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ALMANAC 2021

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THEMES AND LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS
AND OTHER FEAST / COMMEMORATION DAYS

JANUARY

GOD'S CONTINUING ACTS OF GRACE

New Year (Covenant Day)

January 1, 2021, Friday

Zeph. 3: 14-20

Psalm 136

Romans 5: 1-11

Luke 13: 1-9

E: 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.**

January 3, 2021, Sunday

Revelation for Liberation

2nd Sunday after Christmas

Isa. 61: 1-11

Psalm 76

Rev. 5: 1-10

Luke 4:16-21

Evening Jer. 24: 1-7 / Acts 27: 18-26

Collect: Almighty and gracious God we thank you for revealing Yourself through Your Son Jesus Christ the liberating word. Help us to realize the situations where we unconsciously become agents of oppression, bondage, slavery and sin. Graciously fill us with Your Holy Spirit so that we become Your instruments to set free the people from darkness of sin and every form of slavery through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord and liberator who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

**Christ Draws all Nations to Himself
(Epiphany)
January 6, 2021
Wednesday**

Isaiah 56: 1-8

Psalm 72

Revelation 7: 9-17

Matthew 2: 1-12

Collect: God of all nations and peoples, you have sent your Son Jesus Christ, the light of the life to redeem us from the powers of darkness that we may come to you and be part of your kingdom of life. Open our eyes to see you and come to you in total surrender through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

Live Worthy of Your Calling

January 10, 2021

1st Sunday after Epiphany

Proverbs 20: 1-11 Psalm 14
Romans 6: 12- 21 Matthew 7: 16- 23
E: Judges 16:16-21 Galatians 5: 16- 24

Collect: Holy God, Creator of our being, enable us to live a life worthy of your calling. Help us to follow your righteous paths and avoid all evil in our day to day life. Strengthen us to be firm to evade the rule of sin and submit ourselves to the reign of your grace in our lives. Challenge us to be a good tree that bears good fruit so that we may find favour in your eyes; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. **Amen.**

One Lord, One Baptism

January 17, 2021

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Numbers 11: 23 - 30 Psalm 23
1 Cor. 10: 1- 4 John 10: 7 -18
E: Amos 9: 5- 12 1 John 3: 1-10

Collect: God of new life, you seek to recreate people with holiness, justice, peace and equality. We thank you for the institution of Baptism through which we could be touched by you and be transformed by you. Grant us grace that we who are baptized in Christ may realize that we are clothed with newness through the merits of Jesus Christ the new Adam who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Unity for Justice and Peace
(Ecumenical Sunday)
January 24, 2021**

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Ezekiel 37: 15 - 28

Psalm 4

Phil. 4: 8-20

Matthew 5: 21 - 26

E: Deut. 15: 7 – 11

2 Cor. 8: 1-15

Collect: God of peace and justice, who sent your Son Jesus Christ the prince of Peace for our redemption, empower us with spirit of justice to have right judgements in all things and in establishing a peaceful kingdom and await the coming judge, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God now and forever.
Amen.

**The Conversion of Paul
January 25, 2021, Monday**

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Psalm 67

Acts 9: 1-18

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.**

**Responsible Citizenship
(Republic Day)
January 26, 2021
Tuesday**

Amos 5: 7- 15

Psalm 146

Romans 13: 1- 10

Mark 12: 13 -17

Collect: God who orders life, we give you thanks that you always create life in the midst of chaos. Our Lord Jesus Christ taught us to reorder politics and governance by the new order of your kingdom in which hungry may be nourished and the oppressed set free. Grant us grace as people of your kingdom to live as responsible citizens bringing glory to your name through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Goodness of Creation
January 31, 2021
9th Sunday before Easter**

Genesis 1: 24- 31

Psalm 104: 1- 13

Eph. 1: 3- 14

Matthew 6: 9- 13

E: Exodus 17: 1- 6

Acts 10: 9- 16

Collect: God our creator, who created us in your image according to your likeness and redeemed us through the blood of Jesus Christ; mark us with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit, forgive our trespasses according to the riches of your grace and reconcile us to the whole creation, so that we, the stewards of creation may cherish the goodness of creation and proclaim your glory along with your

handiwork. In the name of the God who created everything as good, Christ who redeemed all creation and the Holy Spirit who sustains us in divine love, now and evermore. **Amen.**

The Presentation of Christ

February 2, 2021, Tuesday

(Entry of our Lord in the Temple)

OT1 Samuel 1:19-28

Psalm 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

The Fallenness of Creation

February 7, 2021

8th Sunday before Easter

Genesis 3: 1- 10

Psalm 53

Romans 3: 21- 26

Matthew 18: 23- 35

E: 2 Kings 21: 2-9

1 Tim. 6: 11- 16

Collect: God of justice, who continues to seek for the lost ones; transform our lives to live a life of justice and

righteousness; hold us close to you so that we would not fall when we are tempted even with familiar things in life; challenge us to forgive the debts of those who owes to us as you have forgiven our debts; sustain us in your wisdom to seek after you. So that we may be renewed constantly to be embodiment of your love in our lives everyday. This we ask in the name of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ, who laid down his life as a ransom for our redemption and reigns with you along with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Lent: A time of Reconciliation

February 14, 2021

7th Sunday before Easter

Genesis 45: 1- 15

Psalm 85

Eph. 2: 11- 22

John 2: 1-11

E: Genesis 26: 22- 32 2 Cor. 5: 16- 21

Collect: Gracious God, who loved us in Jesus Christ, give us readiness and courage to reconcile with you, all people and whole creation, transcending our barriers and boundaries. Let the time of Lent refresh us with a new perspective of looking at the Cross of Christ, through, in which you have reconciled with us and the whole creation. Strengthen us with your Spirit so that we may become your channels of reconciliation in your faith journey; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. **Amen.**

