

PROPER PREFACES

1. *Advent Sunday (until Christmas Day)*

And now we give you thanks
because the day of our deliverance has dawned,
and through him you will make all things new
as he comes in power and triumph
to judge the world.

2. *Christmas Day (until Epiphany, or Second Sunday After Christmas; also the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the Annunciation)*

And now we give you thanks,
because by the power of the Holy Spirit
he took our nature upon him
and was born of the Virgin Mary, his mother,
that, being himself without sin,
he might make us clean from all sin.

3. *The Epiphany (Second Sunday after Christmas) also the Transfiguration*

And now we give you thanks,
because in coming to dwell among us as a man,
he revealed the radiance of his glory
and brought us out of darkness
into his own marvellous light.

4. *Lent (Ash Wednesday until the 5th Sunday in Lent)*

And now we give you thanks,
because through him you have given us
the spirit of discipline,
that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace.

5. *Passiontide (5th Sunday in Lent until Easter Day, excluding Maundy Thursday - the Thursday before Good Friday)*

And now we give you thanks,
because for our salvation he was obedient even unto death,
death on a cross.
The tree of defeat became the tree of glory;
and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

6. *Maundy Thursday (the day before Good Friday)*

And now we give you thanks,
because he is the true and ever-living priest
who has established this eternal sacrifice,
and offered himself as victim for our deliverance,
and taught us to do this in remembrance of him,
so that by eating the bread of life in this holy meal
we might proclaim his death until he comes.

7. *Easter Day (until Ascension Day)*

And now we give you thanks
for his glorious resurrection from the dead.
By his death he has destroyed death,
and by his rising again
he has restored us to eternal life.

8. *Ascension Day (until the Day of Pentecost)*

And now we give you thanks,
because in his risen body he appeared to his disciples,
and in their sight was taken up into heaven
to reign with you in glory.

9. *The Day of Pentecost (until Trinity Sunday - First Sunday after Pentecost)*

And now we give you thanks,
because by the same Spirit
we are led into all truth
and are given power
to proclaim your gospel to the nations
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

10. *Trinity Sunday (First Sunday after Pentecost)*

And now we give you thanks,
because you have revealed your glory
as the glory of your Son and of the Holy Spirit:
three persons equal in majesty,
undivided in splendour,
yet one Lord, one God,
ever to be worshipped and adored.

11. *All Saints' Day (1st November or nearest Sunday)*

And now we give you thanks
for the hope to which you call us in your Son,
that, following in the faith of your saints,
we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
and with them receive the unfading crown of glory.

12. *Saint's Day (commemorating a church dedication)*

And now we give you thanks
for the work of your grace in the life of Saint ...
And that by the same grace you lead us in the way of holiness,
setting before us the vision of your glory.

13. *Marriage*

And now we give you thanks,
because you have made the union between Christ and his Church
a pattern for the marriage between husband and wife.

14. *Unity*

And now we give you thanks,
because of the unity that you have given us in your Son,
and that you are the God and Father of us all,
above all and through all and in all.

15. *Sundays (when no other preface is provided)*

(1) And now we give you thanks,
because in love you created all humankind,
in justice you condemned them,
but in mercy you redeemed them.

(2) And now we give you thanks,
because today is the first day of the week,
when you bid us rejoice
in the resurrection of your Son,
whereby sin is overcome and hope restored.

(3) And now we give you thanks,
because today you have gathered us together
at this eucharistic (*or* thanksgiving) feast,
so that we may be renewed
in love, joy and peace.

- (4) And now we give you thanks,
because in your great love
you have shown us the way,
taught us the truth,
and given us life which is eternal.
- (5) And now we give you thanks,
because in your Son
you strengthen our weak wills,
comfort our sad hearts,
and enlighten our darkened minds,
and enable us to live to your glory.