wonderful are thy deeds,
O Lord God almighty,
just and true are thy ways, O king of the ages.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

On the foundation stones of the heavenly city
are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb. Alleluia.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

1st E

Isaiah 52.7-10

2 Timothy 3.14-17

Mark 13.5-13* or Mark 1.1-15

2nd E

Ezekiel 1.4-14

2 Timothy 4.1-11

Mark 13.5-13* or Mark 1.1-15

** the gospel of the day*

Final Prayers

My tongue is the pen of a ready writer. Alleluia.

I speak of the things that I have made unto the King. Alleluia.

*Either the Prayer Book Collect or the Common Worship Traditional Language
Collect, whichever has not been used earlier*

Philip and James

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe:
thine be the glory and praise for ever!
We rejoice in the glorious splendour of thy majesty.
For thou hast given us a share
in the inheritance of the saints in light.
In the darkness of this passing age
thy saints proclaim the glory of thy kingdom.
Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards that city of eternal light
where they sing the triumphal song.
Open our eyes to behold thy glory
and free our tongues to join our songs with theirs;
for great and wonderful are thy deeds,
O Lord God almighty,
just and true are thy ways, O king of the ages.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

On the foundation stones of the heavenly city
are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb. Alleluia.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

1st E

Isaiah 40.27-31

James 1.19-27

John 14.1-14* or John 12.20-26

2nd E

Job 23.1-12

James 5.7-11

John 14.1-14* or John 43.-51

** the gospel of the day*

Final Prayers

Christ is the way, the truth and the life, Alleluia.
The resurrection and the life of all the faithful. Alleluia.

Almighty God,
who didst give to thine apostles Philip and James
grace and strength to bear witness to the truth;
grant that we, being mindful of their victory of faith,
may glorify in life and death the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Source unknown

Matthias

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe:
thine be the glory and praise for ever!
We rejoice in the glorious splendour of thy majesty.
For thou hast given us a share
in the inheritance of the saints in light.
In the darkness of this passing age
thy saints proclaim the glory of thy kingdom.
Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards that city of eternal light
where they sing the triumphal song.
Open our eyes to behold thy glory
and free our tongues to join our songs with theirs;
for great and wonderful are thy deeds,
O Lord God almighty,
just and true are thy ways, O king of the ages.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

On the foundation stones of the heavenly city
are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb. Alleluia.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

1st E

Isaiah 22.15-22

Philippians 3.13b-4.1

John 15.9-17* or Matthew 7.15-27

2nd E

1 Samuel 16.1-13a

Acts 2.38-end

John 15.9-17* or Matthew 7.15-27

** the gospel of the day*

Matthias (contd.)

Final Prayers

Matthias was added to the eleven apostles, Alleluia.
so that we might witness with them to Christ's resurrection. Alleluia.

Eternal God,
whose servant Matthias was chosen
to be an apostle of the Lord and a witness of his resurrection:
keep us, we beseech thee, faithful to the apostles teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

*Adapted from the Common Worship Post Communion for
Apostles*

Ascension Day

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Sovereign God, reigning in glory.
Cloud and deep darkness proclaim thy holiness;
radiant light shows forth thy truth.
Jesus has entered the cloud of thy presence;
he has taken his seat at the right hand of majesty.
Perfect sacrifice, he has put away sins.
Merciful high priest, he pleads for our weakness.
Evermore our brother, he prepares our place in heaven.
Ruler of all, he establishes thy reign.
Dawning light for the righteous, hope of sinners,
blessed art thou, Sovereign God, high over all.
Blessed be God for ever.

*Enriching the Christian Year
(altered)*

Magnificat Antiphon

I have manifested thy name to those whom thou gavest to me;
and now I pray for them, for I am coming to thee. Alleluia.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

<i>1st E</i>	<i>2nd E</i>
2 Samuel 23.1-5 2.1-15	Song of the Three 29-37 or 2 Kings
Colossians 2.20-3.4	Revelation 5
Luke 24.44-53* or Matthew 28.16-20	Luke 24.44-53* or Matthew 28.16-20
	<i>* the gospel of the day</i>

Final Prayers

God has gone up with the sound of rejoicing. Alleluia.
Sing praises, sing praises to our King. Alleluia.

O Almighty God,
whose blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things:
mercifully give us faith to perceive that,
according to his promise,
he abideth with his Church on earth,
even unto the end of the ages;
and liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Scottish Episcopal Church

The Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe:
thine be the glory and praise for ever!
In the greatness of thy mercy thou didst choose the Virgin Mary
to be the mother of thy only Son.
In her obedience the day of our redemption has dawned
when by the over-shadowing of thy Holy Spirit
he took our flesh and dwelt in the darkness of her womb.
In her your glory shines as in the burning bush,
and so we call her blessed with every generation.
With her we rejoice in thy salvation
and ponder in our hearts the mystery of thy love.
As now we join our prayers with hers, blessed among all women,
create in us a heart of love obedient to thy will.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

Mary gave birth to the word of God;
truly she is the ever-blessed Mother of Christ our Lord. [Alleluia.]

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

1st E

Song of Solomon 2.8-14

Acts 1.6-14

Luke 1.39-49* or Luke 1.26-38

2nd E

Zechariah 2.10-13

Galatians 4.4-7

Luke 1.39-49* or John 3.25-30

** the gospel of the day*

Final Prayers

Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. [Alleluia.]
Blessed the one who believed the promise of the Lord. [Alleluia.]

