

1 January 2012: The Naming of Jesus

Sentence: You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. *Matthew 1:21*

Collect: God of time and eternity, as we enter this new year, renew us in your Holy Spirit, so that we may serve you with courage while we have life and breath; through the name of Jesus your Son our Saviour. **Amen.**

Morning: Ps 8, Numbers 6:22-27, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21 **Evening:** Psalm 115, Deuteronomy 30: 11-20, Acts 3:1-16

8 January : The Epiphany

Sentence: They saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and worshipped him.

Matthew 2:11

Collect: O God of light and peace, whose glory, shining in the child of Bethlehem, still draws the nations to yourself: dispel the darkness that shrouds our path, that we may come to kneel before Christ in true worship, offer him our hearts and souls, and return from his presence to live as he has taught. In his name we pray, **Amen.**

Morning: Psalm 72, Genesis 1:1-5, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12 **Evening:** Psalm 98, Isaiah 60:1-9, John 2:1-11



15 January : 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Sentence: We have found the Messiah, the Christ. *John 1:41* **Collect:** O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. In his name we pray, **Amen.**

15th January continued...

Morning: Ps 139, 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51

Evening: Ps 96, Isaiah 60:9-22, Hebrews 6:17-7:10

22nd January: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Sentence: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.

Mark 1:15

Collect: God of all mercy, your Son brought good news to the despairing, freedom to the oppressed and joy to the sad; fill us with your Spirit that the people of our day may see in us his likeness and glorify your name. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Morning: Ps 62, Jonah 3:1-5, 10, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

Evening: Ps 33, Jeremiah 3:21-4:2, Titus 2:1-8, 11-14

29th Jan: Patronal Festival: The Conversion of St Paul

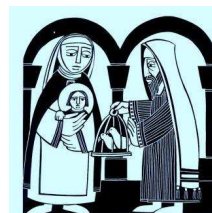
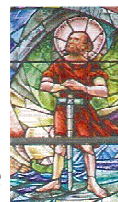
Sentence: I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what he has entrusted to me. *2 Timothy 1:12*

Collect: Almighty God, you have caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Paul; grant that we who remember his wonderful conversion may always follow him in bearing witness to your truth and love in this Cathedral of St Paul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Morning: Ps 67, Jeremiah 1:4-10, Acts 9:1-22, Matthew 19:27-30

Evening: Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

Ps 24, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2 :22-40, Collect BCP p.301



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Sunday Bible Readings & Collects November 2011 to January 2012

6th November 2011 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sentence: Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. *Matthew 24:42*

Collect: Almighty God, you hold all the powers of the universe within your hands, and we are your children.

Turn us to the splendour of life in you, strengthening us in every good deed and word, transforming us through Jesus Christ our Saviour, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Morning: Ps 78:1-8, Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
1 Thessalonians 4:9-18, Mt 25:1-13

Evening: Ps 82, Judges 7:2-22, John 15:9-17,
Collect BCP p.286

13th November— Remembrance Sunday

Sentence: No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13

Collect: God, our help in the past and our hope for the future, we commend to your care those who have died from war, and those who yet struggle for health and peace.

As the sounds of battle die away, may the comradeship live on, and the memories of sacrifice strengthen our resolve to strive for peace with justice, through Jesus Christ who gave his life that we might live, Amen.

Morning: 10am: Micah 4: 1 – 5
Ephesians 6: 10 – 17

Evening: Ps 89:19-30, 1 Kings
1:15-40, Revelation 1:4-18, BCP
Collect p.288



20th November 2011— Christ the King Sunday

Sentence: O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy. *Psalm 100:1*

Collect: Lord God, your power was revealed when you raised Christ from the dead and seated him at your right hand.

Grant that we may always give you thanks for your immeasurable love and show that gratitude in loving service to all our brothers and sisters through Jesus Christ our King. **Amen.**

Morning: Ps 100, Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

Evening: Ps 93, Ephesians 3:14-21, Mark 10:13-16, BCP Collect p.294

4th December 2011— 2nd Sunday in Advent

Sentence: Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight. *Luke 3:4*

Collect: God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin: keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

Morning: Ps 85:1-2, 8-13, Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8

Evening: Ps 40:1-10, 1 Kings 22:1-28, Romans 15:4-13, BCP Collect p.157



11th December 2011— 3rd Sunday in Advent

Sentence: Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. *Matthew 11:11*

Collect:

Jesus of Nazareth, friend and teacher, your cousin John prepared the way for your coming.

May we so follow your teachings at home, at work, at play, that we too may build living pathways for the coming of God's reign of love, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Morning: Ps 126, Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

Evening: Ps 68:1-10, Malachi 3:1-4, ch 4, Philippians 4:4-7, BCP Collect p. 158



27th November 2011— 1st Sunday in Advent

Sentence: 'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.' *Mark 13:31*

Collect: Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths: renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love; to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

Morning: Ps 80:1-7, 17-19, Isaiah 64:1-9, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

Evening: 8.30pm Darkness to Light service: special Advent readings, hymns & music



18th December 2011— 4th Sunday in Advent

Sentence: This child will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. *Luke 1:32-33*

Collect: God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that your Son Jesus Christ at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Morning: For Psalm: Lk 1:46-55 = Magnificat. 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

Evening: 8.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols Service

Lessons and Carols



Saturday 24 December— Christmas Eve

11pm Midnight Mass (10.30pm Carol-singing)

Sentence: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; for to us a child is born, to us a son is given. *Isaiah 9:2, 6*

Collect: Son of God, light that shines in the dark, child of joy and peace, help us to come to you and be born anew this holy night.

Hear our prayer for your love's sake. **Amen.**

Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10, John 1:1-14

Sunday 25 December Christmas Day

7.45am & 10am Eucharists

Collect: Jesus, Son of God, Child of Mary, born in the stable at Bethlehem, be born again in us this day that through us the world may know the wonder of your love.

Hear our prayer for your name's sake. **Amen.**

Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-14

