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December 3, 2006 [Purple]

First Lord's Day of Advent (Year C)

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10 (UMH 756)

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

December 10, 2006 [Purple]

Second Lord's Day of Advent (Year C)

Malachi 3:1-4;

Luke 1:68-79 Benedictus (MHB 5)

Philippians 1:3-11;

Luke 3:1-6

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will
send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

December 17, 2006 [Purple]

Third Lord's Day of Advent (Year C)

Zephaniah 3:14-20;

Isaiah 12:2-6 (MHB 67)

Philippians 4:4-7;

Luke 3:7-18

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare
the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

December 24, 2006 [Purple for Advent Service (a.m.);

White for Eve of the Nativity Service (p.m.)]

Fourth Lord 's Day of Advent (Year C)

Micah 5:2-5a;

Luke 1:46b-55 Magnificent (MHB 7)

Hebrews 10:5-10;

Luke 1:39-45

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

December 24, 2006

Eve of the Nativity (A, B, and C)

Isaiah 9:2-7;

Psalm 96

Titus 2:11-14;

Luke 2:1-20

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

December 25, 2006 [White or Gold]

Festival of the Nativity (A, B, and C)

Isaiah 52:7-10;

Psalm 98

Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12);

John 1:1-14

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

December 31, 2006 [White or Gold]

First Lord 's Day after the Nativity (Year C)

(May be celebrated as Epiphany using the readings for January 6.)

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26;

Psalm 148 (MHB 63)

Colossians 3:12-17;

Luke 2:41-52

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

January 6, 2007 [White]

Epiphany of the Lord

(Epiphany may be celebrated using these readings on December 31, 2006.)

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 ((MHB 40))

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

January 7, 2007 [White]

Baptism of the Lord

Second Lord's Day after the Nativity

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord

January 14, 2007 [Green]

Third Lord's Day after the Nativity

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 36:5-10 (MHB 30)

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

January 21, 2007 [Green]

Fourth Lord's Day after the Nativity

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19 (MHB 23)

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

January 28, 2007 [Green]

Fifth Lord's Day after the Nativity

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6 (UMH 794)

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

February 4, 2007 [Green]

Sixth Lord's Day after the Nativity

Isaiah 6:1-13

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

February 11, 2007 [Green]

Seventh Lord's Day after the Nativity

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1 (MHB 15)

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

February 18, 2007: Eight Lord's Day after the Nativity

(Transfiguration Lord's Day)

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99 (UMH 819)

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-43

February 21, 2007 [Purple]

Commencement of the Penitential Season (Ash Wednesday)

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

(or Isaiah 58:1-12)

Psalm 51:1-17 (MHB 35)

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 25, 2007 [Purple]

Sixth Lord's Day before Resurrection

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (UMH 810)

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

February 4, 2007: Sixth Lord's Day after the Nativity

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service: strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

February 11, 2007: Seventh Lord's Day after the Nativity

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

February 18, 2007: Eight Lord's Day after the Nativity
(Transfiguration Lord's Day)

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 is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

February 21, 2007: Commencement of the Penitential Season
(Ash Wednesday)

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

February 25, 2007: Sixth Lord's Day before the Resurrection

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

March 4, 2007 [Purple]

Fifth Lord's Day before Resurrection

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27 (MHB 27)

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35 (or Luke 9:28-36)

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

March 11, 2007 [Purple]

Fourth Lord's Day before Resurrection

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

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 your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

March 18, 2007 [Purple]

Third Lord's Day before the Resurrection

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our Lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

March 25, 2007 [Purple]

Second Lord's Day before the Resurrection

Commencement of Passiontide

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

Gracious Father,

you gave up your Son

out of love for the world:

lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,

that we may know eternal peace

through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

April 1, 2007

Palm/Passion Lord's Day [Red or Purple]

Liturgy of the Palms

Luke 19:28-40

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (MHB 56)

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14–23:56 (or Luke 23:1-49)

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

April 2, 2007 [Red or Purple]

Monday of Holy Week
Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 36:5-11 (MHB 30)
Hebrews 9:11-15
John 12:1-11

April 3, 2007 [Red or Purple]

Tuesday of Holy Week
Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 71:1-14
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
John 12:20-36

April 4, 2007 [Red or Purple]

Wednesday of Holy Week
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 70
Hebrews 12:1-3
John 13:21-32

April 5, 2007 [Red or Purple]

Holy Thursday
Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (MHB 55)
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35
God our Father,
you have invited us to share in the supper
which your Son gave to his Church
to proclaim his death until he comes:
may he nourish us by his presence,
and unite us in his love;
who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

April 6, 2007 [No Colour]

The Crucifixion (Good Friday)

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16-25

John 18:1–19:42

Almighty Father,

look with mercy on this your family

for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed

and given up into the hands of sinners

and to suffer death upon the cross;

who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

April 7, 2007

Holy Saturday

Job 14:1–14

Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16

1 Peter 4:1-8

Matthew 27:57-66

In the depths of our isolation

we cry to you, Lord God:

give light in our darkness

and bring us out of the prison of our despair;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Vigil for the festival of the Resurrection

The number of readings may vary, but Exodus 14 and at least two other readings from the Old Testament should be used in addition to the New Testament readings.