O God,
who didst lead the Blessed Virgin Mary to visit Elizabeth,
to their exceeding joy and comfort:
grant unto thy people,
that as Mary did rejoice to be called the mother of the Lord,
so they may ever rejoice to believe the incarnation
of thine only-begotten Son;
to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory,
now and for ever.

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Pentecost

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Sovereign God, overflowing in love.
Thy Holy Spirit hovered over the unformed world,
overshadowing Mary when the Word took flesh,
and made ready the cleansing sacrifice of Calvary
so that the grain of wheat died to bear much fruit.
With the harvest of Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.
now the flame of heaven rests on all believers;
with the new wine of the Spirit
they proclaim thine amnesty of love.
Amid the birth pains of the new creation
the way of light is made known.
Source of freedom, giver of life,
blessed are you, Sovereign God, light of the world.
Blessed be God for ever.

Enriching the Christian Year (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

How excellent is thy name in all the world,
thou hast set thy glory above the heavens. Alleluia.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

1st E

Deuteronomy 16.9-15

Acts 1.1-14

John 7.37-39

2nd E Year B

Ezekiel 36.22-38

Acts 2.22-38

John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15* or John 20.19-23

2nd E Year A

Joel 2.21-32

Acts 2.14-21(22-38)

John 20.19-23* or John 15.26-16.15

2nd E Year C

Exodus 33.7-20

2 Corinthians 3.14-18

John 14.8-17 or John 20.19-23

** the gospel of the day*

Pentecost (contd.)

Final Prayers

The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole universe. Alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord brings mighty things to pass. Alleluia.

O faithful God,
who didst fulfil the promise of Easter
by sending to us thy Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation the way of eternal life:
open our lips by the same Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of thy glory;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Common Worship Post Communion

Trinity Sunday

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Sovereign God, joyful Trinity,
one God in the dance of holy light,
three persons in the perfect unity of love,
unchanging in being, active in mercy.
Foreshadowed in the anointing of David,
thy mystery was made manifest in the baptism of Jesus.
The Son took his stand with sinners;
the Spirit led him to the service of the cross.
The reign of peace dawns in our darkness;
the fellowship of love is opened for all.
Light of the city that is to come,
fountain of beauty, source of all joy,
blessed art thou, eternal God, Holy and undivided Trinity
Blessed be God for ever.

Enriching the Christian Year (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

Blessed be the creator of all things;
thy holy and undivided Trinity.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

<i>1st E Year A</i>	<i>1st E Year B</i>	<i>1st E Year C</i>
Exodus 34.1-10	Isaiah 40.12-31	Isaiah 40.12-31
Romans 8.12-17	Romans 5.1-5	2 Corinthians 13.11-13
Mark 1.1-13	Mark 1.1-13	Mark 1.1-13
<i>2nd E Year A</i>	<i>2nd E Year B</i>	<i>2nd E Year C</i>
Isaiah 6.1-8	Ezekiel 1.4-10,22-28a	Exodus 3.1-15
Revelation 4	Revelation 4	Romans 8.12-17
Matt 28.16-20* or	John 3.1-17* or	John 16.12-15* or
John 16. 5-15	Matthew 28.16-20	John 3.1-17

** the gospel of the day*

Trinity Sunday (contd.)

Final Prayers

Let us bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Let us praise him, the holy and undivided Trinity, for ever.

Almighty and eternal God,
who hast revealed thyself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and dost ever live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know thee in all thy ways
and evermore rejoice in thy eternal glory;
who art three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.

Common Worship Post Communion

Corpus Christi

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Sovereign God, overflowing in love.
Thy Holy Spirit hovered over the unformed world,
overshadowing Mary when the Word took flesh,
and made ready the cleansing sacrifice of Calvary
so that the grain of wheat died to bear much fruit.
With the harvest of Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.
now the flame of heaven rests on all believers;
with the new wine of the Spirit
they proclaim thine amnesty of love.
Amid the birth pains of the new creation
the way of light is made known.
Source of freedom, giver of life,
blessed are you, Sovereign God, light of the world.
Blessed be God for ever.

Enriching the Christian Year (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

O sacred feast, in which Christ is received
and the memory of his passion is renewed:
our minds are filled with grace
and a pledge of future glory is given us.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

1st E

Exodus 16.2-15

Acts 2.43-47

John 6.51-58* or John 6.22-35

2nd E

Proverbs 9.1-5

Revelation 3.14-22

John 6.51-58* or Luke 9.11-17

** the gospel of the day*

Final Prayers

Thou gavest them bread from heaven,.
containing in itself all sweetness.

God our Father,
whose Son at table offered himself as the innocent Lamb,
and gave us a memorial of his passion until the end of time;
we beseech thee to feed thy people and strengthen them in holiness,
that thy family may live in the light of one faith
in one communion of love;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

David Silk

Barnabas

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe:
thine be the glory and praise for ever!
We rejoice in the glorious splendour of thy majesty.
For thou hast given us a share
in the inheritance of the saints in light.
In the darkness of this passing age
thy saints proclaim the glory of thy kingdom.
Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards that city of eternal light
where they sing the triumphal song.
Open our eyes to behold thy glory
and free our tongues to join our songs with theirs;
for great and wonderful are thy deeds,
O Lord God almighty,
just and true are thy ways, O king of the ages.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

On the foundation stones of the heavenly city
are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb.

Common Worship Lectons

adjusted for a three reading office

First and Second Lessons as set, but add Gospel (John 15.12-17)

Final Prayers

They called Barnabas “the son of encouragement”.
He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit.

