

THE CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA

Diaspora Diocese



ALMANAC 2025

Motto for 2025: "MOVE FORWARD"

I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD

Psalm 71:16

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Introduction

By the grace of God, the Almanac of the CSI has once again been published and adapted to serve our Diaspora Diocese. This year, the motto selected for the Diocese is "Move Forward," inspired by Psalm 71:16.

Special days of observance and worship have been identified for the USA and Canada and included in the Almanac for your use. We aim to glorify God through our acts of worship as we remember the nations and communities we serve. We are indebted to give back through our prayers and supplications. May God's guidance will help us as we embrace the rich heritage of the Church of South India. As we embrace the theme of "Move Forward," let us find strength in God and continue to proclaim His righteousness. May this Almanac inspire us to live out our faith with renewed purpose and dedication, guiding us in our journey with unity and devotion.

The themes and lessons for Sundays and other Feast / Commemoration days are adopted from the Third cycle (Year C) of the revised three cycled common Lectionary prepared by the "Worship and Mission Commission" of the Communion of Churches in India (Joint Council of the CSI, CNI and the Mar Thoma Church). The collects are prepared by the CSI Liturgy Committee and follow the lectionary themes.

The readings for weekdays follow the First Cycle (Year A) of Daily Reading prepared by the CSI Synod Liturgy Committee to cover the Old Testament once in three years and the New Testament twice in three years. A table of Psalms for daily reading is also provided. Themes and prayers for the Prayer Octave for Christian Unity 2025 prepared by the World Council of Churches are also provided to encourage the local congregations to join the worldwide Church in praying, experiencing, and anticipating unity. The reflective meditations are published in book form and the same will also be available on the CSI website, csisynod.com.

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January 1, 2025, Wednesday

New Year (Covenant Day)

God's Call for Committed Partnership

OT	Deut. 10:12-22
Psalm	Ps. 23
Epistle	1 Thes. 4:1-8
Gospel	Mark 10:35-45
Evening	Deut. 6: 1-9 / 1 Cor. 3:5-9

Collect: Gracious and merciful God, we thank you for coming to us through your son Jesus Christ and accepting us as people of the New Covenant. Grant us grace that we will remain in your covenantal love throughout this year and be committed to do your will just as your Son has obeyed and set a model for us. We beseech you to instill a clean and right spirit that obeys you and serves you, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God world without end. Amen.

January 5, 2025, Sunday

2nd Sunday after Christmas

Revelation for Salvation

OT	Ex. 3:1-14
Psalm	Ps. 27
Epistle	Acts. 16:6-10
Gospel	John 12: 20-32
Evening	Jonah 4:1-11 / Acts 9:10-19

Collect: O God of Salvation, we thank you and praise you for revealing your love and plan of salvation through your son our Lord Jesus Christ. Open our eyes to see your power which broke the axil of sin on the Cross and raised Jesus our Lord from death as a gift for our salvation so that we continue to lead a life worthy of your calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. Amen.

January 6, 2025, Monday

Epiphany

Jesus as Savior

OT	Gen. 16:1-16
Psalm	Ps. 101
Epistle	Heb. 1:14
Gospel	Matt. 3:13-17

Collect: Almighty God, we thank you that you have revealed your glory to the whole world in your Son Jesus Christ who is the light of the world. As we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord, open our eyes to see your presence in our lives and in our world that dispels the darkness of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God world without end. Amen.

January 12, 2025, Sunday

1st Sunday after Epiphany

Be Holy

OT	Deut. 7:1-11
Psalm	Ps. 5
Epistle	Eph. 5: 18- 20
Gospel	John 17:13-17
Evening	Isa. 6:1-6 / 1 Pet. 1:13-16

Collect: Gracious God, we thank you for choosing us to be a Holy people in order that we may reflect your image and likeness. Help us to be conscious of your holy presence with us so that we strive to pursue holiness in our words and deeds, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you now and forever. Amen.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Note: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed between 18 to 25 January.

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

January 15, 2025, Wednesday

Diocesan Formation Day

Move Forward

OT	Isaiah 43:18-19
Psalm	71:15-24
Epistle	Philippians 3:13-14
Gospel	Mathew 5:14-16

Collect: Almighty God, who has called us to move forward in faith and proclaim Your righteousness, we give thanks for the formation of the CSI North American Council. We remember with gratitude Your guidance and blessings upon our journey. Inspire us to continue in unity and devotion, drawing strength from Your word and spirit. May we remain steadfast in our mission to serve and support our communities with grace and love. Grant us the wisdom to embrace the rich heritage of the Church of South India and the courage to move forward in faith, trusting in Your unending grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

January 19, 2025, Sunday

2nd Sunday after Epiphany**One Body and One Baptism****(Ecumenical Sunday)**

OT	Amos 9: 5- 12
Psalm	Ps. 115
Epistle	Eph. 4: 1-6
Gospel	Matt. 16:13-20
Evening	Gen. 17:9-14 / 1 Cor. 12:12-26

Collect: Sovereign God, who called the entire church to be the body of Christ, grant us the courage to affirm our faith in one Body and in one Baptism. As we are baptized into the body of Christ, help us to realize your transformative power which enables us to build an ecumenical community around us. May our baptism experience continue to affect us, bringing revival and renewal within us to be the vibrant channels of unity, justice, and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and ever. Amen.

