ALMANAC 2020

THEMES AND LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS

January 1, 2020, Wednesday
New Year (Covenant Day)
God's Continuing Covenant with All
(Feast of Circumcision)

OT	Genesis 9: 8-17
Psalm	145
Epistle	Gal 4:21- 31
Gospel	Luke 22: 14-23
Evening	Genesis 17: 1-8 / Hebrews. 9: 8- 15

Collect: *Loving God, who has established an eternal covenant with Your whole creation, we pray that You cleanse our consciousness from acts that lead to death, with the blood of Christ, the cup of the new covenant, So that, as children of Spirit, we may continue to live in covenantal relationship with You, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more.* ***Amen.***

January 5, 2020, Sunday
2nd Sunday after Christmas
God's Revelation to All

OT	Isaiah 60:1-7
Psalm	Ps 98
Epistle	Heb 1: 1-12
Gospel	Matt 8: 5- 13
Eve.	Jer 1: 1-10 / Acts 8 : 26 – 38

Collect: *God of light, we thank you for revealing yourself to all nations in varied ways and finally through your Son, and our Lord Jesus Christ. We adore you for your might and majesty, your self-spending love and compassion. Fill our hearts with the radiance of your love and our minds with the knowledge of your revelations so that we may know your purposes and live worthy of the Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.* ***Amen.***

January 6, 2020, Monday
Epiphany
Manifestation of Christ

OT	Isa 45: 18- 25
Psalm	67
Epistle	Rev 21: 22-27
Gospel	Mathew 2: 1-12

Collect: *God of all, Who by the manifestation of Your inclusive love, through Your Son Jesus Christ, has made all of us one, We pray that You gather us to the radiance of Your incarnate Word which illumines our lives, So that we may be baptized into Him and walk as one in His light, as continuing manifestations of Your glory and love, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

January 12, 2020, Sunday
1st Sunday after Epiphany
Honouring the Body as Temple of God

OT	Eccl. 6: 1-12
Psalm	1
Epistle	1Cori 3: 16-23
Gospel	Mathew 5: 21-30
Evening	Prov. 23: 1-20 / 1 Peter 1: 13 - 25

Collect: *Holy God, who has redeemed us from the empty way of life, not with perishable things, but with the precious blood of Christ, We pray that You help us to remain holy, by not walking in step with the wicked, not standing in the way that sinners take, not sitting in the company of the mockers and not craving for the food and drink that are deceptive, For, our bodies are Your temple, in no way to be made unholy by our passions and lusts Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

(The Sunday Between 18-25 January is celebrated as Ecumenical (NCCI) Sunday)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 18th – 25th January

Note: Week of prayer for Christian unity is observed between 18th – 25th in January. The materials are prepared by the World Council of Churches & Pontifical Council for Christian Unity which is printed separately on pages 39-41

January 19, 2020, Sunday
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Called to Unity

OT	Ezekiel 37: 15: 23
Psalm	133
Epistle	Eph. 4: 1-6
Gospel	John 15: 1-12
Evening	Ecc. 4: 7- 12 / 1 Cor. 1: 10 -17

Collect: *God of all, who has called us to be Your people living together in unity. We pray that You enable us to abide in You and You in us and keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. So that there be no divisions among us, rather be perfectly united in mind and thought and thus bear much fruit. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen*.

January 25, 2020, Saturday

The Conversion of Paul

OT	Jeremiah 1: 4-10
Psalm	67
Epistle	Acts 9: 1-18
Gospel	Matthew 19: 27-30

Collect: *Almighty God, who through the preaching of Your apostle Paul caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world, grant that we, who praise You for his wonderful conversion, may faithfully receive and follow the truth which he proclaimed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.*

January 26, 2020, Sunday
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Ecumenical Sunday

Unity in Faith and Action

OT	Joshua 3: 9- 17
Psalm	53
Epistle	Acts 9 : 20 -25
Gospel	Mark 1: 21- 34
Evening	Daniel 1: 8- 21 / James 2: 14 – 24

Collect: *God of all, Who has called us to be Your people living together in unity. We pray that You enable us to abide in You and You in us and keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace, so that there be no divisions among us, rather be perfectly united in mind and thought and thus bear much fruit. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen*.

January 26, 2020, Sunday
Republic Day

Participation in Nation Building

OT	Neh. 2: 11-18
Psalm	101
Epistle	1Peter 2: 13-17

Collect: *Almighty God, who dwells with us in this land and whose eyes are always upon us, We pray that You give us a passion to rise and build our nation, to grant us the wisdom to use our freedom responsibly, to fear God, to honour the authorities, to respect everyone, to share our resources, to remain contented. So that our nation would see a new order where justice and truth shall prevail. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

February 2, 2020, Sunday
4th Sunday after Epiphany
True Piety

OT	Mic 6: 1- 8
Psalm	42
Epistle	James 1: 19 – 27
Gospel	Mathew 6: 1-8
Evening	Jer. 17: 1-10 / 1 Cori 6: 1-11

Collect: *God of all Goodness we thank you for your son Jesus Christ, who laid His life to transform the world. Enable us to realise that true piety is not fulfilling our religious duties but living upright with pure heart and clear conscience and to lead a life that is worthy of our calling. We plead you to grant us your grace to mend our behaviour, our relationships, live in communion with you so that your light may shine in and through our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

February 02, 2020, Sunday
The Presentation of Christ
(Entry of our Lord in the Temple)

OT	1 Samuel 1: 19-28
Ps	118:19-29
Epistle	Romans 11: 33-12:2
Gospel	Luke 2: 22-40

Collect: *Merciful God, who has opened a gate for us to enter into Your presence and give thanks. We pray that You accept us as we present ourselves as Your incarnate Son, who as a child was presented to You in the temple was received with joy by Simeon and Anna, as the Redeemer of all creation, In order that our bodies would become a living sacrifice and spiritual worship, holy and acceptable to You, living always in Your presence. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

February 09, 2020, Sunday
9th Sunday Before Easter
Sabbath as the Culmination of Creation

OT	Isa 65: 17- 25
Psalm	8
Epistle	Hebrews 4: 2- 13
Gospel	Mark 2: 23- 28
Evening	Prov 8: 22- 31 / Rev 21: 1-8

Collect: *God of creation, Who after creating us with glory and honour, rested from all works, thus blessing and sanctifying the Sabbath. We pray that, by observing Sabbath, instituted as an opportunity for us, to remember the goodness of Your creation, and honour You, as the Creator, who dwells with Your people, So that, the whole creation be filled with peace and holiness, that we may experience a 'new heaven and new earth'. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen*

(OR)

Healing Ministry Sunday
Compassionate Love and Healing

OT	Isai 42: 1-9
Psalm	103: 1 – 14
Epistle	James 5: 13- 18
Gospel	Mark 7: 31-37
Evening	2 King 5: 8- 14 / Acts 3: 1-10

Collect: *Compassionate God, Who neither breaks a bruised reed nor snuff out a smouldering wick, who heals all our diseases. We pray that You sustain us through our difficult times, heal our sicknesses, and further, give us and a loving heart, listening ears and praying lips to be channels of Your healing. So that our health would be restored and we would praise You, walking and jumping. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more.* ***Amen.***

February 15, 2020, Saturday
Stephen the first Martyr

OT	II Chronicles 24: 17-22
Psalm	31: 1-5
Epistle	Acts 7: 51-60
Gospel	Matt. 10: 16-22

Collect: *Gracious God, who gave the first martyr Stephen grace to pray for those who took up stones against him: grant that in all our sufferings for the truth we may learn to love even our enemies and to seek forgiveness for those who desire to hurt us, looking up to heaven to Him who was crucified for us, Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