*Either the Prayer Book Collect or the Common Worship Traditional Language
Collect, whichever has not been used earlier*

Birth of John Baptist

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe:
thine be the glory and praise for ever!
In the beginning thou didst lay the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of thy hands;
yet in thy tender compassion
thou dost visit us with thy salvation.
For when the time had fully come
thou didst send forth thy Son, proclaimed by John,
to bring light to those who sit in darkness,
who walk in the shadow of death,
and to guide their feet into the way of peace.
In him the light shines on;
the darkness is put to flight.
So we thy people, beholding thy glory,
join the praises of earth and heaven
as all creation shouts for joy.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

The child born of Elizabeth is more than a prophet,
for he will proclaim the way of the Lord.

Common Worship Lections *adjusted for a three reading office*

<i>1st E</i>	<i>2nd E</i>
Judges 13.2-7,24-25	Malachi 4
1 Peter 1.3-12	#Acts 13.14b-26 or Galatians 3.23-29
Luke 1.57-66,80* or Luke 1.5-25	Luke 1.57-66,80* or Matthew 2.11-

19

** the gospel of the day*
whichever is not used at the Eucharist

Birth of John Baptist (contd.)

Final Prayers

This child shall be great in the eyes of the Lord.
For the hand of the Lord is upon him.

Almighty and everlasting God,
whose servant and prophet John the Baptist
bore witness to the truth as a burning and shining lamp:
lead us, we beseech thee, to bear witness to thy Son
who is the eternal light and truth,
and liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Source Unknown

Peter and Paul

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe:
thine be the glory and praise for ever!
We rejoice in the glorious splendour of thy majesty.
For thou hast given us a share
in the inheritance of the saints in light.
In the darkness of this passing age
thy saints proclaim the glory of thy kingdom.
Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards that city of eternal light
where they sing the triumphal song.
Open our eyes to behold thy glory
and free our tongues to join our songs with theirs;
for great and wonderful are thy deeds,
O Lord God almighty,
just and true are thy ways, O king of the ages.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

On the foundation stones of the heavenly city
are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

<i>1st E</i>	<i>2nd E</i>
Ezekiel 3.4-11	Ezekiel 34.11-16
Galatians 1.13-2.8	Galatians 2.1-10
Matthew 16.13-19*	Matthew 16,13-19* or John 21.15-22

** the gospel of the day*

Final Prayers

God who made Peter an apostle to the Jews
also made Paul an apostle of the Gentiles.

Almighty God,
we give thee thanks for thy servants Peter and Paul,
leaders of thy Church and martyrs for thy name:
fill us like them with thy Holy Spirit
that we may follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
who endured the cross, despising the shame.
and is at thy right hand on high,
now and for ever.

New Zealand Prayer Book (altered)

Thomas

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe:
thine be the glory and praise for ever!
We rejoice in the glorious splendour of thy majesty.
For thou hast given us a share
in the inheritance of the saints in light.
In the darkness of this passing age
thy saints proclaim the glory of thy kingdom.
Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards that city of eternal light
where they sing the triumphal song.
Open our eyes to behold thy glory
and free our tongues to join our songs with theirs;
for great and wonderful are thy deeds,
O Lord God almighty,
just and true are thy ways, O king of the ages.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

On the foundation stones of the heavenly city
are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

First and Second Lessons as set, but add Gospel (John 20.24-29))

Final Prayers

Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed;
blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Almighty and everliving God,
who strengthened thy apostle Thomas
with faith in the resurrection of thy Son:
lead us into truth when doubts assail us
and make us faithful disciples of Jesus Christ our Risen Lord,
who with thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit,
liveth and reigneth, one God,
now and for ever.

Source unknown

Mary Magdalen

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Sovereign God, conqueror of death,
thy light invades the places of darkness,
restores sight and joy to the blind,
and summons those enslaved by death to walk free in hope.
For us Jesus poured out his life like water
and lay bound in the dusk of death.
In his rising a new world is created,
where light, goodness and joy spring forth.
The rule of sin is broken for ever;
love and truth drive out hatred and folly;
a new humanity is clothed with thy love
and sings with hope of beauty to come.
Joy of those who walk in darkness,
destroyer of death, hope of resurrection,
blessed art thou, Sovereign God, light of the world.
Blessed be God for ever.

Enriching the Christian Year

Magnificat Antiphon

Mary came and told the disciples
that she had seen the Lord.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

<i>1st E</i>	<i>2nd E</i>
Isaiah 25.1-9	Zephaniah 3.14-20
2 Corinthians 1.3-7	1 Peter 1.3-9
John 20.1-2,11-18*	John 20.1-2,11-18* or Mark 15.40-16.7

** the gospel of the day*

Final Prayers

Mary, do not weep; the Lord is risen.
Go to my brothers and tell them that I go before them.

Almighty and everliving God,
whose only begotten Son Jesus Christ
made Mary Magdalen the first herald of Easter joy:
grant that, following her example,
we may in this life proclaim the living Christ,
and in the world to come see him in his glory;
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Source unknown

James

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe:
thine be the glory and praise for ever!
We rejoice in the glorious splendour of thy majesty.
For thou hast given us a share
in the inheritance of the saints in light.
In the darkness of this passing age
thy saints proclaim the glory of thy kingdom.
Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards that city of eternal light
where they sing the triumphal song.
Open our eyes to behold thy glory
and free our tongues to join our songs with theirs;
for great and wonderful are thy deeds,
O Lord God almighty,
just and true are thy ways, O king of the ages.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

On the foundation stones of the heavenly city
are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

1st E

Deuteronomy 30.11-20

Acts 1.6-14

Matthew 20.20-28* or Mark 5.21-43

2nd E

Jeremiah 26.1-15

1 Corinthians 4.1-13

Matthew 20.20-28* or Mark 1.14-

20

** the gospel of the day*

James (contd.)