Old Testament Readings and Psalms

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 136:1-9 or Psalm 33

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

Psalm 46 (MHB 33)

Genesis 22:1-18

Psalm 16 (MHB 20)

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18

Isaiah 55:1-11

Isaiah 12:2-6

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Psalm 42 (MHB 32)

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 143

Second Reading and Psalm
Romans 6:3-11
Psalm 114

April 8, 2007 [White]

Festival of the Resurrection
Acts 10:34-43 (or Isaiah 65:17-25)
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (MHB 56)
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-18 (or Luke 24:1-12)

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

April 15, 2007 [White]

Second Lord's Day of the Resurrection
Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 150 (MHB 64)
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

April 22, 2007 [White]

Third Lord's Day of the Resurrection
Acts 9:1-20
Psalm 30 (MHB 28)
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19
Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,

that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

April 29, 2007 [White]

Fourth Lord's Day of the Resurrection

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23 (MHB 25)

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

May 6, 2007 [White]

Fifth Lord's of Day the Resurrection

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148 (MHB 63)

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

May 13, 2007 [White]

Sixth Lord's of the Resurrection

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29 (or John 5:1-9)

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

May 17, 2007 [White]

Ascension Day

(These readings may be used Lord's Day, May 20.)

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47 (or Psalm 110)

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

May 20, 2007 [White]

Seventh Lord's Day of the Resurrection

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97 (MHB 50)

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

May 27, 2007 [Red]

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (MHB 52)

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17, (25-27)

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

June 3, 2007 [White]

Trinity Lord's Day (First Lord's Day after Pentecost)

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8 (MHB 18)

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Almighty God
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

June 10, 2007 [Green]

Second Lord's Day after Pentecost]

1 Kings 17:8-24

Psalm 146 (MHB 62)

Galatians 1:11-24

Luke 7:11-17

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

June 17, 2007 [Green]

Third Lord's Day after Pentecost]

1 Kings 21:1-21a

Psalm 5:1-8 (MHB 17)

Galatians 2:15-21
Luke 7:36-8:3

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake.

June 24, 2007 [Green]

Fourth Lord's Day after Pentecost]

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Psalm 42 (MHB 32)

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

July 1, 2007 [Green]

Fifth Lord's Day after Pentecost

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (MHB 42)

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

July 8, 2007 [Green]

Sixth Lord's Day after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalm 30 (MHB 28)

Galatians 6:1-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

July 15, 2007 [Green]

Seventh Lord 's Day after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-17

Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

July 22, 2007 [Green]

Eighth Lord 's Day after Pentecost

Amos 8:1-12

Psalm 52

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

July 29, 2007 [Green]

Ninth Lord 's Day after Pentecost

Hosea 1:2-10

Psalm 85

Colossians 2:6-19

Luke 11:1-13

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,

when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

August 5, 2007 [Green]

Tenth Lord 's Day after Pentecost
Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

August 12, 2007 [Green]

Eleventh Lord 's Day after Pentecost
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

August 19, 2007 [Green]

Twelfth Lord 's Day after Pentecost
Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,

and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

August 26, 2007 [Green]

Thirteenth Lord 's Day after Pentecost
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

September 2, 2007 [Green]

Fourteenth Lord 's Day after Pentecost
Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

September 9, 2007 [Green]

Fifteenth Lord 's Day after Pentecost
Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (MHB 60)
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:

give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

September 16, 2007 [Green]

Sixteenth Lord 's Day after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalm 14

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

September 23, 2007 [Green]

Seventeenth Lord 's Day after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Psalm 79:1-9

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

September 30, 2007 [Green]

Eighteenth Lord 's Day after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

October 7, 2007 [Green]

Nineteenth Lord 's Day after Pentecost
Lamentations 1:1-6
Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

October 14, 2007 [Green]

Twentieth Lord 's Day after Pentecost
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-12 (MHB 39)
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

October 21, 2007 [Green]

Twenty-First Lord 's Day after Pentecost
Laity Lord 's Day
Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 119:97-104
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

Father of light,
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,
you give us every good and perfect gift
and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:
may we be a living sign of that kingdom
where your whole creation will be made perfect
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

October 28, 2007 [Green]

Twenty-Second Lord 's Day after Pentecost

Joel 2:23-32
Psalm 65 (MHB 38)
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,

November 1, 2007 [White]

All Saints Day
(May be used Lord's Day, Nov. 4.)
Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149 (or Psalm 150)
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

November 4, 2007 [White or Red]

Eight Lord's day before the Nativity
Fourth before Advent

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

Almighty and eternal God,
you have 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,
we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

November 11, 2007 [Green]

Seventh Lord's day before the Nativity

Third before Advent

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 (MHB 61)

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

November 18, 2007 [Green]

Sixth Lord's day before the Nativity

Second before Advent

Isaiah 65:17-25

Isaiah 12 (MHB 67) (or Psalm 118) (MHB 56)

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

November 25, 2007 [White or Gold]

Fifth Lord's day before the Nativity

Lord's Day before Advent

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 1:68-79 (MHB 5)

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,

whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

December 2 , 2007 [Blue or Purple]

First Lord 's Day of Advent (Year A)

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122 (MHB 58)

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.