February 16, 2020, Sunday
8th Sunday Before Easter
Fall as the Violation of the Purpose of Creation

OT	Genesis 6: 1-13
Psalm	32
Epistle	Romans 7: 4- 25
Gospel	Mathew 7: 15- 23
Evening	Genesis 3: 1- 13
	Romans 5: 12- 21

Collect: *God of compassion, Who has created us to bear good fruit. We pray that You grant us the power to resist our inclinations to commit wickedness and disobedience, and our desires not to do the good You want us to do, In order that we do Your will alone, bearing good fruit as disciples in Your kingdom and preparing ourselves to receive the eternal life. Through Jesus Christ, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

February 23,2020, Sunday
7th Sunday before Easter
Lent: A time of Transformation

OT	Isaiah 44: 21- 28
Psalm	6
Epistle	Romans 11: 13-24
Gospel	John 2: 1-11
Evening	Ezekiel 18: 25- 32
	1Tim. 1: 12- 17

Collect: *God of grace, Who sweeps away our offenses like a cloud and our sins like the morning mist, We pray that You do not rebuke us, but deliver us from our iniquities, pour out Your grace upon us, transform us and graft us to You. For, we all belong to You, who sent Jesus into the world to save us, so that, though once sinners, we would believe in You and receive eternal life, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

February 26, 2020, Wednesday
Ash Wednesday
Cross: A Call to Repentance

OT	Isa 1: 16 – 20
Psalm	51
Epistle	2 Cor 7: 8- 16
Gospel	Mark 1: 12 – 15

Collect: *Merciful God, Who according to Your unfailing love and compassion forgives our transgressions. We pray that You give us a contrite heart to repent our sins of resisting and rebelling against Your will. So that we would rejoice in gladness, always living in eagerness to do good and readiness to do justice, realizing that the Kingdom is at hand. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

March 1, 2020, Sunday
6th Sunday Before Easter
1st Sunday in Lent
The Cleansing Christ

OT	Zech 13: 1-9
Psalm	130
Epistle	1John 1: 5-10
Gospel	Mark 1: 40- 45
Evening	Exod. 12: 21-28 / Hebrews 10: 1- 10

Collect: *Merciful God, Who has opened a fountain for us to be cleansed from our sins and impurities, We pray that, with Your unfailing love, cleanse us, redeem us and make us holy through the sacrifice of Your Son, , So that we may no more walk in darkness, but light and have fellowship with You and one another, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

March 8, 2020, Sunday
5th Sunday before Easter
2nd Sunday in Lent
The Forgiving Christ

OT	Genesis 4: 8- 16
Psalm	25
Epistle	Romans 5: 6-11
Gospel	Mark 2: 1- 12
Evening	Jonah 4: 6-11 / Eph 4: 22 -32

Collect: *Loving God, Who, revealed Your love to us by reconciling us to You through the death of Your Son and who continues to forgive all those who repent of their sins, We pray that, You do not remember our sins and our rebellious ways, rather, forgive us by Your words, "Your sins are forgiven", So that we put off our old self, corrupted by its deceitful desires and put on the new self, living in holiness, being kind to one another and forgiving each other, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen*

March 15, 2020, Sunday
4th Sunday before Easter
3rd Sunday in Lent
The Accepting Christ

OT	Hosea 2: 14-23
Psalm	87
Epistle	Philo 1-21
Gospel	Mathew 15: 21 – 28
Evening	Ruth 4: 1-10 / Mathew 8: 5- 13

Collect: *Merciful God, Who has established a covenant with us in righteousness, justice, love, compassion and faithfulness, We pray that, though we have gone astray, accept and restore us. For, we are Your children and You are our guardian-redeemer, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

March 22, 2020, Sunday
3rd Sunday before Easter
4th Sunday in Lent
The Liberating Christ

OT	Exod 3: 1-13
Psalm	82
Epistle	Gal 5: 1-12
Gospel	Luke 13: 10- 17
Evening	Isaiah 12: 1- 6 / Romans 8: 31 – 39

Collect: *Liberator God, who always sees our misery and hears our cry, set us free from the yoke of slavery and infirmities. So that, neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from Your love, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

March 25, 2020, Tuesday
The Annunciation to Mary

OT	Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm	41:1-10
Epistle	Galatians 4:1-7
Gospel	Luke 1: 26-38

Collect: *Grant O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of Your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, may, by His cross and passion be brought to the glory of His*

resurrection; through him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.

March 29, 2020, Sunday
2nd Sunday before Easter
5th Sunday in Lent
Passion Sunday
Cross and the Restoring Christ

OT	Job 42: 10 – 17
Psalm	126
Epistle	Eph. 2: 1-10
Gospel	Mark 10: 46 – 52
Evening	Jer. 30: 1-10 / Philippians 2: 5- 11

Collect: *Restoring God, Who out of Your great love for us, releases us from all kinds of captivity, Forgive our transgressions and make us alive, So that our sight is restored to acknowledge You as our Lord and follow You, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

April 5, 2020, Sunday
Palm Sunday
(Sunday before Easter)
Christ: The King of Peace

OT	Zecha 9:1-12
Psalm	24
Epistle	Ephe 2: 11 – 22
Gospel	Mark 11: 1-11
Evening	Dan 9: 20 – 27 / Hebrews 5: 1-10

Collect: *Almighty God, the King of glory, Whose rule extends to the ends of the earth and who proclaims peace to all, May You triumphantly enter into our lives and destroy the barriers and dividing walls of hostility among us, So that we become one body, one humanity, and Your holy temple, built together to become Your dwelling place, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

April 9, 2020, Thursday
Maundy Thursday
Christ: The Life Giving Bread

OT	Exod. 12: 12-20
Psalm	116
Epistle	1Cori 11: 23- 29
Gospel	John 6: 47 – 58

Collect: *Enlivening God, Whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered, instituted the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, who in these holy mysteries gave us a pledge of eternal life. Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully, proclaiming our deliverance from slavery and death, So that, we lift up the cup of salvation, call on Your name and walk before You, in the land of the living. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

April 10, 2020, Friday
Good Friday
Cross: Self Giving Love

OT	Isa 52: 13 – 53: 12
Psalm	22
Epistle	1 Peter 2: 21 – 25
Gospel	Mark 15: 22 - 41

Collect: *Ever Loving God, Who, taking up our sin and bearing our suffering, lived among us as a suffering servant, even unto the death upon the Cross, By Your wounds, may we be healed and by Your self-giving at the Cross may we die to sins and live for righteousness, to pour out our love for all, the broken humanity. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

April 11, 2020, Saturday
Holy Saturday
Hope for the New Life

OT	Dan 12: 1-4
Psalm	4
Epistle	1 Peter 4: 12-19
Gospel	Mathew 27: 62-66

Collect: *God of hope, Whose face shines upon us and who fills our heart with joy, Grant us the grace to rejoice as we participate in the sufferings of Your Son while leading many to righteousness, So that our names would be is found in the book of life and we awake from the dead to the everlasting life, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

April 12, 2020, Sunday
Easter
Resurrection: Celebrating Life in Jesus

OT	1 King 17:17-24
Psalm	118:1-4, 14 – 17
Epistle	1 Cori 15: 42-58
Gospel	Luke 24: 1-12
Evening	Exo. 15:1-11 / 1 Cor. 15: 12- 28

Collect: *God of Life, Who through Your dear Son Jesus Christ, overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life; grant that we who celebrate with joy, Christ's rising from the dead, be raised from death to life, So that, our natural and perishable bodies sown in dishonor and weakness be raised as spiritual and imperishable bodies in glory and power, and inherit the Kingdom of God, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

April 19, 2020, Sunday
1st Sunday after Easter
Affirmation of Christ as Lord and God