January 25, 2025, Saturday

The Conversion of Paul

OT	Jere. 1: 4-10
Psalm	67
Epistle	Acts 9: 1-18
Gospel	Matt. 19: 27-30

Collect: Almighty and merciful God, we thank you for your servant and apostle Paul whom you called to preach the Gospel to the people of all nations. Raise up, we pray, in this and every land evangelists and heralds of Your kingdom, that your church may reveal to all the world the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. *Amen*

January 26, 2025, Sunday

3rd Sunday after Epiphany**United in Love**

OT	Deut. 4:1-10
Psalm	Ps. 30
Epistle	1 Cor. 1:10-18 / Eph. 3:1-7
Gospel	John 15:11-17
Evening	Isa. 52:1-9 / Luke 24:13-36

Collect: God of all, who has called us to be your people living together in unity. We pray that you enable us to know the importance of diversity so that we affirm the dignity of all. Help us to respect each other and value one another in order that there are no divisions among us based on caste, colour, creed or gender, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and ever. Amen.

(OR)

Republic Day**Equality and Justice to All**

OT	Amos 5:18-27
Psalm	Ps. 97
Epistle	Acts 10: 34-43
Gospel	Matt. 23:23-28

Collect: Lord, keep our nation under your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Help us to elect trustworthy leaders and contribute to wise decisions for the welfare of all people and thus serve you faithfully in our generation to the honor of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

February 2, 2025, Sunday

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Praise the Lord (worship)

OT	Ex. 9:1-7
Ps	81
Epistle	Rev. 5:1-14
Gospel	John 2:13-22

Collect: God of heaven and earth, the creator, redeemer and sustainer, you alone are worthy to be praised. Grant us the serenity of heart to worship you in Spirit and truth. We beseech you O God to inspire us to follow you, transform us to radiate you in our words and deeds; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

(OR)

The Presentation of Christ

OT	1 Sam. 1:19-28
Psalm	118:19-29
Epistle	Rom. 11:33-12:2
Gospel	Luke 2:22-40

Collect: Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly pray that, as your incarnate son was this day presented to you in the temple, so we may come before you with pure and clean hearts; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen

February 9, 2025, Sunday

Healing Ministry Sunday

Healing in Sickness

OT	Ex. 4:10-17
Psalm	103:1-10
Epistle	2 Cor. 12:1-10
Gospel	John 9:1-7
Evening	2 Kings 20:1-11 / 2 Cor. 12:1-10

Collect: Merciful God, the mighty healer, you are our redeemer and comforter in sorrow and sickness. Help us to bear witness to your miracles in our lives. Make us channels of your healing to the broken world so that the whole world may know that you heal our diseases, our memories to make us better people, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the holy spirit one God now and ever. Amen.

February 15, 2025, Saturday

Stephen the First Martyr

OT	2 Chronicles 24:17-22
Psalm	31:1-5
Epistle	Acts 7:51-60
Gospel	Matt. 10:16-22

Collect: Almighty God, who gave to your servant, deacon Stephen boldness to confess the name of our savior Jesus Christ and courage to die for his faith; grant that we also may be ready to give an answer for the faith that is in us and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

February 16, 2025, Sunday

9th Sunday before Easter

The Inter-dependence in Creation

OT	Gen. 2:1-15
Psalm	Ps. 104:24-35
Epistle	Col. 2:16-23
Gospel	Matt. 13:1-9
Evening	Isa. 11:6-9 / Gal. 6:1-6

Collect: Creator God, we praise you for the variety in your creation. Help us to discern the importance of depending on each other and the creation for our existence. Deliver us from our selfishness and greed and help us to be good stewards of your creation. Enlighten us to be wise enough to interdepend upon each other for a meaningful life. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and ever. Amen

February 17, 2025, Monday

President's Day/ (Canadian Family Day observed on this same day – *The last Sunday CSI*

Almanac can also be used for the same– Dec 28, 2025)

Servant Leadership: Leading with Humility and Integrity

OT	Exodus 18:13-26
Psalm	72
Epistle	Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel	Mathew 20:25-28

Collect: Almighty God, we give thanks for the leaders who serve our nation. Grant them wisdom, courage, and integrity in their responsibilities. Inspire them to lead with humility, seeking not their own glory but the well-being of all. Guide us, your people, to support them in prayer and to uphold the principles of justice and compassion that are the foundation of a just and flourishing society, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

February 23, 2025, Sunday

8th Sunday before Easter

The Corruption of Creation

OT	Isa 5:1-13
Psalm	Ps. 8
Epistle	Gal. 1:5-10
Gospel	Luke 10:13-16
Evening	Gen. 6:1-8 / Rom. 8:18-25

Collect: Almighty God the creator, we thank for your marvelous work of creation that declares your glory. We beseech you to grant us a penitent heart to repent for our misdoings and greed by which the creation is disfigured and lost its wholeness. Grant us your wisdom to see your purpose of creation; to strive for ecological justice; and make this world a beautiful haven for all living creatures. Through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the holy spirit one God now and ever. Amen.