Final Prayers

The cup that I drink you shall drink also;
**and you shall be baptized with the baptism
with which I am baptized.**

Almighty God our heavenly Father,
whose servant James the apostle was obedient to the calling of thy Son
and drank of his cup of suffering in a martyr's death:
we beseech thee to keep us faithful till life shall end;
and grant us grace,
as those who have been baptized into Christ's death,
to tread with him the path of service and sacrifice;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Frank Colquhoun in Parish Prayers

The Transfiguration of our Lord

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Sovereign God, enthroned in majesty,
Giver of freedom, unveiler of light;
thy Spirit opens our eyes to thy glory,
uncovers the faces of those shamed by sin,
and wonderfully transforms the weakness of our nature
that we may bear the image of the risen Christ.
On the mount of transfiguration
thou didst bear witness to thy Son,
revealed the glory of his being,
the urgent authority of his teaching
and his call as the kingly servant
who would liberate thy people by his death.
In suffering the Spirit of glory rests upon us;
in worship the Spirit of love makes us free;
in the new age thy glory shall be shown forth in us.
Tender in mercy, awesome in holiness,
blessed art thou, Sovereign God, giver of glory.
Blessed be God for ever.

*Michael Vasey in Enriching the Christian
Year*

Magnificat Antiphon

It is good that we are here
and to behold the glory that is Christ.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

<i>1st E</i>	<i>2nd E</i>
Exodus 24.12-18	Exodus 34.29-35
Revelation 1.9-20	2 Corinthians 3
Luke 9.28-36* or John 12.27-36a	Luke 9.28-36*

** the gospel of the day*

The Transfiguration of our Lord (contd.)

Final Prayers

With glory and honour didst thou crown him.
Thou didst give him power over the work of thy hand.

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Common Worship Collect for Sunday before Lent

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe:
thine be the glory and praise for ever!
In the greatness of thy mercy thou didst choose the Virgin Mary
to be the mother of thy only Son.
In her obedience the day of our redemption has dawned
when by the over-shadowing of thy Holy Spirit
he took our flesh and dwelt in the darkness of her womb.
In her your glory shines as in the burning bush,
and so we call her blessed with every generation.
With her we rejoice in thy salvation
and ponder in our hearts the mystery of thy love.
As now we join our prayers with hers, blessed among all women,
create in us a heart of love obedient to thy will.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

Mary gave birth to the word of God;
truly she is the ever-blessed Mother of Christ our Lord.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

1st E

Proverbs 8.22-31

Revelation 21.1-7

Luke 1.46-55* or John 18.23-27

2nd E

Song of Solomon 2.1-7

Acts 1.6-14

Luke 1.46-55* or Luke 1.39-49

** the gospel of the day*

Final Prayers

I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God.
For he has robed me in the garments of salvation.

Almighty God,
who by thy grace called the blessed Virgin Mary
and opened for all the door of infinite mercy and light:
fill us with thy grace,
that, through out obedience and faith,
the world may rejoice in thy mercy
and walk in thy light;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The Promise of His Glory

Bartholomew

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe:
thine be the glory and praise for ever!
We rejoice in the glorious splendour of thy majesty.
For thou hast given us a share
in the inheritance of the saints in light.
In the darkness of this passing age
thy saints proclaim the glory of thy kingdom.
Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards that city of eternal light
where they sing the triumphal song.
Open our eyes to behold thy glory
and free our tongues to join our songs with theirs;
for great and wonderful are thy deeds,
O Lord God almighty,
just and true are thy ways, O king of the ages.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

On the foundation stones of the heavenly city
are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

<i>1st E</i>	<i>2nd E</i>
Isaiah 61.1-9	Ecclesiasticus 39.1-10 or Deuteronomy 18.15-19
2 Corinthians 6.1-10	Revelation 21.9-14
Luke 22.24-30*	Luke 22.24-30* or Matthew 10.1-22

** the gospel of the day*

Final Prayers

When all is made new and Christ is on the throne of his glory;
you will sit on twelve thrones to judge the tribes of Israel.

Almighty Lord and Father,
we beseech thee to strengthen us in that faith
with which Saint Bartholomew gave himself wholeheartedly
to Christ thy Son:
that thy Church may become the sign of salvation
for all the nations of the earth;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Source unknown

Holy Cross Day

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Sovereign God, gracious and merciful,
dealing gently with those who go astray,
and calling those in darkness into the light of thy presence.
In the path of suffering Jesus learned obedience;
With us as a brother he faced testing without sin;
on the wood of the cross he carried judgement for the world.
Merciful and faithful high priest in the realm of light,
he is strong to save all those who draw near through him.
Through the eternal Spirit he awakens us to serve thee.
Friend of sinners, healer of the nations,
blessed art thou, Sovereign God, who scatterest the darkness.
Blessed be God for ever.