OT	Exo 3:13-17
Psalm	93
Epistle	Col 1: 15-23
Gospel	John 20: 24-29
Evening	Isa 43: 8-13 / Rev 22: 10- 15

Collect: *O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who has given Your only Son, the first born over all creation, to die for our sins, grant us so perfectly and without any doubt to believe in His resurrection, So that we continue to be faithful on this firm foundation, not allowing ourselves to be shaken from the hope that we have heard and learned from Your Gospel, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen*

April 25, 2020, Saturday
Mark, Evangelist

OT	Hosea 6: 1-6 /Pro.15: 28-33
Psalm	119:1-8
Epistle	II Timothy 4: 1-11/ 1Peter 5: 5-14
Gospel	Luke 12: 4-12 /Mark 14:43-52

Collect: *Almighty God, who enlightened your holy Church through the inspired witness of Your evangelist Saint Mark: grant that we, being firmly grounded in the truth of the Gospel, may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.*

April 26, 2020, Sunday
2nd Sunday after Easter
Invitation to Christ's Hospitality

OT	Genesis 18: 1- 10
Psalm	15
Epistle	Hebrews 13: 1-8
Gospel	John 21: 1- 14
Evening	Genesis 47: 1- 12 / Romans 12: 9- 16

Collect: *Living God, the ever-loving host, Help us to love one another as brothers and sisters, practicing hospitality to strangers and sharing with Your people in need, Like Your Son, Jesus Christ, who continues to invite us to have a constant communion with You, though we often live as strangers and enemies to You, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen*

May 1, 2020, Friday
World Labour Day
Joseph the Carpenter

OT	Genesis 1: 26 – 2:3
Psalm	15
Epistle	II Thessalonians 3: 6-15
Gospel	John 5: 1-10
Evening	Matthew 11:25-30

Collect: *God our Lord, who raised up Joseph the carpenter to be the guardian of Your incarnate Son: give us grace to follow him in faithful obedience to Your commands; help us, strengthened by his example, to count the wisdom of the world as foolishness, and to walk with him in simplicity and trust; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

May 3, 2020, Sunday
3rd Sunday after Easter
Communion with the Risen Christ in Daily Life

OT	Exodus 40: 34- 38
Psalm	23
Epistle	Philippians 3: 8- 16
Gospel	Luke 24:13-33
Evening	Daniel 3: 7-28 / 1 Corinthians 10: 1- 13

Collect: *Omnipresent God, Who, as a shepherd, was present to Your people in the cloud and fire, as they journeyed in the wilderness, Continue to walk with us and talk with us as we walk miles and miles every day in loneliness, distress and fretfulness, So that in fellowship with You, our eyes would be opened, recognizing the power of Your resurrection that inspires*

us to participate in Your sufferings and to press on toward the goal to win the prize for which You have called heavenward in Your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.

May 06, 2020, Wednesday
John, Apostle and Evangelist

OT	Exodus 33 : 18-23
Psalm	27
Epistle	I John 1: 1-4
Gospel	John 21: 20-25

Collect: *Almighty God, who through John the Apostle affirmed the truth in Your Son Jesus Christ in the context of false teachings, grant that we too may stand steadfast in this truth in Your Son who is the way, the truth, the light and the life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.*

May 10, 2020, Sunday
4th Sunday after Easter
Believing in Christ: The Way

OT	Exodus 14: 10-20
Psalm	116
Epistle	Acts 16: 19 - 34
Gospel	John 14: 1- 7
Evening	Proverbs 4: 10- 19 / I John 1:1-10

Collect: *God, our parent, whom we know through Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life, Help us to believe in Him and be saved, So that we walk in Your light, having fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

May 17, 2020, Sunday
5th Sunday After Easter
Mission as Sharing Christ's Peace

OT	Micah 4: 1- 7
Psalm	85
Epistle	Philippians 4: 4- 9
Gospel	Luke 24: 36- 49
Evening	Genesis 33:1-11 / Hebrews 13:18-21

Collect: *God of Peace, Who guards our hearts and minds with the peace that passes all human understanding, Show us Your unfailing love and grant us Your salvation, So that You, equip us with everything good for doing Your will, and preach to all through our words and deeds, Your gracious act upon the cross that brought us in peace with You, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

May 21, 2020, Thursday
Ascension of our Lord
Exalted Christ

OT	Daniel 7:9-14
Psalm	47
Epistle	Acts 1:1-11
Gospel	Luke 24: 44 – 53

Collect: *God, Most High, whose everlasting dominion would not pass away, and whose kingdom would never be destroyed, Until the coming again of Your Son who has ascended to heaven and is seated on Your right hand, help us to remain in Your presence, worshiping and witnessing You, and Your love, So that the whole creation may realize deliverance and exaltation, in His ascension, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

May 24, 2020, Sunday
6th Sunday after Easter
Promise of the Holy Spirit

OT	Joel 2: 28-32
Psalm	42
Epistle	Galatians 5:22-26
Gospel	John 14:15-21
Evening	Num. 11:16, 24-29 / I Cor. 12:1-11

Collect: *O God, the source of life, in whom, our body, mind and soul find rest and hope. Pour out and empower us by Your Spirit, the Advocate, whom You have promised. In order that we see vision and dreams, we bear fruit of the Sprit and witness You through the gift of the Spirit. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.*

May 31, 2020, Sunday

Pentecost Sunday

Come Holy Spirit Transform the Whole Creation

OT	Ezekiel 36:24-36
Psalm	29
Epistle	Acts 2:1-13
Gospel	John 20:19-23
Evening	Genesis 1:1-5 / John 16: 6-16

Collect: *God of Life, Who breathes new life into the whole creation and sends down the Spirit as tongues of Fire, Inspire and kindle Your faithful ones, breathing upon them the Spirit Divine, So that the whole creation may be reconciled in the love of Christ through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

June 7, 2020, Sunday

Trinity Sunday

(1st Sunday after Pentecost)

We Believe in the Triune God

OT	Ezekiel 1: 4-28
Psalm	98
Epistle	2 Cori 13: 11- 14
Gospel	Mathew 28:16-20
Evening	Job 38: 1-11 / Mathew11: 25- 30

Collect: *Everlasting and Ever living Triune God, Who spoke and revealed Yourself to our fore parents in manifold ways, Give us faith and confidence to understand and affirm the mystery of the trinity, So that we may be grounded in faith and would launch out to make disciples of all nations, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen*

(OR)

Wisdom and Knowledge: Gift of God

Students Sunday

OT	Proverbs 2:1-12
Psalm	119: 9-16
Epistle	James 3: 13-18
Gospel	Luke 2: 41-52
Evening	Prov.4: 1-13 / Colo. 3:1-10

Collect: *Lord our God, You are the source of wisdom and knowledge: we commit our student community into Your hands. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, patience and godliness,*

so that they may learn and study that which is good, beautiful, just and that which leads them in the paths of excellence, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.