March 2, 2025, Sunday

7th Sunday before Easter

Lent: A time of Redemption

OT	Is. 58:1-14
Psalm	6
Epistle	Rom. 2:1-13
Gospel	John 5:1-9
Evening	Ps. 130 / Eph. 1:3-14

Collect: Gracious God our redeemer, we thank you that you love the world and sent your begotten son to redeem us through his death and resurrection. We thank you for your continuous acts of redemption in the history. Grant us grace that we may live as those redeemed by the blood of Christ and always love mercy and walk humbly with you, through Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God world without end. Amen.

March 5, 2025, Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

Cross: A Call to Vicarious Suffering

OT	1 Kings 17:12-24
Psalm	102
Epistle	Phil. 2:1-11
Gospel	Mark 8:31-38

Collect: God of Mercy, you have called us to be disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, who voluntarily chose the path of cross; Help us to envision the joy of eternal life in bearing our cross everyday. Encourage us to actively participate in the redeeming work of your son so that in our suffering many may receive the joy of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever more. Amen.

March 9, 2025, Sunday

6th Sunday before Easter1st Sunday in Lent**Being with outcasts and Marginalized**

OT	Esther 4:1-17
Psalm	43
Epistle	Acts 15:12-21
Gospel	Mark 1:40-45
Evening	Isa. 55:1-13 / Luke 14:1-14

Collect: God of the margins, the center of our life and hope, we thank you for manifesting your love for the outcastes and the marginalized by empathizing with them. We thank you for sending your Son Jesus Christ to empower the margins with the good news of the kingdom of God that embraces all. Help us to be committed to your calling to bring wholeness to the communities we serve, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever more. Amen.

March 16, 2025, Sunday

5th Sunday before Easter

2nd Sunday in Lent

Releasing from the Burden of Sin

OT	2 Sam. 12:1-14
Psalm	32
Acts	8: 9-25
Gospel	Mark 2:1-12
Evening	Lev. 16:29-34 / John 1:29-34

Collect: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid, grant that being regenerated, we may daily be renewed to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy acceptable to you, which is our spiritual worship, through Jesus Christ the Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever more. Amen.

March 23, 2025, Sunday

4th Sunday before Easter

3rd Sunday in Lent

Acknowledging Faith beyond Boundaries

OT	Is. 44:28-45:8
Psalm	125
Epistle	Acts 10:24-33
Gospel	Matt. 15:21-28
Evening	Dan. 6:19-28 / Luke 7:1-10

Collect: Merciful God, we thank you that you have created the entire cosmos and you are ever so gracious to all that you have made. Help us to understand your abiding love in the lives of all people so that we may affirm the dignity of life, through the love of Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God world without end. Amen.

March 25, 2025, Tuesday

The Annunciation to Mary

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

Collect: We pray, O God, to pour your grace into our hearts; that as, at the message of an angel, Mary was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, and became the mother of the Lord and the most blessed among women, so we, believing your word, may receive Christ to dwell in our hearts, and by our life make known the mystery of His incarnation; who was exalted our humanity into the glory of the divine; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and ever. Amen.

March 30, 2025, Sunday

3rd Sunday before Easter

4th Sunday in Lent

Transforming the oppressive Structures

OT	Nahum 1:1-15
Psalm	113
Epistle	Acts 4:32- 37
Gospel	Luke 13:10-17
Evening	Isa. 1:10-20 / Luke 14:15-24

Collect: God of Order and justice, we adore you that in your abundant wisdom you have created the world and helped us to create various social, political, economic systems to sustain the creation and make life beautiful. Grant us your wisdom to identify structures that destroy the wellbeing of people; the peace of the world and wholeness of your creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen

April 6, 2025, Sunday

2nd Sunday before Easter 5th Sunday in Lent

Passion Sunday

Cross and a New Paradigm to Discipleship

OT	Gen.26:12-33
Psalm	92
Epistle	2 Cor.11:21-31
Gospel	Mark 10:46-52
Evening	Mic. 6:6-8 / 1 Cor. 1:18-31

Collect: God our perfect model, we thank you for choosing us as your disciples and also assuring to be with us. Lord help us to serve worthy of our calling and bear the cross like Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen

April 13, 2025, Sunday

Palm Sunday

Hosanna: Lord Save Us

OT	Zech. 9:1-12
Psalm	118:19-29
Epistle	1 Tim. 4:6-16
Gospel	Luke 19:29-40
Evening	Ps. 24 / John 12:12-19

Collect: Almighty God, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ who marched triumphantly into Jerusalem as the Lamb of God and Saviour of the world amidst the shouts of hosannas. In this world of sadness and sorrow give us the confidence to triumph over the evil, as we march with him into our future, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. Amen.

April 17, 2025, Thursday

Maundy Thursday

Eucharist: Communion of Suffering Humanity

OT	Ex. 12:1-7
Psalm	116
Epistle	1 Cor. 11:23-34
Gospel	Mark 14:17-25

Collect: Holy God, we thank you for your son who is the Bread of life and the blood of new covenant. We thank you for the holy table which symbolizes the transformative power of your sacrifice. Equip us with your Holy Spirit to weave the threads of harmony and communion with all the suffering humanity and creation as we partake in your Eucharistic meal, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever more. Amen.