*Michael Vasey in Enriching the Christian Year
(altered)*

Magnificat Antiphon

If thou wouldest come after me, thou must deny thyself
and take up thy cross and follow me.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

First and second lessons as set, but add Gospel (John 3.13-17)

Final Prayers

We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee;
because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory
before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we,
walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Common Worship Collect of Lent 3

Matthew

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe:
thine be the glory and praise for ever!
We rejoice in the glorious splendour of thy majesty.
For thou hast given us a share
in the inheritance of the saints in light.
In the darkness of this passing age
thy saints proclaim the glory of thy kingdom.
Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards that city of eternal light
where they sing the triumphal song.
Open our eyes to behold thy glory
and free our tongues to join our songs with theirs;
for great and wonderful are thy deeds,
O Lord God almighty,
just and true are thy ways, O king of the ages.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

On the foundation stones of the heavenly city
are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

1st E

Isaiah 33.13-17

Ephesians 4.1-7

Matthew 9.9-13* or Matthew 6.19-34

2nd E

Ecclesiastes 5.4-12

1 Timothy 6.6-19

Matthew 9.9-13* .19.16-30

** the gospel of the day*

Final Prayers

Their sound is gone out into all lands;
and their words unto the ends of the earth.

Heavenly Father,
who apostle and evangelist Matthew
witnessed to the gospel of thy Son our Saviour:
give us, we beseech thee, firm wills and ready hearts
that we like Matthew may obey the calling of our Lord
to follow him;
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Source unknown

Michael and all Angels

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Sovereign God, Lord of hosts,
hidden in the mystery of light,
ceaselessly adored by countless holy angels.
At creation the holy ones sang for joy;
the universe is filled with the messengers of thy glory.
The mysterious powers marvelled
when thou didst create a new people.
The rebellious powers could not penetrate
the secret wisdom of Calvary.
The fearsome enemies of life were disarmed
and led captive at the cross.
The hosts in glory watched
the world's deceiver fall from heaven.
With joy the angels welcome each returning sinner
and guard the path of all put their trust in thee.
Awesome in judgement, unlimited in mercy,
blessed art thou, Sovereign God, enthroned in light.
Blessed be God for ever.

*Michael Vasey in Enriching the Christian
Year*

Magnificat Antiphon

Then I saw an angel, soaring in the heavens,
with an eternal gospel to proclaim to all who live on the earth.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

<i>1st E</i>	<i>2nd E</i>
2 Kings 6.8-17	Daniel 10.4-21
Revelation 19.1-10	Revelation 5
John 1.47-51* or Matthew 18.1-6.10	John 1.47-51*

** the gospel of the day*

Final Prayers

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him;
and delivers them in their need.

Father in heaven,
send thy holy angels, we beseech thee,
to strengthen and support us in all times of our testing and trial,
that, the prince of darkness having no power over us,
we may live for thee and for thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Source unknown

Luke

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe:
thine be the glory and praise for ever!
We rejoice in the glorious splendour of thy majesty.
For thou hast given us a share
in the inheritance of the saints in light.
In the darkness of this passing age
thy saints proclaim the glory of thy kingdom.
Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards that city of eternal light
where they sing the triumphal song.
Open our eyes to behold thy glory
and free our tongues to join our songs with theirs;
for great and wonderful are thy deeds,
O Lord God almighty,
just and true are thy ways, O king of the ages.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

On the foundation stones of the heavenly city
are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

First and second lessons as set, but add gospel (Luke 10.1-9)

Final Prayers

How blest are those of a gentle spirit;
they shall have the earth for their possession.

Almighty God,
who didst inspire thy servant Luke
to set forth in the gospel the love and healing power of thy Son:
manifest, we beseech thee, in thy Church the same power and love,
to the healing of our bodies and our souls;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

American Prayer Book

Simon and Jude

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe:
thine be the glory and praise for ever!
We rejoice in the glorious splendour of thy majesty.
For thou hast given us a share
in the inheritance of the saints in light.
In the darkness of this passing age
thy saints proclaim the glory of thy kingdom.
Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards that city of eternal light
where they sing the triumphal song.
Open our eyes to behold thy glory
and free our tongues to join our songs with theirs;
for great and wonderful are thy deeds,
O Lord God almighty,
just and true are thy ways, O king of the ages.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

On the foundation stones of the heavenly city
are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

<i>1st E</i>	<i>2nd E</i>
Deuteronomy 32.1-4	1 Maccabees 2.42-66 or Jeremiah 3.11-18
Revelation 21.9-14	Jude 1-4,17-25
John 15.17-27* or John 14.15-26	John 15.17-27*

** the gospel of the day*

Simon and Jude (*contd.*)

Final Prayers

You are those who have continued with me in my trials;
you shall eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.

O God, who hast numbered thy servants Simon and Jude
among the glorious company of the apostles:
grant that as they were faithful and zealous in their mission,
so we may with ardent devotion give thee praise in their fellowship
and make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

American Prayer Book

All Saints' Day

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe:
thine be the glory and praise for ever!
We rejoice in the glorious splendour of thy majesty.
For thou hast given us a share
in the inheritance of the saints in light.
In the darkness of this passing age
thy saints proclaim the glory of thy kingdom.
Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards that city of eternal light
where they sing the triumphal song.
Open our eyes to behold thy glory
and free our tongues to join our songs with theirs;
for great and wonderful are thy deeds,
O Lord God almighty,
just and true are thy ways, O king of the ages.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

With one heart and voice, all the saints proclaim:
We praise thee, blessed Trinity, one God.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

First and Second Lessons as set, but add Gospel (choice of 3)

Final Prayers

The righteous live for evermore.
Their rewards also is with the Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God,
who hast kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints:
grant to us the same faith and power of love,
that as we rejoice in their triumphs,
so we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Common Worship Collect of 4 before Advent