June 11, 2020, Thursday

Barnabas, Apostle

OT	Job 29:7-16
Psalm	34
Epistle	Acts 11: 19-26, 13: 1-3
Gospel	Matthew 5:13-16

Collect: *Almighty God, help us to follow the example of Your servant Barnabas. Help us to console and comfort the sad, the lonely and the broken- hearted; and to use all that we have in Your service and in the service of our fellow human beings remembering always that in giving we receive abundantly; and strengthen us to spread the Gospel of new life and to stand by all who make a new beginning in life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You together with the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.*

June 14, 2020, Sunday

(2nd Sunday after Pentecost)

Environment Sunday

Creation Groans for Liberation

OT	Ez. 36:24-36
Psalm	29
Epistle	Romans.8:18-25
Gospel	John.20:19-23
Evening	Genesis. 1:1-5 / John 16:6-16

Collect*: Creator God redeemer of the whole creation, we thank you for your redeeming grace that has liberated us and set us free. Grant us your grace to be strengthened by your redeeming power so that we become the stewards of your creation, in Jesus name that groans for liberation, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. Amen.*

June 21, 2020, Sunday

(3rd Sunday after Pentecost)
Worship: Celebration of People's Faith

OT	Isaiah 6: 1-8
Psalm	148
Epistle	Revelation 4: 1-11
Gospel	John 4: 16-26
Evening	Ezekiel 47: 1-12 / Acts 2:43-47

Collect: *Holy and Almighty God, seated on the High and Lofty Throne, Illumine our hearts and minds to make truthful confessions, experience Your sanctification and to be guided and led by You in the pilgrimage of life, So that we may worship You in truth and in spirit and celebrate our faith, living each day in the joy of Your presence, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God,*
now and forever more. Amen.

June 24, 2020, Wednesday
St. John the Baptist

OT	Malachi 3:1-5
Epistle	Revelation 3: 14-22
Gospel	Luke 1: 68- 79 / John 3: 22-36

Collect: *O God our Lord, You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of Your Son. Grant us the wisdom to see Your purpose and openness to hear Your will. Teach us to repent according to his teaching, and follow his example by constantly speaking the truth, boldly rebuking vice and patiently suffering for truth's sake, and thereby prepare the way for Christ who is coming in power and glory to establish his kingdom of peace and justice, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.*

June 28, 2020, Sunday
(4th Sunday after Pentecost)
Discipleship as Witness

OT	2 Kings 2: 1-15
Psalm	119: 33-48
Epistle	Titus 2: 1-15
Gospel	John 3: 22-30
Evening	Isa 8: 11-18 / Acts 2: 37- 47

Collect: *O God of righteousness and Life, Who hears the heart throb of the poor and the marginalised, Mould us to renounce ungodliness and help us to live upright and godly lives, So that we would in faith wait for the blessed hope in the appearing in glory of the Lord*

constantly praying "He must increase and I must decrease", Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.

June 29, 2020, Monday

Peter, Apostle and Martyr

OT	Jeremiah 16:16-21
Psalm	18:30-36
Epistle	Acts 4:32-37
Gospel	Mark 8: 1-10
Evening	Isaiah 56: 6-12 / 1 Peter 4: 7-11

Collect: *Gracious God, by whose inspiration Your apostle Peter acknowledged Jesus as the Christ and Son of God; grant that Your Church, firmly founded on this faith, may with one heart and mind witness to its Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.*

June 30, 2020, Tuesday

Paul and the Twelve Apostles

OT	Jeremiah 23:1-4
Psalm	2
Epistle	Galatians 2:1-10
Gospel	Matthew 20:25-28

Collect: *O God, You have built Your church upon the foundation of apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone: grant us so to be joined together in the unity of the Spirit by their doctrine, that we with all the saints may be a holy temple acceptable to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.*

July 3, 2020, Friday

Thomas, Apostle of India

OT	Isaiah 52: 7-15
Psalm	29
Epistle	II Timothy 3:10-17
Gospel	John 20:24-29

Collect: *Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed Your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of Your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.*
Amen.

July 5, 2020, Sunday

(5th Sunday after Pentecost)
Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship: Responsible Resource Management

OT	Exodus 18: 13- 27
Psalm	147:1-11
Epistle	2 Corinthians 8: 1-15
Gospel	Matthew 25:14-30
Evening	Malachi 3: 6- 18 / 1Timothy 6: 17- 21

Collect: *Ever active God, Who has revealed compassion and fullness of Life through Your son Jesus Christ and called us to be responsible with the resources available, Grant that we may be prudent in the management of resources as people who fear God, trustworthy and who hate dishonest gain, So that in overflowing joy and rich generosity we may be wise stewards of Your manifold gifts, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

July 12, 2020, Sunday
(6th Sunday after Pentecost)
Equipping the People of God
Theological Education Sunday

OT	Deuteronomy 6: 1-17
Psalm	119: 89-104
Epistle	Ephesians 4:7-16
Gospel	Matthew 7:24-29
Evening	Deut. 5: 22 - 33 / 1 Tim 6:11-16

Collect: *God of all understanding, Who constantly reveal Yourself in manifold ways and urge us to equip the people of God to comprehend Your precepts, Help us to impress the Scriptures on our children, talk about them when we sit at home and when we walk along the road, when we lie down and when we get up. So that they would hear the word and do them and be like the person who build his house upon the rock, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

July 19, 2020, Sunday
(7th Sunday after Pentecost)
People of God- Ambassadors of Christ

OT	Joshua 1:1-9
Psalm	18: 1-6, 20-30
Epistle	2 Corinthians 5: 16 - 6: 10
Gospel	Mark 6:7-13
Evening	Judges 6:11-24 / 2Corinthians 11:16-33

Collect: *O sovereign God, Who urged us to be strong and courageous and entrusted us with the ministry of reconciliation ,Grant that we would not be afraid or discouraged to be the ambassadors of Christ, So that we could go out and proclaim and people would repent and believe in the Gospel, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

July 22, 2020, Wednesday

Mary Magdalene

OT	Zephaniah 3:14-20
Psalm	116:1-16
Epistle	2 John 1:1-13
Gospel	John 20:11-18

Collect: *Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and mind, and made her the fi rst witness of His resurrection; mercifully forgive our sins and renew us by Your grace, that we may evermore serve You with true devotion; through the risen Lord Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.*

July 25, 2020, Saturday

James, Apostle and Martyr

OT	Jeremiah 26:10-15
Psalm	16
Epistle	Acts 11:27-12:3
Gospel	Mark 10:35-45

Collect: *Merciful God, we pray that, as Your holy apostle James left his father and all that he had and obeyed the call of Your Son Jesus Christ, so we may forsake every selfish desire and be ready at all times to accomplish the work that You would have us do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.*

July 26, 2020, Sunday

(8th Sunday after Pentecost)

Ordained Ministry: Transformed to Transform

OT	Ezekiel 33:1-9
Psalm	99
Epistle	1 Timothy 3: 1 – 13
Gospel	John 21:15-19
Evening	Jeremiah 1: 4-10 / Titus 1: 5-9

Collect: *O Chief Shepherd , Who constantly call the people of God to tend and feed the little lambs and the sheep. Raise among us Your children who are above reproach, who would be sentinels for Your people, So that in and through them the world would experience the transformation in Christ, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

July 29, 2020, Wednesday

Martha, Mary and Lazarus of Bethany: Companions of our Lord

Luke 10:38-42 / John 11:1-27

Collect: *O God, who gave us the gift of home and family, come and stay with us as You did through your Son in Bethany with Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Help us experience your abiding presence, loving kindness and the power of your resurrection. By your grace make us constant in devotion, loyal in love, lovely in life, fi rm in resolution, and courageous in action even in the midst of sorrows and adversities; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

August 2, 2020, Sunday

(9th Sunday after Pentecost)

Mission Sunday

Mission: Good News to All

OT	Isaiah 55: 1-6
Psalm	146
Epistle	Acts 10: 34 - 43
Gospel	Matthew 4: 17-25
Evening	Isaiah 52: 7- 12 / Romans 10: 8- 21

Collect: *God of the Good News, Who made the heavens and the earth to communicate the Good News to the whole creation, Help us to incline our hearts to Your enlivening Word that ensure justice to the poor, food to the hungry, freedom to the bound, vision to the blind, protection to the stranger and dignity to the widow, So that we may imbibe the spirit of the good news, preach peace in Christ and live the gospel, In the name of God who chose us as witnesses, Christ who commanded us to preach and the Holy Spirit who enable us to testify. Amen.*