April 18, 2025, Friday

Good Friday

Cross: Accomplishment of Salvation

OT	Ex. 14:15-22
Psalm	22
Epistle	Heb. 13: 8-17
Gospel	John 19:23-30

Collect: God our very being and our salvation, we thank and praise you for your everlasting love towards the creation. We thank you for sending your son Jesus Christ into this world as a sacrificial lamb for the redemption of the humankind. Enlighten us to understand and continue the plan of salvation for your glory, through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

April 19, 2025, Saturday Holy Saturday

Hope for the New Life

OT	Daniel 12:1-4
Psalm	4
Epistle	1 Peter 4:12-19
Gospel	John 19:38-42

Collect: God of hope, we come to your presence today for hope and strength in the midst of turbulent situations around us. While everything changes, you remain unchanged and your promises are trust worthy. Lord strengthen us with the hope of new life so that we may become a channel of hope to the hopeless, through Jesus Christ your son our Lord, who lives and reign with the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

April 20, 2025, Sunday

Easter

Resurrection: Celebrating Boundless Transformation

OT	2 Sam 22:1-20
Psalm	16
Epistle	1 Cor. 15:20-28
Gospel	Mark 16:1-11

Collect: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as your people towards the fullness of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

April 25, 2025, Friday

Mark, Evangelist

OT	Hosea 6: 1-6 / Pro. 15:28-33
Psalm	119:1-8
Epistle	2 Timothy 4:1-11/ 1 Peter 5:5-14
Gospel	Luke 12:4-12 / Mark 14:43-52

Collect: Almighty God, who taught us through Mark the evangelist to discern your glory in the passion of your dear Son; preserve your Church from all false teaching, and grant that we may ever stand firm in the truth of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.

April 27, 2025, Sunday

1st Sunday after Easter

Empowered by the Risen Lord

OT	Gen. 28:10-22
Psalm	29
Epistle	Acts 20:7-12
Gospel	John 20:11-18
Evening	1 Kings 17:17-24 / John 20:24-29

Collect: Gracious God, we thank you for your son who is the resurrection and life. Embolden us to be firm in our faith; empower us to go beyond the boundaries to love and serve; and enlighten us to recognize the risen Lord in the untrodden paths of our life through Jesus Christ our Lord who conquered death by rising again and assuring us the eternal life, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever more. Amen.

May 1, 2025, Thursday

World Labor Day

Joseph the Carpenter

OT	Genesis 1:26-2:3
Psalm	15
Epistle	2 Thess. 3:6-15
Gospel	John 5:1-10
Evening	Matt. 11:25-30

Collect: God our Lord, who raised up Joseph the carpenter to be the guardian of your incarnate son: give us grace to follow Him in faithful obedience to your commands; help us, strengthened by His example, to count the wisdom of the world as foolishness, and to walk with Him in simplicity and trust; through Jesus Christ your son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OR

May 1, 2025

National Day of Prayer (NDP – 1st Thursday in May)

(National Day of Prayer calls on all people of different faiths in the United States to pray for the nation and its leaders. It is held on the first Thursday of May each year.)

POUR OUT TO THE GOD OF HOPE AND BE FILLED

OT	1 Kings 8: 54 - 61
Psalm	33: 1- 12
Epistle	Romans 15: 5 – 13
Gospel	John 17: 6 – 19

Collect: Almighty God, in Jesus, we proclaim our faith in You, for we are saved by grace through faith. You are the light of the world, and let our lives shine in the nations you have placed us. We believe that blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Lead us forward to dispel the darkness and bring light throughout the Church, Family, Education, Business, Military, Government, Arts, Entertainment, and Media. God of hope, let the joy and peace be overflowed in our lives as the Holy Spirit fills us with hope and let this hope, peace, and joy be spread in our community and our nation. Let our trust in You become visible in our lives and let our trust be firm in You, and this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end, now and forever more. AMEN

May 4, 2025, Sunday

2nd Sunday after Easter

Re-reading the Scripture with the Risen Lord

OT	2 Chron. 34:29-33
Psalm	19:7-14
Epistle	Acts 8:26-40
Gospel	Luke 24:13-27
Evening	Ezra. 7:11-26 / Acts 4:5-12

Collect: Most merciful and loving God, we thank you for revealing your power in the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. He had the power to surrender his life on the cross of Calvary to be the Saviour of the world to overcome the powers of darkness. Help us to understand our lives in relation to your revelations in the scripture, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God world without end Amen.

May 6, 2025, Tuesday

John, Apostle and Evangelist

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

Collect: Almighty God, whose apostle and evangelist John revealed to us your son as the light of the world, grant us so as to walk in that light that we may abide in your truth and live in your presence; 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 11, 2025, Sunday

Communication Sunday

Reflecting Divine Love through Authentic Communication

OT	Num. 22:21-35
Psalm	8
Epistle	James 1:17-25
Gospel	John 8:1-12

Collect: Almighty God, who sent a message of love through Your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, we thank You for making us receivers of Your divine communication. Help us to cultivate authentic relationships by embodying Your message of love in all our interactions. Grant us the grace to be effective communicators, sharing Your truth with clarity and compassion. May our words and actions reflect Your will, fostering connection and understanding among all Your people. Through Your intelligence, guide us to foster deeper connections within our churches, strengthening our community in faith and love. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OR

Commissioning by the Risen Lord

OT	Jerm. 9:1-10
Psalm	47
Epistle	1 Tim. 4:6-16
Gospel	John 20:19-23
Evening	Amos 7:10-17 / Matt. 28:16-20

Collect: Our heavenly Father, we thank you that you are our creator and eternal life giver. We thank you for revealing to us through your Son and our Lord Jesus Christ a life after death. We beseech you to strengthen us as you strengthened your apostles in word, faith and spirit so that we may proclaim your living word to the entire creation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever more. Amen.