Christ the King

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou Sovereign God,
our light and our salvation,
eternal creator of day and night,
to thee be glory and praise for ever.
Now, as darkness is falling,
hear the prayer of thy faithful people.
As we look for thy coming in glory,
wash away our transgressions,
cleanse us by thy refining fire
and makes us temples of thy Holy Spirit.
By the light of Christ,
dispel the darkness of our hearts
and make us ready to enter thy kingdom,
where songs of praise for ever sound.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Common Worship Daily Prayer

Magnificat Antiphon

God has given him dominion, glory and all sovereignty,
that all peoples and nations shall serve him.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

<i>1st E Year A</i>	<i>1st E Year B</i>	<i>1st E Year C</i>
Isaiah 10.33-11.9	Isaiah 10.33-11.9	Isaiah 10.33-11.9
1 Timothy 6.11-16	1 Timothy 6.11-16	1 Timothy 6.11-16
Matthew 25.31-46*	John 18.33-37*	Luke 23.33-43*
<i>2nd E Year A</i>	<i>2nd E Year B</i>	<i>2nd E Year C</i>
2 Samuel 23.1-7 or	Daniel 5	1 Samuel 8.4-20
1 Maccabees 2.15-29	Ephesians 1.15-23	Revelation 1.4b-8
Colossians 1.11-20	John 18.33-37* or	Luke 23.33-43* or
Matthew 25.32-46* or	John 6.1-15	John 18.33-37
Matthew 28.16-20		

* *the gospel of the day*

Christ the King (contd.)

Final Prayers

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David.

O Christ, the King of glory,
who through the everlasting gates didst ascend to thy Father's throne,
and open the kingdom of heaven to all believers:
grant that, whilst thou dost reign in heaven,
we may not be bowed down to the things of the earth,
but that our hearts may be lifted up
whither thou, our redemption, are gone before,
who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest,
one God, now and for ever.

Mozarabic Sacramentary

Andrew

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe:
thine be the glory and praise for ever!
We rejoice in the glorious splendour of thy majesty.
For thou hast given us a share
in the inheritance of the saints in light.
In the darkness of this passing age
thy saints proclaim the glory of thy kingdom.
Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards that city of eternal light
where they sing the triumphal song.
Open our eyes to behold thy glory
and free our tongues to join our songs with theirs;
for great and wonderful are thy deeds,
O Lord God almighty,
just and true are thy ways, O king of the ages.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

On the foundation stones of the heavenly city
are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

1st E

Isaiah 49.1-9a

1 Corinthians 4.9-16

Matthew 4.18-22*

2nd E

Zechariah 8.20-23

1 Corinthians 1.18-end

Matthew 4.18-22* or John 1.35-42

** the gospel of the day*

Andrew (contd.)

Final Prayers

Their sound is gone out into all lands;
and their words unto the ends of the earth.

Almighty God,
who gave to thine apostle Saint Andrew
grace to believe in his heart and to confess with his lips
that Jesus is Lord:
touch our lips and our hearts, we beseech thee,
that the light of faith may burn within us,
and that we may share in the witness of thy Church
to all the peoples of the world;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Source unknown

Christmas Day

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, judge of all earth:
thy word endures for ever in heaven.
Yet in the stillness of midnight
the almighty Word
leapt down from his royal throne
and was born in the likeness of men.
In him, the Word made flesh, was life,
a life that is the light of men:
it brings to light what is hidden in dark
and the darkness will never quench it.
Rejoice in the light, ye people of God.
For by his light shall the nations walk
till at the name of Jesus every knee shall now
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God the Father.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

When peaceful silence lay over all,
and night was in the midst of her swift course:
from thy royal throne, O God, down from heaven,
leapt thy almighty Word.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

E

Isaiah 65.17-25

Philippians 2.5-11

Luke 2.1-20* or John 1.1-14*

** the gospel of the day*

Final Prayers

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us;
and we have beheld his glory, full of grace and truth.

Almighty God,
who in the birth of thy Son
hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word
and revealed to us the fullness of thy love:
help us so to walk in his light and dwell in his love
that we may know the fullness of his joy;
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Common Worship Collect for Christmas 2

Stephen

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, judge of all earth:
thy word endures for ever in heaven.
Yet in the stillness of midnight
the almighty Word
leapt down from his royal throne
and was born in the likeness of men.
In him, the Word made flesh, was life,
a life that is the light of men:
it brings to light what is hidden in dark
and the darkness will never quench it.
Rejoice in the light, ye people of God.
For by his light shall the nations walk
till at the name of Jesus every knee shall now
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God the Father.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

When peaceful silence lay over all,
and night was in the midst of her swift course:
from thy royal throne, O God, down from heaven,
leapt thy almighty Word.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

E

Genesis 4.1-10

1 Timothy 3.8-16

Matthew 10.17-22* or Matthew 23.34-39

** the gospel of the day*

Final Prayers

They saw that the face of Stephen was like the face of an angel.