August 6, 2020, Thursday

The Transfiguration of Christ

OT	2 Peter 1:16-19
Gospel	Luke 9: 28-36

Collect: *O God of infinite majesty, who on the mountain-top revealed to chosen witnesses the glory of your incarnate Son; grant to us your children such a vision of His love that we may daily grow in His likeness, until we see Him as He is; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

August 9, 2020, Sunday
(10th Sunday after Pentecost)
Marriage: Celebration of Covenant/ Sacrament

OT	Genesis 2:18-25
Psalm	127
Epistle	Hebrews 13: 1- 6
Gospel	Mathew 19: 3- 6
Evening	Song 1: 5- 7 / 1 Cor. 13

Collect: *O God of the Families, Who instituted the covenant of marriage, Strengthen the bond of fellowship within the families and help everyone to hold marriage in honour So that mutual love may continue, generations would grow in an atmosphere of love and care, society may stand upon firm foundations and God's name would be glorified , Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

August 15, 2020, Saturday
Independence Day
Freedom for Justice

OT	Exodus 23:1-9
Psalm	18:16-24
Epistle	Galatians 5:1-6
Gospel	Luke 6:20-26

Collect: *Lord God, Creator of all, You have called us in freedom to take part in the building of a great nation; teach us the path of true greatness, so that following in the steps of Your Son, we may seek not to be served but to serve, and to work together for the common good, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

August 16, 2020, Sunday
(11th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sacrament of Baptism

OT	Exodus 14:15-31
Psalm	32
Epistle	Titus 3:3-8
Gospel	John 3:1-8
Evening	Joshua 3:1-17 / Romans 6:1-11

Collect: *Gracious God, Who in Your goodness and loving kindness saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, enable us to understand the essence of being born of water and the spirit, So that we would experience the fullness of life in the Kingdom*

of God, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.

August 23, 2020, Sunday
(12th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sacrament of Holy Eucharist

OT	Genesis 14: 17- 24
Psalm	104: 14- 30
Epistle	1 Cori 10: 15- 17
Gospel	Mark 14:12-26
Evening	Ex. 16: 9-21 / 1 Cori 11: 23 - 34

Collect: *God Most High Possessor of Heaven and Earth, Who gave Your Son to be poured out as a ransom for many help us to realize that we cannot partake of the table of the Lord and also the table of the evil one, The cup of blessing would indeed be a participation in the blood of Christ. Through Jesus Christ and the broken bread a participation in the body of Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

August 24, 2020, Monday
Bartholomew, Apostle and Martyr

OT	Genesis 28:10-17
Psalm	25
Epistle	Ephesians 4:7-16
Gospel	Luke 6:12-16

Collect: *Almighty God, who gave to Your Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and preach Your word; grant that Your church may love that word which he believed, and may faithfully preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

August 30, 2020, Sunday
(13th Sunday after Pentecost)
Christian Presence in Multi Faith Society

OT	Daniel 1: 1-21
Psalm	67
Epistle	Acts 10: 9-16
Gospel	Matthew 13: 31-33
Evening	2 Kings 5: 1-14 / Acts 17: 16-31

Collect: *God the sower and sustainer, Who intended us to be the leaven in the world, Help us to seek Your will that does not overlook anyone who seeks You, that helps us to be present with the people of multiple faiths and that keeps us undefiled as the transforming leaven so that many may find shelter and solace in Your branches and shadows bringing joyous songs to all nations, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

September 6, 2020, Sunday
(14th Sunday after Pentecost)
Education Sunday
Teachers Agents of Liberation

OT	Proverbs 8:1-12
Psalm	119: 97-104
Epistle	Acts 8: 26-38
Gospel	Mark 6: 34-44
Evening	Proverbs 4 :1-9 / Mark 1: 21-28

Collect: *O all Knowing God, Who taught us wisdom is better than jewels and knowledge and understanding better than choice gold, grant that we would have teachers who guide seekers into Truth and Understanding of the Way with a heart of compassion and care, So that they would be agents of liberation grounded in the Word which sweeter than the honey in the honeycomb Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

September 13, 2020, Sunday
(15th Sunday after Pentecost)
Women's Sunday
Women as Change Makers

OT	Numbers 27:1-11
Psalm	119: 57-64
Epistle	Acts 16: 11- 15
Gospel	Luke 1:46-55 / John 4: 27- 30, 39-42
Evening	Esther 7: 1-10 / Romans. 16: 1-16

Collect: *O Unchanging God, the God of all changes, Who called the community of men and women to be participants in the kingdom experience, Grant that the world would be humble enough to recognize the rights and dignity of women, the contribution of women in the making of history and the role of the women in the creation of the future, So that women would indeed be the agents of change and transformation, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

September 20, 2020, Sunday
(16th Sunday after Pentecost)
Peace and Conflict Resolution

OT	Genesis 13: 2-12
Psalm	16
Epistle	Acts 6: 1- 6
Gospel	Matthew 20: 1-16
Evening	2 Kings 4: 1-7 / Romans 14: 13-23

Collect: *God of Shalom, Who is gracious to make the last first and just to make the last first, Grant us wisdom to be peacemakers, prudence to avoid conflicts and humility and grace to resolve conflicts, So that the world may experience the tranquility and the fullness of joy in the presence of the Lord, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

September 21, 2020, Monday
Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

OT	Proverbs 3:13-17 / Isaiah 33:13-17
Psalm	18:1-6, 20-30
Epistle	2 Cor. 4:1-6 / I John 2:15-17
Gospel	Matthew 9: 9-13

Collect: *Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew from the pursuit of worldly gain to become an apostle and evangelist; free us from all covetous desires and love of money, and grant that, trusting only You, we may obey the call of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever more. Amen.*

September 27, 2020, Sunday
(17th Sunday after Pentecost)
Senior Citizen's Sunday
Fruitfulness of the Elderly

OT	Genesis 17: 1-8
Psalm	92
Epistle	Philemon 8-22
Gospel	Matthew 7: 13-20
Evening	Isaiah 40: 21-31 / 1 Timothy 5: 1-10

Collect: *God of covenant, Who declare Your steadfast love in the morning and Your faithfulness by night, Plant us in the house of the Lord, refresh our heart in Christ, empower*

us to be righteous, enable us to take the narrow road that leads to life, enlighten us with joyful songs of praise, So that we may flourish like palm tree, to be useful brothers, sisters and neighbours, and give fruits even in our old age, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.

(OR)

September 27, 2020, Sunday
Church of South India- Formation Day
Unity in Witnessing

OT	Ezekiel. 37: 15-22
Psalm	122
Epistle	Ephesians 4: 1-6
Gospel	John 17: 20-26

Collect: *Almighty God, whose blessed Son prayed that all who believe in Him might be one; grant that we who celebrate the union of Churches in South India, may with one heart and soul present ourselves for Your service and bear witness to Your love; through Jesus Christ , who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen*

September 29, 2020, Friday
Michael and all Angels

OT	2 Kings 6:8-17
Psalm	103: 17-22
Epistle	Revelation 12: 7-12
Gospel	Matthew 18: 1-10

Collect: *Eternal God, You wonderfully enable Your people to join their worship with the song of angels before Your throne; grant, we pray, that Your holy angels, who never cease to adore You on high, may also guard and uphold us in our service on earth; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

October 4, 2020, Sunday
(18th Sunday after Pentecost)
Laity Sunday
Witness of the People of God

OT	Daniel 3: 12-30
Psalm	15
Epistle	Acts 18: 24-28
Gospel	Luke 10:1-20
Evening	Nehemiah 1: 1-11 / 2 Timothy 2:1-8