OR

May 11, 2025, Sunday

Mother's Day

A Mother's Heart: Reflections on Humility and Sacrificial Love

OT	Proverbs 31:25-28
Psalm	113
Epistle	Ephesians 6:1-3
Gospel	Luke 1:46-55

Collect: Almighty and Everlasting God, we give thanks for the love and humility of mothers who reflect Your boundless grace and sacrifice. Grant that we may emulate their selfless love, always seeking to serve others in humility and grace through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

May 18, 2025, Sunday

4th Sunday after Easter

Believing in Christ: The Truth

OT	Ex. 34:1-9
Psalm	119:89-96
Epistle	Eph. 4:7-16
Gospel	John 17:6-19
Evening	Neh. 8:5-12 / John 14:1-6

Collect: God of truth and life; we thank you for sending your Son, Lord Jesus, the initiator and perfecter of faith. He has taught us to believe in you and in him so that we have a perfect understanding of the truth. Grant us the heart to believe in him and to receive his truth in our lives so that we may escape the traps of illusion through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. Amen

May 25, 2025, Sunday

5th Sunday after Easter

Mission with Christ's Spirit

OT	2 King.2:9-16
Psalm	105:1-11
Epistle	Acts 7:54-60
Gospel	Matt. 28:16-20
Evening	Nahu. 1:12-15 / Acts 1:1-9

Collect: Gracious God, we give you thanks and praise for your son Jesus Christ who came into the world to redeem the people and transform the world to become your kingdom. Grant us the power to carry on this mission of our Lord Jesus Christ with his spirit and courage through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God world without end. Amen.

May 26, 2025, Monday

Memorial Day

Remembering Sacrifice: Blessings of Freedom and Unity

OT	Deuteronomy 8:10-18
Psalm	33:12-22
Epistle	Romans 13:1-7
Gospel	John 15:12-17

Collect: O Lord God of Hosts, we pause this day to honor the sacrifices made by those who have served and defended our nation. As we remember their courage and dedication, we ask for Your continued blessings upon our country. Guide us to uphold the values of justice, freedom, and unity for which they fought, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

May 29, 2025, Thursday

Ascension of our Lord

Glorified Christ

OT	Dan. 7:9-14
Psalm	47
Epistle	Acts 1:1-11
Gospel	Luke 24:50-53

Collect: Almighty God we thank you for the incarnation, crucifixion and resurrection of your son and our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant us grace to receive hope and courage by fixing our eyes on the Ascended Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God world without end. Amen.

June 1, 2025, Sunday

Education Sunday

Education as a Ministry of the Church

OT	Neh. 8:1-8
Psalm	119:41-48
Epistle	Acts 18:24-28
Gospel	Matt. 5:1-12
Evening	Prov. 2:1-15 / Titus 2:1-15

Collect: Eternal Guru, the fountain of wisdom, we thank you for revealing your wisdom and power to all generations. We thank you for your son, who taught us the essence of true faith in you. Bless and inspire the teachers to mold the lives of students to become strong in faith and a ray of hope to our nation through Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

June 8, 2025, Sunday

Pentecost Sunday

Come Holy Spirit, Set Us Free

OT	Isa. 61:1-11
Psalm	107:31-43
Epistle	Acts 2:1-13
Gospel	Luke 4:16 -21
Evening	Joel 2:28-32 / John 16:5-15

Collect: God of Grace and God of Glory, we thank you for sending your Holy Spirit upon the Church so that she may become an instrument to free people from ungodliness, slavery of sin and the powers of darkness. Have mercy on us and empower us with the Holy Spirit that we will be liberated and will become a new community to fulfil the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God world without end. Amen.

(OR)

Environment Sunday
Nurturing God's Creation

OT	Gen. 1: 28-31
Psalm	104:1-23
Epistle	Rev. 22:1-5
Gospel	Luke 1:22-31
Evening	Ps. 65 / Col. 1:15-20

Collect: Almighty God, we rejoice in the richness of Your creation. In Your creation we see Your glory, Your coming to us and the sign of Your abiding presence with us. Help us to nurture your creation so that we may use everything You have given us for Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord before whom You placed all the power of Your created world, and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

June 11, 2025, Wednesday

Barnabas, Apostle

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

Collect: Almighty God, you greatly blessed your Church through the humility and goodness of your apostle Barnabas; teach us also by his example to be simple and generous, and to forget ourselves in the service of others; 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.