OR

**Healing and Wholeness
(Healing Ministry Sunday)**

Job 42: 1-12	Psalm 6
2 Cor. 12: 1- 10	John 5 : 1-9
E: Isaiah 42: 1- 9	Revelation 22: 1

Collect: God of healing, who restores all creation into wholeness by your healing touch; help us to listen to your voice of healing, be receptive to your healing touch and be ready to take up our mats and proclaim your power and glory; help us to find strength in our helplessness in the name of the God who healed the whole creation from chaos, the Christ who restored us from ailments and the Holy Spirit who continue to comfort us, now and evermore. **Amen**

**Stephen the first Martyr
February 15, 2021, Monday**

Chronicles 24: 17-22	Psalm 31: 1-5
Acts 7: 51-60	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 forever. **Amen.**

Cross: A Call to Self-Denial

(Ash Wednesday)

February 17, 2021

Wednesday

Joel 2: 12- 20

Psalm 32

Galatians 2: 15- 21

Luke 9: 23 – 27

Collect: God of life, you have called us to be your children in spite of our unworthiness. We have forgotten that it is not ‘we’ but ‘you’ who lives in us. Lord Jesus Christ did not count equality with God, made Himself nothing, took form of a servant to redeem us. Despite this, the human frailty and vulnerability has influenced us to be Self-centered rather than Christ- centered. Give us wisdom to deny our self, courage to take up the cross and follow your dear Son Jesus Christ. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. **Amen.**

Touching the “Untouchable”

February 21, 2021

6th Sunday before Easter

1st Sunday in Lent

2 Kings 5: 1- 10

Psalm 10: 1- 12

Hebrews 13: 8 – 17

Matthew 8: 1- 4

E: Genesis 16: 7- 16

Romans 15: 7- 13

Collect: God of equality, we thank you for creating us in your image. We have distorted your image by creating caste, class, colour divide, in our own living situations. We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ who broke the barriers by

touching the so called untouchables, recognizing the unrecognized and speaking with the unspoken thus giving the experience of liberation. Bestow your strength in us so that we could affirm life in all its fullness to the people who are deprived of their life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. **Amen.**

Life Saving Faith
February 28, 2021
5th Sunday before Easter
2nd Sunday in Lent

2 Kings 4: 1-7

Ps. 72

Acts 5: 12-16

Luke 5: 17-26

E: Genesis 22: 1-14

Heb. 11: 1-12

Collect: O God, the author of life, you have called us to be dynamic and active to connect together to create life-saving networks. Give us life-saving faith to become friends to the needy, support the weak, comfort the sick and be channels of your healing. Empower us to be committed to the needs of the little-ones around us and bring our fellow humans to your space so that we may be transformed as useful instruments in your healing hands. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and ever, **Amen.**

MARCH

Women: Partners in God's Liberative Act

Women's Sunday

March 7, 2021

4th Sunday before Easter

3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 1:15-22

Psalm 148

Romans 16: 1-16

Mark 15:37-41

E: Lev.19:9-18

James 2:15-17

Collect: Almighty God, Liberator of all kinds of bondages, we thank you for calling women and men to be partners with you to liberate people from the bondage of slavery and sin. We pray now O God to look upon your church so that women and men together commit themselves to be used by you as your partners to bring peace and reconciliation everywhere. Through Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

True Worship that Liberates

March 14, 2021

3rd Sunday before Easter

4th Sunday in Lent

Exodus 3: 11- 18

Psalm 137

Acts 16: 25- 34

Luke 13: 10 – 17

E: Joshua 3: 1- 17

Revelation 14: 1- 7

Collect: God of liberation, we thank you for sending your own Son and our saviour Jesus Christ into this world for our redemption from all kinds of slavery and oppression.

Empower us to participate in your mission to challenge the dominant forces that enslave and exploit your people; commission and strengthen us to continue your liberative mission to redeem the victims of greed and injustice. Enable us to experience the power of the Holy Spirit in and through our everyday worship as a sign of divine freedom and liberation, through Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

**Cross: A new Vision of the Messianic Age
(Passion Sunday)**

March 21, 2021

2nd Sunday before Easter

Duet. 18: 15- 22

Psalm 73

2 Cor. 1: 3-11

Luke 18: 35- 43

E: Daniel 3: 14- 25

1 Peter 4: 12 – 19

Collect: Our parent God, your Son Jesus Christ accepted vicarious suffering for the sake of us. He was bruised, wounded and afflicted for our trespasses and sinfulness. He became a wretched to cleanse us from all wretchedness and sinfulness. The sign of the cross constantly reminds us that He died in order that we may live. Empower us with this challenge so that we suffer for the sake of righteousness, which would enhance ourselves for the coming of the Messiah, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. **Amen.**

The Annunciation to Mary
March 25, 2021, Thursday

Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm 40:1-10

Galatians 4:1-7

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.**

Hosanna: New King in the Temple
(Palm Sunday)
March 28, 2021

Isaiah 56: 1 – 8

Psalm 24

1 Cor. 3 :16– 23

Matt 21: 1- 17

E: Zech. 9: 1- 12

2 Cor. 6: 11 – 18

Collect: O God our liberator, the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ, your Son as a servant King was an emphatic sign that He had won over all powers and principalities of this world. By His coming He had cleansed the temple. Lord we plead let Jesus Christ reign and rule over the Church so that we the people may be cleansed from all ungodliness and turn to God with repentance to rejoice in hope. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. **Amen.**