**He gazed into heaven and saw Jesus
standing at the right hand of God.**

Fill us, O God, with thy Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth and Charity;
that like thy first martyr Saint Stephen
we may contend earnestly and fearlessly for the faith of the gospel
and pray with hearts of love for those who despitefully use us;
for the glory of Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Parish Prayers

John the Evangelist

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, judge of all earth:
thy word endures for ever in heaven.
Yet in the stillness of midnight
the almighty Word
leapt down from his royal throne
and was born in the likeness of men.
In him, the Word made flesh, was life,
a life that is the light of men:
it brings to light what is hidden in dark
and the darkness will never quench it.
Rejoice in the light, ye people of God.
For by his light shall the nations walk
till at the name of Jesus every knee shall now
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God the Father.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

When peaceful silence lay over all,
and night was in the midst of her swift course:
from thy royal throne, O God, down from heaven,
leapt thy almighty Word.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

First and Second Lessons as set, but add Gospel (John 21.19b-25)

Final Prayers

This is the disciple who has looked upon and handled the Word of life.
**He is the one who testifies to these things,
and we know that his testimony is true.**

O almighty God,
who through thy holy apostle Saint John
hast revealed to us the mystery of the Word made flesh:
keep us steadfast in the faith that the Son of God has come;
that believing in him we may have life through his name;
to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be glory
for ever and ever.

Frank Colquhoun in Parish Prayers

The Holy Innocents

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, judge of all earth:
thy word endures for ever in heaven.
Yet in the stillness of midnight
the almighty Word
leapt down from his royal throne
and was born in the likeness of men.
In him, the Word made flesh, was life,
a life that is the light of men:
it brings to light what is hidden in dark
and the darkness will never quench it.
Rejoice in the light, ye people of God.
For by his light shall the nations walk
till at the name of Jesus every knee shall now
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God the Father.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Promise of His Glory (altered)

Magnificat Antiphon

When peaceful silence lay over all,
and night was in the midst of her swift course:
from thy royal throne, O God, down from heaven,
leapt thy almighty Word.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

E

Isaiah 49.14-25

Revelation 14.1-5

Matthew 2.13-18* or Mark 10.13-16

** the gospel of the day*

Final Prayers

These are the firstfruits of the redeemed of the Lamb.
For they are without fault before the throne of God.

*Either the Prayer Book Collect or the Common Worship Traditional Language
Collect, whichever has not been used earlier*

Feast of Dedication

Blessing of Light

Blessed art thou, Sovereign God, Saviour of all,
who givest light to those who walk in darkness
and desirest that in every place
prayer shall be offered in the name of Jesus.
We bless thee for grace made known in this house of prayer,
for the gathering of thy people,
for sins forgiven, for lives made new,
for light that shines from the scriptures,
for love made known at thy table,
for the foretaste of heaven in all thy saints.
Hope of the nations, refuge of the weary,
Blessed art thou, Sovereign God, Light of the world.
Blessed be God for ever.

*Michael Vasey in Enriching the Christian
Year*

Magnificat Antiphon

This is the place where we call on the holy name of God;
of which it is written, My name shall be there.

Common Worship Lections

adjusted for a three reading office

<i>1st E Year A</i>	<i>1st E Year B</i>	<i>1st E Year C</i>
2 Chronicles 7.11-16	2 Chronicles 7.11-16	2 Chronicles 7.11-16
Ephesians 2.19-22	Hebrews 12.18-24	1 Peter 2.1-10
Matthew 21.12-16* or John 4.19-29	John 10.22-29* or John 4.19-29	John 2.13-22* or John 4.19-29
<i>2nd E Year A</i>	<i>2nd E Year B</i>	<i>2nd E Year C</i>
Jeremiah 7.1-11 7.1-11	Jeremiah 7.1-11	Jeremiah 7.1-11
1 Corinthians 3.9-17	1 Corinthians 3.9-17	1 Corinthians 3.9-17
Matthew 21.12-16*	John 10.22-29* or Luke 19.1-10	John 2.13-22* or Luke 19.1-10

** the gospel of the day*

Feast of Dedication (contd.)

Final Prayers

The heaven of heavens cannot contain our God;
how much less this house that we have built.

Father in heaven,
whose Church on earth is a sign of thy heavenly peace,
and an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage
that, fed with the living bread of heaven
and united in the body of thy Son,
we may be the temple of thy presence,
the place of thy glory on earth,
and a sign of thy peace in the world;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Common Worship Post Communion of the Dedication Festival

HYMNS

There is good provision of hymns in all the contemporary hymn books for Principal Feasts, for the Feasts of Our Lord, of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the Angels, so provision for these is not given here, but for the majority of saints days the provision of “proper” hymns is poor. In some cases there are few possibilities, however far one searches, but in some cases some more than adequate hymns from older books have been omitted in recent books simply because hymns that will very infrequently be sung on a Sunday have not found a place. The lists below indicate where some of these hymns may be found.

The books listed are

AMR *Ancient and Modern Revised*
AMS *Ancient and Modern (Old) Standard*
CP *Common Praise*
HPP *Hymns for Prayer and Praise*
EH *English Hymnal*
NEH *New English Hymnal*

Each hymn is listed against the number of the newest book in which it is to be found.