June 15, 2025, Sunday

1st Sunday after Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

Trinity: Community of Love

OT	Gen. 18:1-15
Psalm	97
Epistle	2 Cor.13:5-14
Gospel	Mark 1:1-11
Evening	Isa. 6:1-8 / Titus 3:1-7

Collect: Triune God, in whom we know the maker, see the savior and experience the ever abiding presence of the Almighty, enable us to worship you in Spirit and truth. May your communion inspire us to transcend the barriers that divide us. Help us to build the communities of Christ where the agape love surpasses all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever more. Amen

OR

June 15, 2024, Sunday

Father's Day

Fatherhood as a Divine Calling

OT	Genesis 48: 1-22
Psalm	145
Epistle	1 Corinthians 4:14-21
Gospel	John 4:46-54

Collect: Heavenly Father, on this Father's Day, we ask You to bless our fathers. We thank You for the sacrifices they make, for nurturing and raising their children, and for their commitment to their families. We also remember those fathers who have passed, whose love continues to nurture and guide us. Lord, we ask that You grant our fathers the strength to fulfill their divine calling. May they reflect Your love, grace, and wisdom in all they do. We pray that You support them in their work, and bless their efforts as they serve their families and communities. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

June 22, 2025, Sunday

Revelation of God in Worship

OT	1 Kings 8:22-30
Psalm	148
Epistle	Rev. 14:1-7
Gospel	Mark 3:1-6
Evening	Mica 4:1-5 / John 4:16-26

Collect: Almighty God, we thank you for revealing yourself to us through Jesus Christ, your Son. We seek you to meet with us, move in us, work through us, and lead us forward in the journey of faith. Enable us to discern your will and grow closer to you in worship so that we may be renewed in hope and vision, strengthened in our faith, and equipped to reveal you to the community in our midst through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reign and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

June 24, 2025, Tuesday

John the Baptist

OT	Malachi 3:1-5
Psalm	3:1-6
Epistle	Rev. 3:14-22
Gospel	John 3:22-36

Collect: Almighty God who sent John the Baptist as witness to the light, teach us to repent sincerely, and speak the truth constantly. Help us never to be silent in the presence of injustice and impurity and enable us to rebuke in love. Give us courage to suffer and to decrease so that your reign may increase; so grant that living in faithfulness we may be true servants of our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you together with the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

June 29, 2025, Sunday

Make Disciples

OT	1 Kings 19:11-21
Psalm	34:11-22
Epistle	Rom.16:3-16
Gospel	John 1:35-42
Evening	Deu. 6:10-19 / Mark 3:13-19

Collect: Sovereign God, we thank you for your Son who commissioned us to be the disciples to go out and proclaim the Gospel, to make disciples of all nations and to demonstrate the reality of your love through word and deed. We humbly ask you to strengthen, equip and inspire each one of us for your service that we may joyfully serve you, sensitively proclaim you and faithfully express your love for all, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever more. Amen

(OR)

June 29, 2025, Sunday

Peter, Apostle and Martyr

OT	Jere. 16:16-21
Psalm	18:30-36
Epistle	2 Peter 3: 14-18
Gospel	Matt. 16:13-19

Collect: O God our Lord through your Son Jesus Christ you called Peter the fisherman to be a fisher of people. Help us to recognize and accept your call in our workplaces, to follow you through to the cross. Grant us the strength of will, steadiness in purpose, wisdom to see what we ought to do, courage to begin, ability to do, willingness to bear, and strength and skill to complete. Grant that as we may share in His cross, we may share His crown, and as we may share in His death, we may share also His life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

June 30, 2025, Monday

Paul and the Twelve Apostles

OT	Jere. 23:1-4
Psalm	2
Epistle	Galatians 2:1-10
Gospel	Matt. 20:25-28

Collect: Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Paul and the twelve glorified you in their death as in their life; grant that Your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, that is Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

July 1, 2025, Tuesday

Canada Day July 1, 2025

Christian Call to Serve and Care

OT	Isaiah 1:10-20
Psalm	33
Epistle	1 Peter 2:11-17
Gospel	Matthew 22:15-22

Collect: Sovereign Lord, we thank You for the gift of freedom, knowing that true freedom is not just about personal liberty but also about the ability to serve and care for others. We are grateful for the nation we live in and the blessings we enjoy. Help us work together as a community to build a society that reflects Your justice and peace. Guide us to reach out to those who are hurting, oppressed, and marginalized. We pray for our leaders that they may govern with wisdom, humility, and a heart for justice. May we be faithful stewards of the freedoms we have, using them to serve and uplift others. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

July 3, 2025, Thursday

Thomas, Apostle of India

OT	Isa. 52:7-15
Psalm	29
Epistle	2 Tim. 3:10-17
Gospel	John 20:24-29

Collect: Almighty and eternal God who graciously restored the faith of your apostle Thomas when he doubted the truth of your son's resurrection; grant us such steadfast faith that we may evermore adore Him as our Lord and our God, who lives and reigns on with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen

July 4, 2025, Friday

Independence Day (US)

Christian Call to Serve and Care

OT	Isaiah 1:10-20
Psalm	33
Epistle	1 Peter 2:11-17
Gospel	Matthew 22:15-22

Collect: Sovereign Lord, we thank You for the gift of freedom, knowing that true freedom is not just about personal liberty but also about the ability to serve and care for others. We are grateful for the nation we live in and the blessings we enjoy. Help us work together as a community to build a society that reflects Your justice and peace. Guide us to reach out to those who are hurting, oppressed, and marginalized. We pray for our leaders that they may govern with wisdom, humility, and a heart for justice. May we be faithful stewards of the freedoms we have, using them to serve and uplift others. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

July 6, 2025, Sunday

Stewardship Sunday

Giving without Counting the Cost

OT	Gen. 13:8-18
Psalm	15
Epistle	Cor.8:1-15
Gospel	Mark 14:3-11
Evening	2 Kings 4:8-13 / Luke 10:30-37

Collect: Gracious God, we thank you for your self-spending love you have manifested in and through your son Jesus our Lord, who became poor so that we might become rich; became empty so that we might be whole; gave himself up to die in order that we might live. Grant us courage to follow the footsteps of Christ in giving without counting the cost, through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.