APRIL

Eucharist: The Re-remembering Jesus

(Maundy Thursday)

April 01, 2021, Thursday

Exodus 12: 1- 17

Psalm 116

I Cor. 11: 23- 34

Matthew 26: 17- 30

Collect: God our redeemer in Jesus Christ, inspire us to remember your call to participate in your redemptive mission. Teach us to break and pour out ourselves for our fellow beings, as Christ poured out Himself for us in order to give us abundant life. Help us to remember the cross of your Son, and grant us strength and courage to relive the cross, your symbol of self-giving; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. **Amen.**

Cross: Death of Death

(Good Friday)

April 02, 2021, Friday

Numbers 21: 1- 9

Psalm 22

1 Cor. 15: 50 – 58

Matthew 27:1- 56

Collect: Merciful God, who in your love for the whole creation conquered death by the death and resurrection of your Son on the cross; thus redeemed the potters' field by the ransom of your Son Jesus Christ to find a solace for the dead. Redeem the oppressed. We realize our weakness, awaken and enlighten us that that we may find joy in practicing doing your will in our lives. In the name of God

who sent his Son to this world, the Christ who trampled death on the cross and the Holy Spirit who continues to be a companion in our weakness, now and ever. **Amen.**

Hope for the New Life
(Holy Saturday)
April 03, 2021

Daniel 12: 1-4

Psalm 4

1 Peter 4: 12-19

Matthew 27:62-66

Collect: God of new life, who brings hope to the hopeless; help us to be silent when we are disturbed; hear us when we call upon you; give us sleep in peace; make us lie down in safety; deliver us from despair and disheartenment. So that we may not love vain words and seek after lies and hope for a day when the wise may shine like the brightness of the sky, those who lead many to righteousness shine like stars forever and those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake into an everlasting life. In the name of God who is the creator, and of the Son who is the source of our hope, and of the Holy Spirit the sustainer of our hope, world without end, **Amen.**

**Resurrection: Celebrating the Joy of Salvation
(Easter)**

April 4, 2021, Sunday

Exodus 14: 5- 31	Psalm 118: 14- 29
Col. 3: 1-11	Matt. 28: 1-10
E: Isaiah 12: 1- 6	1Thess. 4: 13-18

Collect: God of our very being from everlasting to everlasting, we thank and praise you for your unending love towards the whole world in sending your son Jesus Christ into this world to save the world through his death and resurrection. We are grateful for your life giving power which broke the evils of sin on the cross and raised Jesus our Lord from death as a gift for our salvation. Empower us to continue to celebrate life with your creation. We pray this in the name of our saviour Jesus Christ who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

Encounter with the Risen Lord

April 11, 2021

1st Sunday after Easter

Genesis 32: 22- 32	Psalm 40
Acts 9: 1-18	John 20: 24-29
E: Psalm 27	Rev 1: 1- 8

Collect : Omnipresent God, who encounters people in their journey of life; as you have met Jacob and Paul on their way, meet us when we move against your will; touch us when we wrestle with you; rename us to proclaim your

transforming presence in our lives; awaken our spirit to affirm and witness unto you and transform us to move across the human made boundaries that divide people, that we may be harbingers of peace and reconciliation. In the name of God the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, world without end. **Amen.**

Identifying Risen Lord in the Work Place

April 18, 2021

2nd Sunday after Easter

Ruth 2: 1- 18

Psalm 15

Acts 9: 36- 43

John 21: 1- 14

E: 1 Kings 19: 19 -21 Acts 16: 6- 15

Collect: Empowering God, who meets us in our work places; help us to identify you in our work places. As disciples could recognize our Lord in the sea when they were fishing, enable us to find your enlightening presence among those who toil hard in their places of employment. Enable us to accommodate the deprived ones and to be kind towards people around us. So that they may find shelter, comfort and hope in our spaces. This we ask in the name of our Lord Jesus, who continues to meet us in our work places and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. **Amen.**

**Community Formation around
Resurrection Experience
April 25, 2021**

3rd Sunday after Easter

Isaiah 25: 1- 9

Psalms 126

Acts 4: 32- 37

Luke 24: 13- 35

E: Isaiah 65: 17 – 25

Acts 2: 43- 47

Collect: Risen Lord, who communicates to form communities in communion; give us the attitude of oneness and sharing, implant within us a heart of brotherhood and a sense of sharing. Transform our selfish attitude and enable us to share our tables with the deprived and the basic needs. Help us to be a refuge to the poor and the needy and to be in solidarity to share the good news. Inspire us that, we may be enlightened to recognize you in our midst. This we ask in the name of our Lord Jesus, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Or

Mark, Evangelist

April 25, 2021

Hosea 6:1-6

Psalms 119:1-8

II Timothy 4:1-11

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.**

MAY

Participating in God's Work (May Day)

May 1, 2021, Saturday

Exodus 36:1-13

Psalm 104:23-35

Acts 9:36-43

John 4:34-38

Collect: Our gracious God, your Son and our Lord Jesus descended to this world to restore our broken relationship with you. Also He who experienced sweat and hard labour in sharing the responsibilities as the son of Mary and Joseph. Help us to be faithful in all our responsibilities and duties even in small work which you have entrusted to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

Believing in Christ: The Resurrection

May 2, 2021

4th Sunday after Easter

2 Kings 4: 27- 37

Psalm 90

Acts 26: 12 – 23

John 11: 17- 28

E: 1 Kings 17: 17- 24 1 Peter 1: 3- 12

Collect: Almighty God, you have exalted Jesus Christ and made him Lord of all. Give us faith and courage to believe and follow the Christ who is the resurrection and the source of our eternal life. Open our eyes and help us to overcome our unbelief and unfaithfulness so that we may also witness and proclaim His life affirming and redemptive acts through our words and deeds; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end **Amen.**