Collect: *O God of the Harvest, Who send us into the world as lambs among wolves, Enable us to boldly affirm that the God we serve is able to save us from furnaces, rescue us from any adversity and co-sojourn with us in the fi re, So that we would in fervent Spirit witness accurately the things concerning Jesus, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen*

October11, 2020, Sunday
(19th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sunday for the Mentally & Physically
Challenged and Palliative Patients
Differently Abled: Sanctity of Life

OT	Exodus 4: 10-17
Psalm	37
Epistle	2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Gospel	John 5: 1-9
Evening	2 Samuel 9:1-13 / Mark 3: 1-6

Collect: *God of Life, Who loves justice and graciously sanctify each life, Shower Your grace on all who are weak, tormented, persecuted, insulted, paralysed and are mentally and physically challenged and teach us to be gracious, So that all those who suffer in palliation, and in physical and mental challenges may live their life in dignity and sanctity, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

October 18, 2020, Sunday
(20th Sunday after Pentecost)
Youth Sunday
Spirituality of the Youth in the Contemporary World

OT	Genesis 41: 37-43
Psalm	111
Epistle	Philippians 3:1-16
Gospel	Matthew 19: 16-22
Evening	1 Samuel 17: 31- 50 / Luke 18: 18-30

Collect: *Gracious and Merciful God, Who has caused His wondrous works to be remembered, Equip us to be people in whom the Spirit of God dwell, who would count anything as insignificant in order to gain Christ and be found in Him, That we may know Christ and the power of His resurrection sharing in his suffering and becoming like Him in his death, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

(OR)

Luke, Evangelist and physician

OT	Isaiah 35:3-6 /Eccl.8:1-9
Psalm	45
Epistle	Col. 4:10-15
Gospel	Luke 1:1-4

Collect: *Almighty God, who inspired Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of Your Son; grant that the same power and love may always be present in Your Church to heal and comfort the sick for the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

October 25, 2020, Sunday
(21st Sunday after Pentecost)
Reformation Sunday
Rediscovering and Reliving the Faith

OT	2 Chronicles 34:8-21
Psalm	46
Epistle	Revelation 2: 1-7
Gospel	John 2:12-22
Evening	Zephaniah 3: 14-20 / Jude 17- 25

Collect: *God our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble, Enable us to rediscover the precepts of the kingdom values, constantly inquiring of the Lord concerning the living out of the faith with a zeal for Your House and passion for justice and truth, So that we may regain the first love that we seem to have lost somewhere in the journey, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

November 1, 2020, Sunday
(22nd Sunday after Pentecost)
World Sunday School Day
Nurturing in Faith

OT	Proverbs 23:15-26
Psalm	127
Epistle	Ephesians 6: 10- 18
Gospel	Matthew 18: 1-6
Evening	1 Samuel 3:1-21 / Ephesians 6:1-4

Collect: *God the Great Guru, Who builds and guards the people of God in Your wisdom, Make us obedient listeners of Your Word, mould us to be strong in You, enrobe us with the armor of God, enable us to stand firm in boldness to the mystery of the Gospel, so that we may humble ourselves to Your wisdom and turn to become like little children to be nurtured in Your word, to overcome the evils of this world, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

(OR)

All Saints Day

OT	Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm	150
Epistle	Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12

Collect: *O Lord, You have wonderfully bound together all Your faithful people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Your Son Christ our Lord; give us grace so to follow Your blessed saints in faith and holy obedience that we may come to that unutterable joy which You have prepared for those who truly love You; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

November 2, 2020, Monday
All Souls Day
(Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)

OT	Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm	118:14-15, 17-21
Epistle	2 Corinthians 5:1-10 / Heb.12:1-2
Gospel	John 11:21-27

Collect: *Eternal God, Maker and Redeemer of all believers, pour out upon Your whole Church in paradise and on earth the fullness of Your light and grace; and grant that we, following the example of those who have served You here and are now at rest, may at last enter with them into Your unending joy; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen*

November 8, 2020, Sunday
(23rd Sunday after Pentecost)
Unity Sunday / (NCCI Dalit Liberation Sunday)
Treasures in Clay Jars

OT	Micah 6: 1-8
Psalm	106: 1-12
Epistle	2 Corinthians 4: 7-15
Gospel	Mark 4: 26-29
Evening	Jeremiah 29: 1-9 / Revelation 3: 7-13

Collect: *O God who has given us the vision of unity and concord, we praise You for the possibility You have granted us to worship together in unity; help us to grow in unity as a community that worships You in truth and in spirit so that we may fulfill Your great desire of one flock and one shepherd; let this unity in worship strengthen our witness in the world around us; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

November 15, 2020, Sunday
(24th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sunday for the Girl Child
Assuring Future for the Girl Child

OT	2 Kings 5:1-5
Psalm	8
Epistle	Acts 12: 11-17
Gospel	Mark 5: 21-24,35-43
Evening	Exodus 2:1-10 / Matthew 15:21-28

Collect: *Gracious God, who through Your Son made the weak and the rejected strong and whole, we praise You. Look mercifully on all the girl children who are rejected and marginalized, and give them courage and new hope. Help us to receive the girl child as a full member of the community and restore all the honour and respect they deserve. May the talents and potentials You have endowed them with, flower fourth to become essential resources in the community. Help us Lord that we may together be liberated and equipped to use our mutual strengths and weaknesses, gifts and talents, opportunities and limitations, to contribute to the welfare of the whole world; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

November 22, 2020, Sunday

(25th Sunday after Pentecost)
Taking Risk for the Reign of God

OT	Esther 8:1-17
Psalm	12
Epistle	Philippians. 2:25-30
Gospel	Mathew. 10:37-42
Evening	Acts 7:54-60 / Mark 8:34-38

Collect*: Gracious God, our Creator, who created us in Your image and protects us from all dangers of life, help us to recognize your will in our lives in the midst of trials and tribulations for the sake of truth and justice which are the foundation to your reign. Grant us grace to fix our eyes on your Son Jesus Christ who did not count the sufferings in order to glorify your name. Strengthen us to take risks for the reign of god through Jesus Christ Your son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. Amen*

Advent Season

November 29, 2020, Sunday
1st Sunday in Advent
Joyful Expectation of Christ's Coming
(Meeting of Mary with Elizabeth)

OT	Jeremiah 33: 10-16
Psalm	68:11-20
Epistle	1 Thes. 3: 6- 13
Gospel	Luke 1: 39- 45
Evening	Genesis. 18: 1-15 / 1 John 3: 1-16

Collect: *God of all places and all times, In whose Son we fi nd joy, hope, peace and salvation, Help us to pray and long for the fullness of salvation and grant us the grace to live the gladness of Your salvation all through our lives In order that You would fi nd us blameless and holy in Your presence when our Lord Jesus comes with all His holy ones, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

November 29, 2020, Sunday
Church of North India – Formation Day

OT	Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm	122
Epistle	1 Corinthians 12:12-26
Gospel	John 17:17-26

Collect: *Almighty God, whose blessed Son laid down His life that this scattered flock of Your children might be gathered into one: grant that those who thankfully celebrate the union of Churches in North India may grow together in the bond of faith and love, and show forth the glory of Him who is their peace, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

November 30 2020, Monday
Andrew, Apostle and Martyr

OT	Amos 7: 10-15
Psalm	67
Epistle	Philippians 1:3-11
Gospel	John 12: 20-26

Collect: *Almighty God, who gave such grace to Your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of Your Son Jesus Christ and brought his brother with him: call us by Your holy word, and give us grace to follow You without delay and to tell the good news of Your*

kingdom; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.