July 13, 2025, Sunday

Theological Education Sunday

Theological Education: Making of the Faithful

OT	Jos. 4:1-9
Psalm	1
Epistle	1 Tim. 6:11-16
Gospel	Matt. 13:1-9
Evening	Jos. 24:1-14 / 1 Cor. 10:1-11

Collect: God of life, we praise you for you are the source of our being. We thank you for the theological education that enables us to understand your word contextually and apply appropriately to our life situations. Enable the theological teachers and students to be guided by your spirit in order to make people faithful and committed to their calling, through Jesus Christ our mediator, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

July 20, 2025, Sunday

People of God: Flock of Christ

OT	Gen. 35:1-15
Psalm	95
Epistle	Acts. 16:11-15
Gospel	John 10:1-6
Evening	Eze. 34:25-31 / Gal .6:1-10

Collect: Ever gracious God our parent, how amazing is your grace that you choose us as your people and save us through your Son Jesus Christ. Enable us to be ever conscious of your calling to be an inclusive community that is nurtured by the love of Christ. Guide us through your tender love to be in the flock of Christ and radiate your love and mercy to the people around, through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns as the good shepherd, with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

July 22, 2025, Tuesday

Mary Magdalene

OT	Zep. 3:14-20
Psalm	116:1-16
Epistle	2 John 1:1-9
Gospel	John 20:11-18

Collect: O Lord, of life and joy whose son Jesus did liberate and did make whole Mary Magdalene and called her to be the pioneer missionary of his resurrection, make our ignorance wise with your wisdom, make our weariness strong with your strength, so that we may delight in your love and rejoice in sharing and service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

July 25, 2025, Friday

James, Apostle and Martyr

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

Collect: O Lord God, we seek your help not to aspire for the temporary worldly powers and positions like James the disciple of your Son Jesus Christ, but grant us grace and wisdom so that we may seek and aspire for eternal heavenly riches and glory by laying down our lives for your sake like James, the Apostle of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

July 27, 2025, Sunday

Ordained Ministry: Fragrance of Christ

OT	Ex. 29:1-9
Psalm	99
Epistle	Eph. 5:1-14
Gospel	Luke 10:1-11
Evening	Lev. 8:1-9 / 2 Cor. 2:14-17

Collect: Ever compassionate God, whose blessed son set a model for a prophetic and self-emptying ministry, grant your wisdom to be conscious that we are ordained into your ministry by your grace in order to reveal you through our teaching, preaching and witnessing. Enable us to be in communion with you so that we could shed the fragrance of your gospel that redeems us from every bondage and makes us free to embrace you, through Jesus Christ our mediator, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

July 29, 2025, Tuesday

Martha, Mary and Lazarus of Bethany

Companions of our Lord

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

Collect: God our Lord, whose son enjoyed the love of his friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus, in learning, argument and hospitality: may we so rejoice in your love that the world may come to know the depths of your wisdom, the wonder of your compassion, and your power to bring life out of death, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our friend and brother, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

August 3, 2025, Sunday

Mission Sunday

Mission: From Everywhere to Everywhere

OT	1 Kings. 17:1-16
Psalm	107:1-15
Epistle	Gal. 2:1-10
Gospel	Matt. 13:47-52
Evening	Isa. 45:1-7 / Acts 10:34-48

Collect: Almighty God, we thank you for the mission you have entrusted to your people. Help us to diligently obey your command and creatively engage in your mission that embraces all. Empower us by your spirit to proclaim your Gospel, heal the diseases, empower the weak and liberate the captive, through Jesus Christ your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

August 6, 2025, Wednesday

The Transfiguration of Christ

OT	Exo. 24:12-18
Psalm	110
Epistle	2 Peter 1:12-21
Gospel	Luke 9:28-36

Collect: Eternal God, whose son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

August 10, 2025, Sunday

Marriage: Lasting Life of Love

OT	Gen. 29: 1-20
Psalm	128
Epistle	Heb. 13:1-6
Gospel	Matt. 19:3-9
Evening	Gen. 2:18-25 / 1 Cor. 13:1-13

Collect: God of Love, we thank you for the institution of family where you unite man and woman in a sacred bond of love and companionship. Grant us Grace and Love to live our relationships where husband and wife may treat each other with respect and dignity, help each other with the love of our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God world without end. Amen.