John, Apostle and Evangelist

May 6, 2021

Exodus 33:18-23

Psalm 27

I John 1:1-4

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.**

Christ's Invitation to be an Expression of Mission

May 9, 2021

5th Sunday after Easter

Ezekiel 34: 25 – 31

Psalm 47

I Peter 2: 1- 10

John 20: 19- 23

E: Psalm 96

Eph. 5: 1-14

Collect: God of care and compassion, we thank and praise you for the energy of Holy Spirit breathed on the Church to obey your commission to be in the mission of forgiveness and love. We thank you for extending such an invitation through your Son and our saviour Jesus Christ to be an expression of mission in ourselves and work with the Holy Spirit to establish justice and peace in and through the mission of God. Build us as living stones of your spiritual houses to be a holy priesthood in offering ourselves as spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you in Jesus Christ who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

Christ - Lord of All
(Ascension of our Lord)
May 13, 2021, Thursday

Daniel 7:9-14

Psalm 47

Acts 1:1-11

Luke 24: 50-53

Collect: Merciful God, you sent your Son who became one of us, to suffer, die and rise again from the dead, in order to bring human beings into your fold. Help us to lift up our hearts and attitude high towards Jesus Christ who ascended into heavens so that we may strive to lift up the marginalized in our society. Grant us your spirit to worship the Christ who is our Lord and Lord of all and declare your salvific acts in Christ to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and ever. **Amen.**

Waiting upon the Holy Spirit
May 16, 2021
6th Sunday after Easter

Isaiah 40: 25- 31

Psalm 51

Act 1: 1- 11

Luke 24: 44- 49

E: Psalm 42

John 14:15-21

Collect: Sovereign God, you showered bountiful blessings upon disciples who waited for Holy Spirit. Now we humbly wait upon and ask the blessings of the Holy Spirit which sustains, enriches and strengthens our life in the midst of all

our dread and fragile life. May your ever cleansing power redeem us from the clutches of the evil and unjust world so that we may be enabled through your Spirit to proclaim the gospel to the end of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end **Amen.**

**Come Holy Spirit, Renew Us
(Pentecost)**

May 23, 2021

Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14

Psalm 104: 24 - 35

Acts 2: 1-13

John 16: 1 – 11

E: Joel 2: 28- 32

Titus 3: 5- 8

Collect: Gracious God, the giver of Holy Spirit and the source of our renewal, we thank you for revealing to our faith ancestors in the visible sign of the tongues of fire, audible sound of strong wind and the vision of the advent of the life giving spirit on the day of Pentecost. We pray that you may continue to re-create us with the power of the holy Spirit to engage with you in prayer of Pentecost, to respond to your call to constantly proclaim your liberating Word and to fearlessly witness to Jesus Christ in love and compassion, through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. **Amen.**

**We Worship the Triune God
(Trinity Sunday)
May 30, 2021**

1st Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 1: 1- 28 Psalm 2
2 Cor. 13: 11- 14 John 1: 1- 18
E: Genesis 18: 1- 15 1 John 1: 1- 10

Collect: O blessed Trinity, in whom we know the Maker of all things, seen and unseen, the Saviour of all both near and far: by your Spirit enable us so to worship and sing to your divine Majesty, that with all the company of heaven, we may magnify your glorious name singing: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord most high; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and ever. **Amen.**

JUNE

**Wisdom from Above
Students Sunday
June 6, 2021**

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

I Kings 3:16-28 Psalm 119: 33-40
James 1:1-8 Luke. 10:21-24
E: Proverbs 23:13-26 Philip. 4:4-9

Collect: O God, you are the source, the guide and the goal of all-human knowing and search for wisdom. We praise you for the mind you have given to us and the whole

enterprise of discovering and reflection, which every generation inherits from the past. Enable us to seek the wisdom that is from above so that we may lead a victorious life in this world by overcoming the evils and trials of this world. We believe that you are the true wisdom and knowing you and the faith in you, is the ultimate goal of wisdom. We beseech you to help us to ask and desire for the wisdom that is from above so that we may discern what truth is, lead a victorious life so that we might be transformed to know you in a better way. We ask this, through your Son, our Lord and savior Jesus Christ who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and ever. **Amen.**

Barnabas, Apostle

June 11, 2021

Friday

Job 29:7-16

Psalm 34

Acts 11:19-26, 13:1-3 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.**

**Creation Proclaims the Glory of God
(Environment Sunday)**

June 13, 2021

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 8:22-31

Psalm 19

Revelation 21:1-8

Luke.8:22-25

E: Isaiah 40:21-31

Galatians 1:9-20

Collect: God, our Creator, we thank you for the awesome and innumerable gifts of creation. we thank you and magnify your holy name along with the creation that glorifies you. You have called us to be faithful stewards of your creation. But we have failed in our responsibility towards you and the creation. Purge us from all evils and enable us to be good and faithful creation. Make us sensible to live in tune with the nature; enable us to experience the grandeur of your creation, in Jesus name who lives and reigns with you and the holy spirit , one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

Worship the Lord in Truth and Spirit

June 20, 2021

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 6: 1- 8

Psalm 139

2 Thess. 2: 13- 17

John 4: 15- 26

E: Exodus 32: 7- 14

1 John 5: 6- 12

Collect: Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace, by our confession of faith, to acknowledge and worship the eternal Trinity in the majesty of unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship and bring us at last to see you in your eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. **Amen.**

John the Baptist

June 24, 2021, Thursday

Malachi 3:1-5

Revelation 3: 14-22

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.**

Cost of Discipleship

June 27, 2021

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 6:11- 23

Psalm 34

2 Cor. 6: 1- 10

Mark 10: 35- 45

E: Jeremiah 38: 1- 10 Hebrews 11: 23- 40

Collect: God the Great Guru, who exemplified the cost of being a true disciple in Jesus; teach us to be true disciples of Christ in our everyday life; mould us to be obedient to your words; build within us a servant heart and challenge us everyday to take up our cross to follow your footsteps.