December 6, 2020, Sunday
2nd Sunday in Advent
Bible Sunday
Word of God: Light to our Path
(Birth of John the Baptist)

OT	Isaiah 55: 6-13
Psalm	119: 105-112
Epistle	Galatians 1: 11- 17
Gospel	Luke 1: 67-80
Evening	Zechariah 1:1-6 / Rev. 1: 1-7

Collect: *God, the Eternal Word, Who continues to speak to us, Your Church, we pray that You enable us to listen to Your word, calling us to return to You from our evil ways, walk our ways with Your Word as a lamp to our feet and light to our path. And then, Your Word that You have sent would not return to You empty, rather, would accomplish what Your purpose, guiding our feet into the path of peace, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

December 13, 2020, Sunday
3rd Sunday in Advent
Hope of Salvation

OT	Zephaniah 3:14-20
Psalm	43
Epistle	2 Peter 3: 8-13
Gospel	Mathew. 1:18-25
Evening	Isaiah 35:1-10 / Ephesians 1:15-23

Collect: *Almighty God, our Saviour, And our Hope of Salvation, Grant us the wisdom to live in anticipation of a new heaven and new earth, a holy and godly life, trusting in You as our Saviour and walking with You as our Immanuel In order that our hearts may be enlightened to know the hope to which You have called us, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

December 20, 2020, Sunday
4th Sunday in Advent
Rejoice, the Lord is Near

OT	Zech 2: 6- 13
Psalm	50: 1-15
Epistle	1 Thes. 5:12-24
Gospel	John 16: 16-24

Evening Isa 11: 1-10 / Rev 19: 4-9

Collect: *Almighty God, Who deems us as the apple of Your eye as we joyfully wait to receive Your Son as our redeemer, sanctify our spirit, soul and body to be kept blameless at the coming of Your Son, So that when He shall come after a little while to be our judge with righteousness and faithfulness, we would behold Him with sure confidence, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

December 21, 2020, Monday
Mar Thoma Church Day

OT	Isaiah 22:20-24
Psalm	100
Epistle	Philippians 3:12-21
Gospel	John 14:1-7

Collect: *Almighty God, whose blessed Son laid down his life that the scattered flock of Your children might be gathered into one; grant that we who thankfully celebrate the Mar Thoma Church day in our country may grow together in the bond of faith and love, and show forth the glory of him who is our peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

Christmas Season

December 24, 2020, Thursday
Christmas Eve
God Coming to Us

OT	Micah 5: 1-9
Psalm	89:1-4, 19-29
Epistle	Revelation 21: 1-5
Gospel	John 1: 1- 14

Collect: *Eternal God, Who has send His only Son to the smallest of the towns in Judah, to bring peace to the whole world, Grant us the grace to recognize Him, receive Him and believe in Him, as the Word, incarnated and lived among us full of grace and truth, So that we would become Your children, always living with You. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

December 25, 2020, Friday
Christmas
Christmas: Finding Space for the Prince of Peace

OT	Isaiah 9: 2-7
Psalm	85: 8-13
Epistle	Ephesians 1: 3-14
Gospel	Luke 2: 1- 14
Evening	Isaiah 7:10-14 / Philippians 2:5-11

Collect: *God, the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, Who became a human being, to be born of a virgin and laid in a manger, to live as 'Immanuel', to be obedient even unto the death upon a Cross, Make our hearts humble enough to offer space for the Prince of Peace so that we may experience and share the Good News of Your salvation for all, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen*

December 27, 2020, Sunday
1st Sunday after Christmas
Family Sunday
Family as Gift of God

OT	Joshua 24:14-22
Psalm	128
Epistle	Ephesians 3: 14- 21
Gospel	Mark 3: 31-35
Evening	Genesis 21: 1-21 / Galatians 6: 1-10

Collect: *God, the author of all families, from whom every family in heaven and on earth receives its true name, Grant us and our families the wisdom to decide, to serve You alone, So that we would remain as members of the household of Your Son Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

December 31, 2020, Thursday
Year Ending
Come to the Lord with Thanksgiving

OT	2 Samuel 6: 1-15
Psalm	91
Epistle	Colossians 3: 12-17
Gospel	Luke 17: 11-19

Collect: *Everlasting God, the Creator and sustainer of the whole creation, our times are in Your hands; as You have brought us to the end of a year in ways mysterious to us, enable us to put our trust in You fully so that we may truly experience Your blessings each day of our lives and also inherit life eternal; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.*

January 1, 2021, Friday
New Year (Covenant Day)
God's Continuing Act of Grace
(Feast of Circumcision)

OT	Zeph. 3: 14-20
Psalm	136
Epistle	Romans 5: 1-11
Gospel	Luke 13: 1- 9
Evening	Joel 2: 23-27 / Revelation 3: 7- 13

Collect: *God of the covenant, who, in the continuing act of grace, saves those who turn unto Him; renew us in your love, change our shame into praise and restore us into yourself; so that we may be courageous to sing your praises in our sufferings knowing that suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character and character produces hope. In the name of the God who loves us, Christ who died for us while we were still sinners and the Holy Spirit who fills our hearts with love, now and evermore.* ***Amen****.*

Liturgical Colours
2020

December 24 eve to January 6	White (Christmas Season)
January 7 to February 25	Green (Epiphany Season)
February 26 to April 11	Purple (Lenten Season)
April 12 to May 30	White (Easter Season)
May 31 to June 6	Red (Pentecost Sunday)
June 7	White (Trinity Sunday)
June 8 to November 28	Green (Pentecost Season
November 29 to December 24 morning	Purple (Advent Season)

Note:
This note is added to help those congregations who use Liturgical colours.

White is the colour for the festal periods from Christmas Eve to the festival of Epiphany, from Easter day to the eve of Pentecost, and for Trinity Sunday. It is also used for marriages, thanksgiving services, harvest festivals, the feast of dedication of a church and for feasts commemorating saints. White is suitable for baptism, confirmation and ordination, though red may be preferred.

Red is used on the feast of Pentecost, and during the week between Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. It is used on All Saints' day and for the feasts of those saints venerated as martyrs. It is appropriate for any service which focuses on the gift of the Holy Spirit, and is therefore suitable for baptism, confirmation and ordination.

Purple is the colour for Advent season and Lenten season and is therefore used from the first Sunday in Advent to the fourth Sunday in Advent; from Ash Wednesday until Holy Saturday. However, white may be preferred at holy communion service on Maundy Thursday.

Purple is recommended for funerals and for the commemoration of the faithful departed, although either black or white may also be used. White is preferred at the funeral of a child.

Green is the colour for ordinary Sundays. It is used between Epiphany and Ash Wednesday, and between Trinity Sunday and Advent Sunday.

Orange / Saffron CSI Episcopacy has instituted Orange/Saffron Hand bands and stolls for its Bishops. Orange is colour of India & it is on the top of the Indian Flag symbolizing Indian spirituality of Prayer, Meditation, Sacrifice, Selflessness and Commitment. The CSI Episcopal vestments do not change the colours through out the year, for Episcopacy stands for continuity of Pastoral Leadership, Solemnity & Dignity of Liturgical continuance and perpetual Theological reflection and commitment to God and to His Word and to His Church.