<i>First line</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Metre</i>
Conversion of Paul			
From heaven’s height	Peter Damian	HPP 402	LM
O gently blinding glorious light	R Wright	HPP 403	CM
O heavenly splendour	G B Timms	NEH 154	LM
Paul the preacher	A Sayle	AMR 542	8.7.8.7
We sing the glorious conquest	J Ellerton	NEH 155	7.6.7.6.D
Joseph			
Blessed Joseph, yours the praise	Stanbrook Abbey	HPP 409	7.5.7.5
Lord, hear the praises	NEH Editors	NEH 160	11.11.11.5
The great God of heaven	H R Bramley	NEH 37	11.11.11.11. + refrain
We praise you, Father, for that man	R Wright	HPP 410	CM
George			
Jesus, Lord of our salvation	F W Newman	AMR 573	8.7.8.7.8.7
Lord God of hosts	L Housman	NEH 162	8.8.8.8.8.8
Mark			
From out the cloud	C F Alexander	AMR 548	LM
The saint who first found grace	L Housman	NEH 163	LM

Philip & James

The winter's sleep was long	P Dearmer	EH 221	Irregular
There is one Way	C F Alexander	AMS 411	LM
Thou art the Way	G Doane	NEH 464	CM
Twin princes of the courts of heaven	J B de Santeuil	NEH 164	LM

Matthias

Praise to the heavenly wisdom	J Ellerton	AMS 613	7.6.7.6.D
The highest and the holiest	H Alford	NEH 165	CM

Barnabas

Brightly did the light	H Alford	AMS 412	7.7.7.7
O Son of God, our captain	J Ellerton	AMR 550	11.10.11.10
The Son of consolation	M Coote	NEH 167	7.6.7.6.D

Birth of John the Baptist

God called great prophets	Stanbrook Abbey	HPP 418	CM
Hail, harbinger of morn	Bede	NEH 169	6.6.10.D
Lo, from the desert homes	C Coffin	AMR 552	6.6.6.6.4.4.4.4
Lo, in the wilderness	P Dearmer	NEH 170	8.7.8.7.8.8.7
O prophet John	R Wright	HPP 416	LM
On Jordan's bank	C Coffin	NEH 12	LM
On this high feast day	Paul the Deacon	NEH 168	11.11.11.5
Saint John was like a flaming torch	St Cecilia's Abbey	HPP 417	LM
Sing we the praises	Paul the Deacon	CP 234	11.11.11.5
The great forerunner of the morn	Bede	CP 235	LM

Peter and Paul

*Forsaken once, and thrice denied	C F Alexander	EH 227	8.8.8.6
Give thanks for Christ's apostles	Stanbrook Abbey	HPP 419	7.6.7.6
O Peter, you were named by Christ	Stanbrook Abbey	HPP 420	LM
*Thou art the Christ	W Walsham How	NEH 172	6.6.6.6.8.8
With golden splendour	Latin 6 th century	NEH 171	12.12.12.12

*See also Conversion of Paul above; * Hymns for Peter only*

Thomas

Blessed Thomas, doubt no longer	G B Timms	NEH 173	8.7.8.7.8.7
How oft, O Lord	W Bright	AMS 404	LM
O Thou, who didst with love	E Toke	EH 206	CM
We have not seen	J M Neale	AMS 612	CM
Who dreads, yet undismayed	J R Darbyshire	AMR 534	6.5.6.5.6.6.6.5
Ye sons and daughters of the King	Jean Tisserand	NEH 125	8.8.8,Alleluias

Mary Magdalen

I sought him whom my soul	Mount St Bernard	HPP 424	LM
Mary, weep not, weep no longer	Latin 13 th century	NEH 174	8.7.8.7.8.7
Mary who stayed with you	Stanbrook Abbey	HPP 425	10.6.9.6.9.9
Sing we all the joys and sorrows	Latin 13 th century	EH 230	8.7.8.7.8.7
Walking in a garden	H Greenwood	NEH 123	6.5.6.5.6.5.7.5
Ye sons and daughters of the King	Jean Tisserand	NEH 125	8.8.8.+Alleluias

James

For all thy saints, a noble throng	C F Alexander	AMR 557	CM
Lord, who shall sit	W Romanis	NEH 175	7.6.7.6

Bartholomew

King of saints	J Ellerton	AMS 419	8.7.8.7.D
Not by far-famed deeds alone	C S Phillips	AMR 562	7.6.8.6
Saints of God!	A Riley	NEH 179	8.7.8.7

Matthew

Behold the Master passeth by	W Walsham How	AMS 614	LM
He sat to watch	W Bright	NEH 189	LM

Luke

Saviour, who didst healing	H D Rawnsley	NEH194	7.8.7.8.7.8.8.8
What thanks and praise to thee we owe	W Maclagan	AMS 425	LM

Simon and Jude

Lord of all the saints	EH Editors	NEH 195	8.7.8.7.8.7
Thou who sentest thy apostles	J Ellerton	AMR 568	8.7.8.7.8.7

Andrew

Dear Lord and Father of mankind	J Whittier	NEH 353	8.6.8.8.6
Jesus calls us!	C F Alexander	NEH 200	8.7.8.7

Stephen

God's only Son, the source of life	J Harper	HPP 453	LM
Saints of God, elect and precious	Latin 16 th century	EH 31	8.7.8.7.8.7
Stephen, first of Christian martyrs	C Wordsworth	NEH 201	8.7.8.7.D
The Lord and King of all things	Anatolius	EH 32	7.6.7.6.D
Yesterday with exultation	Adam of St Victor	AMR 535	8.8.7.8.8.7

John

How beautiful are the feet	I Watts	HPP 454	SM
To you was given	F B Merryweather	AMR 537	8.7.8.7.D
We sing of the disciple	R Wright	HPP 455	7.6.7.6.D
Word supreme, before creation	J Keble	NEH 202	8.7.8.7.8.7

Holy Innocents

On earth be peace	Mount St Bernard	HPP 456	10.10.10.10
The hymn for conquering martyrs	Bede	EH 35	DLM
The mystery of incarnate God	CHN	HPP 457	LM
Unto us a boy is born	Latin 15 th century	NEH 39	7.6.7.7
When Christ was born in Bethlehem	L Housman	NEH 203	CM