So that we may be delivered from all pride and fears, humbled enough to drink the cup of suffering with you and be servants of your people around us, even in the midst of trials and tribulations. This we ask in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. **Amen**

Peter, Apostle and Martyr

June 29, 2021

Tuesday

Jeremiah 16:16-21 Psalm 18:30-36

Acts 4:32-37 Mark 8: 1-10

E: 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.**

Paul and the Twelve Apostles

June 30, 2021

Wednesday

Jeremiah 23:1-4 Psalm 2

Galatians 2:1-10 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

Thomas, Apostle of India

July 3, 2021

Saturday

Isaiah 52: 7-15

Psalm 29

II Timothy 3:10-17

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.**

Stewardship: Transparency and Accountability

July 4, 2021

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 36:2-7

Psalm 116:12-19

Philip. 4:10-20

Luke 19:11-27

E: 2. Kings 12:1-6

Acts 5:1-11

Collect: God the source of all resources, we realize that you have bestowed upon us every visible and invisible

resource expecting it to be made use for the extension of your kingdom. Help us to be grateful to you for the confidence and the trust you have conferred on us in doing so. Grant us the strength to fulfill the duty of stewardship in utilizing the resource of that you have entrusted upon us to care for others that this trust may bear fruits. We pray that we will be blessed with multiples of resources. This we ask in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. **Amen**

**Theological Education: Knowing and Doing Faith
(Theological Education Sunday)**

July 11, 2021

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus.3:1-12

Psalm 111

2 Timothy 2:1-13

John.12:20-26

E: Jeremiah 23:23-33

Acts 8:26-40

Collect: Almighty God, in Jesus you have called common people to be your servants to love life eternal and overcome zeal for worldly life; as a wheat grain falls into the earth and dies and bears much fruit. Grant us wisdom and knowledge to read, mediate and interpret your holy Word. Continue to grant your guidance and inspiration that many young people may be trained theologically; fill with your Spirit that both students and theological teachers may exercise their faith to establish justice, righteousness and peace through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

People of God: Salt and Light

July 18, 2021

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 49:1- 7

Psalm 27

Ephesians 5: 1- 5

Matt 5: 13- 16

E: Lev. 2: 11- 16

Romans 13: 11- 14

Collect: God of Light, source of creative power who commanded the powers of darkness to be shattered and to fill the earth with light the source of life and sustenance. It is through Jesus Christ your Son and our Saviour you enlightened the darken world with his life and ministry, more so through his resurrection, the ultimate and hopeful sign of victory over forces of darkness. So we pray that transform us as your people to be like salt and light of the world, continuing your ministry of transforming the world into meaningful and purposeful one in order that your name be glorified through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit One God, now and forever more. **Amen.**

Mary Magdalene

July 22, 2021

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Psalm 116:1-16

2 John 1:1-13

John 20:11-18

Collect: Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and mind, and made her the first 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.**

**Ordained Ministry:
Marked by the Wounds of Christ
July 25, 2021**

9th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 22:12- 23 Psalm 56
Galatians 6: 11- 18 John 21: 15- 19
E: Lev. 10: 16- 20 2 Timothy 2: 1- 13

Collect: God our rock and refuge, we thank you for the gift of the Church. We praise you for the diverse ministries carried out through the Body of Christ, by the empowerment of God the Holy Spirit. We pray that the Ordained servants of yours be faithful and truthful to their commitment in their service, to the congregation. Let these your servant be watchful to live as Christ lived so that they can be a Good Shepherd to their flock in guiding and guarding in all their endeavours. Let their ministry bring Glory to your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Diocesan Day
James, Apostle and Martyr
July 25, 2021**

Sunday

Jeremiah 26:10-15 Psalm 16
Acts 11:27-12:3 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.**

Martha, Mary and Lazarus of Bethany:
Companions of our Lord
July 29, 2021, Thursday
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, firm 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

Ministry of the Laity
Laity Sunday August 01, 2021
10th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 25: 14-28 Psalm 23
1 Thess. 4: 1-12 Luke 10: 25-37
E: Psalm 34 1 Thess. 5: 12-22

Collect: Gracious God, you call people to be channels of your power and presence, ever so compassionate to all of your creation, give us the eyes to see all those who are

afflicted, give us ears to hear the groaning of the suffering, give us a heart to respond to every situation of need and proclaim the gospel of peace and reconciliation, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. **Amen.**

The Transfiguration of Christ

August 6, 2021

Friday

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 110

2 Peter 1:16-19

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.**

Honour Marriage

August 8

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Malachi 2: 13- 16

Psalm 45

1 Cor. 13: 1- 14: 1

Mark 10: 2- 9

E: Songs 4: 9- 16

Hebrews 13: 1- 6

Collect: O God our heavenly Father, you have instituted marriage and blessed the earth with families to fulfill your

purpose. May all husband and wife glorify your name as they reflect the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ, and honour you as they live in joyful humility. Teach them the fear of the Lord that they may always drink from their own cisterns and so preserve the sanctity of marriage; fill their cup of life with agape love that they may always rejoice in the blessedness of marriage, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. **Amen.**