Prayers for Special Occasions
Thanksgiving for Harvest

OT	Deuteronomy 26 : 1-11/ I Chronicles 29: 10-20
Psalm	65
Epistle	I Timothy 6 : 6-12 / IICorinthians 9: 6-15
Gospel	Luke 21 : 1-4/John 6 : 26-35

Most gracious God, according to Your wisdom deep waters are opened up and clouds drop gentle moisture. We praise You for the return of planting and harvest seasons, for the fertility of the soil, for the harvesting of crops, and for all other blessings that You in Your generosity pour on this nation and people. Give us a full understanding of Your mercy, and help us live lives that will be respectful, holy, obedient to You throughout all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

Dedication of a Church or Anniversary

OT	I Kings 8 : 22-30 / II Chronicles 7 : 11-16
Psalm	84
Epistle	I Corinthians 3 : 9-17 / I Peter 2 : 1-10
Gospel	Mathew 16: 13-20 / John 4 : 19-24

Eternal God, high and holy, no building can contain Your glory or display the wonders of our love. May this place be used as a gathering place for people of goodwill: when we worship, let us worship gladly; when we study, let us learn Your truth. May every meeting held here meet with Your approval, so that this building may stand as a sign of Your Spirit at work in the world and as a witness to You, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.

Common Forms for Commemoration of Notable Christians

The common forms are provided for the commemoration of person not included in the list of apostles and saints commemorated on *Special Days.* Commemoration of notable Christians is an occasion when the Church recollects and derives inspiration from those who are known to have enthused and guided others to holiness. It is also an occasion of teaching about the history of the Church. The following common forms of propers and collects provided

may be used to commemorate the forerunners in our faith.

The Synod authorizes a list of person who may be commemorated in the public worship of the Church, or else each diocese may select forerunners in our faith who have particular significance for the Church in that area.

1. Apostles
2. Martyrs
3. Faithful Women
4. Preachers of the Gospel
5. Pastors
6. Teachers
7. Doctors of the Church
8. Healers of the Sick
9. Prophets and Reformers
10. Pioneers and Builders
11. Servants of the Church

Psalms for Daily Reading
January, March, May, July, September, November

Day	Morning	Evening
1	1; 2; 5	3; 4
2	8; 9	6; 7
3	10; 11	12; 13; 14
4	15; 16	17
5	18:1-24	18:25-50
6	19; 20	21
7	22	23; 24
8	25; 26	27; 28
9	29; 30	31
10	33	32
11	34	35
12	36; 37:1-11	37:12-40
13	38	39
14	40	41
15	44	42; 43
16	45	46
17	47; 48	49
18	50	51
19	52; 53	54
20	55	56
21	57; 58	59:1-4, 9-17
22	60; 61	119:161-176
23	62; 63	64; 65
24	66	67
25	68:1-20, 24-35	69:1-21; 29-36
26	70; 71:1-16	71:17-24
27	72	73
28	74	75

29	76	77
30	78:1-16	78:17-39
31	78:40-55	78:56-72

In a month with thirty days, all the Psalms provided for the 30th may be read on the morning of the 30th, and those provided for the 31st in the evening.

Psalms for Daily Reading February, April, June, August, October, December

Day	Morning	Evening
1	79:1-5; 8-13	80
2	81	82
3	83; 84	85
4	86	87; 88
5	89:1-18	89:19-52
6	90	91
7	92; 93	94
8	95	96
9	97	98; 99
10	100; 101	102
11	103	104;1-23
12	104;24-35	105: 1-22
13	105:23-45	106:1-18, 42-48
14	106:19-48	107:1-22
15	107:23-43	108
16	109:1-5, 21-31	110
17	111; 112	113; 114
18	116; 117	115
19	118	119:1-24
20	119:25-48	119:49-72
21	119:73-96	119:97-120
22	119:121-144	119:145-160
23	120; 121-122	123; 124; 125
24	126; 127; 128	129; 130; 131
25	132; 133; 134	135
26	136	137:1-6; 138
27	139	140:1-8, 12-13; 141
28	142; 143	144
29	145	146
30	147	148
31	149	150

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 18th – 25th January

January 18th : Day 1, Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters

Scripture

- **Amos 5:22-25,** You shall love the alien as yourself.
- **Psalm 7** I thank God for his Justice.
- **Luke 11:37-44,** Give for alms those things that are within.

Prayer

God of the widow, the orphan and the stranger, You have shown us the path of justice. Help us to follow your way by doing justice as our worship of you. As Christians together, may we worship you not only with our hearts and minds, but also by our deeds. May the Holy Spirit help and guide us to work for justice wherever we are, so that many people may be strengthened through our works. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

January 19th : Day 2, Let your word be "Yes, Yes" or "No, No."

Scripture

- **Ephesians 4:22-25,** Let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors.
- **Psalm 119,** Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness.
- **Matthew 5:33-37,** Let your word be "Yes, Yes" or "No, No."

Prayer

God of righteousness, grant us wisdom to distinguish right from wrong. Let our hearts be guided by honesty and our lips speak the truth. Give us courage to be truthful even when others go against us. Keep us from spreading deceit; make us, rather, agents of unity and peace, spreading good news for all people. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

January 20th : Day 3, The Lord is gracious and merciful to all

Scripture

- **Ephesians 4:22-25,** Let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors.
- **Psalm 145,** The Lord is gracious and merciful.
- **Matthew 1:1-17,** The genealogy of Jesus the Messiah.

Prayer

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, we give praise to you for your great glory made manifest in all of creation. Give us an open heart to embrace all who experience discrimination. Help us to grow in love beyond prejudice and injustice. Grant us the grace to respect the uniqueness of each person, so that in our diversity we may experience unity. This prayer we make in your Holy Name. Amen

January 21st : Day 4, Be content with what you have

Scripture

- **Hebrews 13:1-5,** Be content with what you have.
- **Psalm 103:6,** The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
- **Matthew 6:25-34,** Do not worry about tomorrow.

Prayer

Compassionate God, we thank you for your bountiful gifts. Give us the grace to accept all blessings in simplicity and with humble gratitude. Enable us to be content and ready to share with others who are in need, so that all may experience unity in the love that flows from you, our Triune God, who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

January 22nd : Day 5, To bring good news to the poor

Scripture

- **Amos 8:4-8,** I will never forget any of their deeds.
- **Psalm 89:14,** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne.
- **Luke 4:16-21,** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

Prayer

God our Father, forgive our lust for power and free us from the temptation to oppress others. By your Holy Spirit of communion, help us to live in solidarity with our neighbor, and so share together with your Son Jesus in fulfilling your promise of freedom from poverty and oppression. We pray in His name. Amen.

January 23rd " Day 6, The Lord of hosts is his name

Scripture

- **Jeremiah 10:12-16,** He is the one who formed all things.
- **Psalm 69,** Zeal for your house has consumed me.
- **Mark16:14-15,** Go into the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Prayer

Loving God, by your word all things came to be. We thank you for the universe which manifests your glory, beauty and kindness. Grant us the wisdom to walk gently upon the earth and together to be prophets of your good news to all creation. Amen.

January 24th : Day 7, Woman, great is your faith!

Scripture

- **1 Samuel 1:13-17,** Go in peace.
- **Psalm 6:3,** Happy are those who observe justice.

- **Matthew 15:21-28,** Let it be done for you as you wish.

Prayer

Gracious God, You are the source of human dignity. By your grace and power the words of Hannah changed the heart of Eli the Priest; by your grace and power the words of the Canaanite woman moved Jesus to heal her daughter. As we search to manifest the unity of the Church, grant us the courage to reject all forms of violence against women and to celebrate the gifts of the Spirit that women bring to the service of the Church. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

January 25th : Day 8, The Lord is my light and my salvation

Scripture

- **Isaiah 42:6,** I will appoint you as a covenant to the people.
- **Psalm 27:1-4,** The Lord is the stronghold of my life.
- **John 8:12-20,** You judge by human standards; I judge no one.

Prayer

God our Sustainer, we praise you for your loving kindness, for upholding us in times of trial, and showing us your light in times of darkness. Transform our lives so that we may be a blessing for others. Help us to live unity in diversity as a witness to your communion, We ask this in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

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