Baptism: Dying and Rising up with Christ

August 15, 2021

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 7: 11- 24

Psalm 29

Romans 6: 1 – 14

John 12: 20- 26

E: Exodus 2:1- 10

1 Peter 3: 19- 22

Collect: Gracious God, we acknowledge your grace and compassion upon us. We thank you for the sacrament of Baptism which unites us in Christ bringing life from death to sin and raises us up for newness of life. Enlighten us to grow up in this understanding so that we can witness your grace that enables us to partake in Christ for new possibilities of relationship and reconciliation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. **Amen.**

**Communal Harmony
(Independence Day)**

August 15, 2021

Sunday

Genesis.11:1-9

Psalm 66

2 Timothy2:14-26

Matthew5: 38-48

Collect: Dear God our father and mother, we thank you and praise you for the gift of life. We believe and affirm that you are the source and author of life. You created us and the universe in order and harmony. Today we have lost our peace by creating walls between ourselves. We pray that you would break the barriers of division. Let the harmony and peace prevail among us. Enable us to understand that we are all created in the image of God and we all belong to one family of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. **Amen**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

August 22, 2021

13th Sunday after Pentecost

2 King 4: 42- 44

Psalm 100

1 Cor. 11: 23- 30

John 6: 15- 59

E: Genesis 22: 1- 19

Acts 27: 27- 38

Collect: Most merciful and everlasting God, we offer our thanks and praises to you through your Son Jesus Christ the bread of life who has offered himself as a sacrifice for the remission of the sins of the whole world. Even as we approach your table, we remember with deep gratitude this offering of sacrificial death on the cross; we humbly

beseech you to rejuvenate our commitment to you. Inspire us, we pray that we may be a living sacrifice to you in Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit One God, now and forever more. **Amen.**

Bartholomew, Apostle and Martyr

August 24, 2021, Tuesday

Genesis 28:10-17

Psalm 25

Ephesians 4:7-16

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.**

Plurality: Common Humanity and Faith Sharing

August 29, 2021

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Jonah 4: 1- 11

Psalm 82

Act 8:26 – 40

Matthew 22: 1- 14

E: Isaiah 45: 1-8

Acts 21: 27- 36

Collect: Almighty God, you created every human in your own image. It is in eliminating the human barriers we enjoy the beauty of one humanity of the universal family. Help us to realize that in sharing our human concern with our brothers

and sisters in need we affirm faith. Lead us to dwell together as one human, amidst pluralistic, diverse faith tradition. Strengthen your people that we may understand this beauty of sharing our faith with one another in building the just society with righteousness and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit One God, now and forever more. **Amen.**

SEPTEMBER

Music from Worship: Affirmation of Witness

Choir Sunday

September 5, 2021

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 6: 1-8

Psalm 116: 5-17

Revelation 7:9-16

Luke 1:68-80

Collect: Almighty God, who shares the company of the humble and the broken-hearted, accept our worship and adoration. Cleanse us, we pray, from all sin and guard us in your love, so that the hymns we sing in your temple may take wings from our daily life and experience, and may they break forth from clean lips and pure hearts. Grant us your grace that we may always worship and magnify your holy name. Through Jesus Christ, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

Jesus the Guru
Education Sunday - Teachers' Day
September 12, 2021

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 4:1-19 Psalm 141
Acts 22:1-5 Luke 4:31-44
E: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Col. 1:24-29

Collect : God our Master, you gave us your son Jesus Christ as teacher and mentor whom we humbly trust and accept as our Guru. He led an exemplary life, who not only taught us but lived accordingly. Master, we submit ourselves to your teaching with authority, your word has brought life which commanded the demons to leave. Jesus our guru, guide us to experience meaningful life in your teaching which is filled with care and compassion. Help us we pray that we walk humbly in your teaching. We seek your continuous guidance and blessings to all committed to teaching, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit One God, now and forever more. **Amen.**

Mission: Sharing God's Pain
(Mission Sunday)
September 19, 2021

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 6: 1-8 Psalm 40:1-13
Acts 9:10-18 Luke. 10:1-11
E: Hosea 11:1-12 2 Cor. 11:16-31

Collect: Empowering God, we thank you for calling us to be co-journers with Jesus Christ, who laid his life for the

sake of carrying on your mission of establishing your kingdom on earth. . Equip us we pray that we may be strengthened in sharing your plan for your creation with a commitment even to offer our lives for this mission like your disciples and apostles. Help us to face the challenges in this mission; the pain and sufferings with a hope to make the kingdom of God Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit One God, now and forever more. **Amen.**

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

September 21, 2021, Tuesday

Proverbs 3:13-17

Psalm 18:1-6, 20-30

2 Corin. 4:1-6

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.**

The Wisdom of the Elderly

Senior Citizen's Sunday

September 26, 2021

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24:1-14

Psalm 92

2 Timothy 1:3-14

Luke.1:5-7

E: Genesis 48: 8-22

Philemon 8-22

Collect: God of our ancestors, you have taught us to honour the elders, since they are our models of our life and witness. Thank you for the committed priests like Zechariah who walked in your ways blamelessly in their life and ministry. Lead us to tread in the way your servants have led their lives as a blessing to many people especially the people who are given to our families as a source of blessing. Grant us your guidance to respect the elders and learn wisdom from their experience of life. We ask pray through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Unity in Worship

(CSI Formation Day)

September 27, 2021, Monday

Nehemiah 2:17-20

Psalm 66

Romans 8: 31-39

Luke 9:1-6

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified, we thank you for the gift of the Church of South India. Grant that the Church may see the vision more clearly and embody the unity in faith and witness more courageously in the pluralistic context. May the worship of the Triune God cleanse our prejudices of caste, colour, gender and language and we may be united by your love that surpasses all our understanding; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Michael and all Angels

September 29, 2021, Wednesday

2 Kings 6:8-17

Psalm 103: 17-22

Revelation 12: 7-12

Matthew 18: 1-10

Collects: 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

Integration of the Youth in the Ministry to the

Bruised World

(Youth Sunday)

October 03, 2021

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 53: 1 – 6

Psalm 20

2 Timothy 2: 1 – 10

Matthew 10: 9 – 13

Collects: Merciful God who liberates us from sins and delivers us from bondages through your divine love, lead us constantly in your grace. Strengthen us by your Spirit when situations that surround us are unpredictable and insecure. Teach us to draw those who are broken, shattered or bruised to your plan of salvation. Help us thus to fulfil your divine

purpose and be faithful to you, as we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

**Differently Abled: Dignity and Dependence
(Sunday for the Mentally & Physically
Challenged and Palliative Patients)**

Asha Bhavan Sunday

October 10, 2021

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 4:10-17

Psalm 103: 1-13

Acts 3:1-10

Matthew 17:14-21

E: Psalm 77

Mark 7:31-37

Collect: Empowering God, in whom we find life even at the point of death, give us the strength to endure our weaknesses and limitations by the power of the cross and be affirmed that your grace is sufficient for us in our weaknesses 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.**

My Peace I Give to You

October 17, 2021

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Zech. 8 :12- 19

Psalm 119: 161- 176

Romans 5: 1-5

John 16: 16- 33

E: Nahum 1: 9- 15

James 3: 13- 18

Collect: Almighty God who transforms our weakness into strength, our despairs into hope. We thank you for your

promise that our sorrow shall be turned into joy. Encourage us by your word to love the truth and peace; by your Spirit to become agents of Peace and reconciliation in this world of pain and suffering; anguish and hostility, through Him who is the prince of peace, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever more. **Amen**

Luke, Evangelist and physician

October 18, 2021, Monday

Doctors' Day

Isaiah 35:3-6

Psalm 45

Col. 4:10-15

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.**

Christian Response to Poverty

October 24, 2021

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8: 4-7

Psalm 145

James 2:1-7

Luke 16: 19-31

E: Amos 2: 4-8 2

Cor. 8:8-15

Collect: Sustainer God, who renews and replenishes the creation with your bountiful grace and goodness, open our hearts and minds to see the need of world around us and

enrich our lives to be shared like Jesus Christ on the cross who emptied himself for all with love and care, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Church: Reformed and Reforming
(Reformation Sunday)**

October 31, 2021

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Deut. 26:4-11

Psalms 109:21-31

Acts 2:43-47

Matthew 13:33-35

E: 2 Kings 23:21-27

Revelation 3:14-22

Collect: God of justice, who has compassion over all you have created, we thank you for the wisdom you have granted to our fore parents to re-discover the path to salvation and true Christian witness. We beseech you, O God, to challenge our shortsightedness and misconceptions of your saving grace and transform us to become reformed agents of love and peace in this world, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you. **Amen.**

NOVEMBER

All Saints Day

November 1, 2021

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 150

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17

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.**

All Souls Day

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

November 2, 2021, Tuesday

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 118:14-21

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

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**

Sunday School Sunday

Heirs of the Kingdom of God

November 7, 2021

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:1-12

Psalm 63

1 Peter 1:3-5

Matthew 5:1-12

Heavenly Father, who through His dear Son and our Lord Jesus Christ, revealed the Kingdom of God, we praise you for the blessed state of the Kingdom of God, inherited

through the poverty of spirit, suffering in the face of righteousness and the insult and persecution undergone for His name. We pray you to enable us to earnestly seek you early in the morning, everyday of our life and in our existence, and complete the God-given life in the living hope and thereby ultimately win the inheritance that can never perish, defile or fade and enjoy the rest promised to Israel; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

Light on the Lamp Stands (Unity Sunday)

November 14, 2021

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Zech. 4:1-14

Psalm 27

1 Cor. 3:10-15

Matthew 5:14-16

E: Psalm 105:1-19

Revelation 1:12-20

Collect: God of light, we thank you for Jesus Christ the light of the world who came to dispel darkness. Lord, we praise you for the diversity you have given us. We believe and affirm that we are one flock following one shepherd Jesus Christ. Give us strength to be united, appreciating and overcoming all differences in all perspectives. Let these differences enhance our fellowship in unity. Let no darkness overpower us, but keep us as a light on the lamp stand so that we could be instruments in dispelling darkness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. **Amen.**

**Protecting the Girl Child
(Sunday for the Girl Child)**

November 21, 2021

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 42:10-17

Psalm 45:8-14

Acts 16:16-18

Matthew 15:21-28

E: Judges 11:34-40

Acts 9:36-43

Collect: Creator God, you created us man and woman in your own image. We thank you for all the girl children in our homes, Churches and society. We pray for the girl children who are victims of sexual abuse, harassment and child labour. May you grant us courage so that we may fight against these evils and also foeticide and infanticide. Enable us to respect, honour and protect girl children in our own context and thereby assure future to them, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. **Amen.**

**Meeting of Mary with Elizabeth
Celebrating the Good News**

November 28, 2021

1st Sunday in Advent

Exodus 2: 1-10

Psalm .117

Acts 9: 10 -18

Luke.1:39-56

E: Genesis 45:16-28

Acts 11:19-26

Collect: God of celebration, who sent Jesus Christ the good news to the world which is full of misery, hatred and violence.

Help us to understand the power in celebrating Jesus Christ who offers joy, peace and happiness amidst all turmoil in life so that life is enhanced in proclaiming the gospel to all who wait, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrating the Promises of God
Church of North India – Formation Day
November 29, 2021, Monday

Isaiah 65: 17-25

Psalm 122

1 Cor. 12: 12-26

John 17: 17-26

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 North India, may with one heart and soul, present ourselves for your service and bear witness to your love, through your Son Jesus Christ and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

Andrew, Apostle and Martyr
November 30, 2021, Tuesday

Amos 7: 10-15

Psalm 67

Philippians 1:3-11

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

Birth of John the Baptist

Word of God: Inspired to Inspire

(Bible Sunday)

December 05, 2021

2nd Sunday in Advent

1 Kings.19:1-21

Psalm 119:33-40

Rev. 10:1-11

Luke 1:39-45

E: Psalm 33:1-12

Eph. 6:11-24

Collect: Almighty God, the source of life and our being, we offer our praises and thanks for the ‘Word incarnate’, Jesus Christ. You spoke to your people in the past with our ancestors, the prophets and finally in the end times; you spoke to us through your Son. Your word, has the power to create and bring about order in cosmos. Creator God, we beseech you to break, and re-mould our hearts so that being inspired by your word we may inspire others, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. **Amen.**

Deliverance from the Bondage of Sin

December 12, 2021

3rd Sunday in Advent

Exodus 14:1-14

Psalms 37:1-12

Romans 8:1-11

John 8:31-38

E: Acts 3:17-26

Matthew 8:1-17

Collect: God of Truth and Justice, you are the liberator of the cosmos. It is by your death and resurrection we are granted the gift of redemption from the bondage of sin. Enable us we pray, to be the followers and practitioners of truth, to be free from all kinds of bondages. Jesus our liberator, incline our hearts to do your will and preach the Gospel of deliverance, in Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit One God, now and forever more. **Amen.**

Maranatha – O Lord Come

December 19, 2021

4th Sunday in Advent

Deut. 18:15-22

Psalms 28

I Cor. 16:13-24

John. 1:1-14

E: Psalm 121

Hebrews 3:7-18

Collect: God of compassion, who promised us your coming in glory to judge the living and the dead, help us to recognize your voice among us; animate within us the grace that you have given to us from your fullness; fill us with your truth, and instill your hope in us so that we may stand firm in our faith, do everything in love and await your coming vigilantly. This we ask in the name of our Lord Jesus, in whom the

word became human and dwelt among us and promised to come again in glory to reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen**

**Mar Thoma Church Day
December 21, 2021, Tuesday**

Isaiah 22: 20-24

Psalm 100

Phil. 3: 12- 21

John. 14: 1-7

Collect: Almighty God, in Jesus you called disciples and made them a community of faith. We specially thank you for the Mar Thoma Church in India with whom we are united in faith and witness. Following the example of Thomas your Apostle to India, may they continue to be your instruments of grace, mercy, peace and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. **Amen.**

**Peace on Earth
(Christmas Eve)**

December 24, 2021, Friday

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke.1:67-79

Collect : O Most loving and compassionate God, we thank you for your bountiful grace in creating the world in your wisdom and love. In Jesus Christ, the prince of peace you have redeemed the sinful world on the cross and granted us Eternal Life. We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to become true agents of your peace, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever. **Amen.**

(Christmas)

December 25, 2021, Saturday

Isaiah 9:1-7

Psalm 98

Galatians 4:1-7

Luke 2:1-14

Collect: God the Immanuel, who at the fullness of time, sent your only Son to this world to be among us full of grace and truth; sanctify us with your radiance to receive your revelations; enliven us to be channels of your love; So that we may sing the new Song of joy and gladness; rejoice in being your children and share good news to all people around us to the ends of the earth. In the name of Jesus Christ the Immanuel, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever. **Amen.**

Family as Healing Space

(Family Sunday)

December 26, 2021

1st Sunday after Christmas

Genesis 33:1-11

Psalm 91

Ephesians 6:1-9

Luke.15:11-24

E: Psalm 68: 1-10

Col.3: 12-17

Collect: Gracious God, who granted family as a gift to the human beings, continue to bless the family life where they find mutual love and care. We are grateful to you for shaping and moulding human life in the setting of the family. In the family life, we learn the importance of sharing, loving and respecting each other as Jesus taught us through his self-

sacrificing life on this earth. Help us to create a space of healing in the family for every member so that they may experience your continuous forgiveness, grace and happiness; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Come to the Lord and Rejoice
(Year Ending)
December 31, 2021**

Isaiah 1:1-20

Psalm 89: 1-18

Acts 16:19-34

Luke 19:1-10

Collect: Everlasting God, who is the Creator and Sustainer of whole universe in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, though the year ends your steadfast love that sustains, protects and guards will never abandon us; great is your faithfulness. We praise you for your helping hand in the times of trials, healing hand during the times of weakness and we are grateful to you for the promise of your presence in the year to come. Grant us grace to live with you all the days of our life in the midst of every uncertainty until we join you in eternity; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Collects for Special Occasions

Thanksgiving for Harvest

OT Deuteronomy 26 : 1-11/
I Chronicles 29: 10-20
Psalm 65

Epistle I Timothy 6 : 6-12 /
II Corinthians 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,

Liturgical Colours - 2021

January 1 to January 6	White
January 7 to February 14	Green
February 17 to April 01	Purple
April 04 to May 22	White
May 23 to May 29	Red
May 30 Trinity Sunday	White
June 1 to November 27	Green
November 28 to December 24 morning	Purple
December 24 evening to December 31	White

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 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.