August 15, 2025, Friday

Independence Day (India)

Participatory Decision making

OT	Ex. 18:13-27
Psalm	2
Epistle	Acts 15:22-29
Gospel	Luke 20:20-26

Collect: O God, You created all people in Your image. We thank You for the astonishing and rich variety of cultures and peoples in our country. We thank you for the gift of democracy. Enable us to make right decisions in choosing our leaders, in setting our priorities so that we all reap the fruit of democracy in peace and harmony, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

August 17, 2025, Sunday

Baptism: Born from Above

OT	Gen. 8:1-14
Psalm	25
Epistle	Col. 3:1-11
Gospel	John 3:1-8
Evening	Ex. 14:15-31 / Matt. 3:13-17

Collect: Almighty God, we thank you for the sacrament of Baptism by which we participate in the death and resurrection of Jesus and become a new creation with your redeeming power. Grant us grace and power to live as people born from above; to transform the earth to be your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God world without end. Amen

August 24, 2025, Sunday

Restoring the Image of God in Distorted Communities

OT	Micah6:1-8
Psalm	113:1-9
Epistle	Galatians 3:18-29
Gospel	Luke 4:16-21

Collect: Almighty Creator, from whom all humans are sprung, we beseech Your mercy to redeem the divine image in societies polluted by pain and injustice. Please give us the discernment to see everyone as having a unique value, especially the downtrodden and marginalized. Give us the strength to strive for connecting and healing so that everyone can display Your glory and love. 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 forever. Amen

OR

Bartholomew, Apostle and Martyr

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

Collect: God of peace, who through the ministry of your servant apostle Bartholomew strengthened the true faith and brought harmony to your Church: keep us steadfast in your truth and renew us in faith and love, that we may always walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

August 31, 2025, Sunday

Sacrament of Holy Communion

OT	Ex. 12:1-14
Psalm	42
Epistle	1 Cor. 10:14-22
Gospel	Luke 22:7-20
Evening	Gen. 14:17-20 / Heb. 10:1-10

Collect: Loving God, we thank you for the institution of the Holy Eucharist through which you call our attention to the cross of Calvary where our Lord Jesus offered himself as an oblation and sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Grant us grace that as we participate in this Holy mystery, we may be transformed, empowered and enriched to become your children, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God world without end. Amen

September 01, Monday
 Labor Day (US and Canada)

Labor of Love and Rest

OT	Genesis 1:26 - 2:3
Psalm	90
Epistle	1 Corinthians 3: 5-15
Gospel	Mathew 11: 25- 30

Collect: Creator Lord, on this Labor Day, we remember your creation and command that You gave us, to rest. We thank you for the bountiful blessings You have poured into our lives- health, skills, resources, technology, life, love, and community of co-workers. Today we pause and reflect on Your provisions, protection and the promises and humble ourselves in your mighty presence. When you called us to come and rest, help us seek that rest to rejuvenate, retreat and revitalize. Give us wisdom to reflect upon Your word and practice the art of being still. Help us to be obedient and work towards Your kingdom purposes in having dominion over the creation and care for them. Help us to recognize Your provision and share the blessings that we have earned in our lives. Give us grace to acknowledge that all the blessings of work and accomplishment come from You and to honor You with reverence and responsibility. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

September 7, 2025, Sunday
 Student's Sunday

Fear of the Lord as the Beginning of Wisdom

OT	1 Kings 3:3-14
Psalm	14
Epistle	1 John 5:13-21
Gospel	Luke 10:21-24
Evening	Prov. 1:1-7 / Mark 6:1-6

Collect: God of wisdom, we adore you for you are the eternal wisdom who enriches our understanding to recognize the mysteries in creation. Grant our children your grace that as students they may understand that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and that in fearing you, we will create a society based on justice, peace and love through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God world without end. Amen

September 14, 2025, Sunday

Women's Sunday

Remembering and Celebrating Women's Ministry

OT	Judges 4:4-16
Psalm	132
Epistle	Phil. 4:1-7
Gospel	Luke 8:1-3
Evening	2 Kings 5:1-5 / Rom. 16:6-16

Collect: God our Parent, who has called women to be partners in the liberation and redemption of the world, help us to acknowledge and celebrate the power and active contribution of many women past and present, their readiness to take risks and act for the greater good of humanity, their strong belief in the face of skepticism, their leadership and inspiration to be the witnesses to the Gospel. Give Your community of men and women grace that they may equip and complement each other, and that equality, freedom, joy and praise become reality, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

September 21, 2025, Sunday

God and People of All Faiths

OT	Amos 9:1-12
Psalm	66
Epistle	Rom. 2:17-29
Gospel	John 10:14-18
Evening	Isa. 45:1-8 / Rev. 7:9-17

Collect: Gracious God, creator and redeemer of all, we thank you for calling us to be the sojourners in this world. Create in us a heart that accepts people of all faith as sisters and brothers and strive together to discern your light and truth. Nurture in all people a thirst for justice and peace in our world so that we may work together in faith and love and discover you in our midst, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever more. Amen

OR

September 21, 2025, Sunday

Matt., Apostle and Evangelist

OT	Pro. 3:13-17 / Isa. 33:13-17
Psalm	18: 1-6, 20-30
Epistle	2 Cor. 4:1-6
Gospel	1 John 2:15-17 / Matt. 9:9-13

Collect: Gracious God through your son our Lord Jesus Christ, you called Matthew the tax collector to be your apostle. Give us grace always to make use of what we have and give us the gift of contentment. Give us in our lives the right and true ambition, to find our greatness in serving others in the footsteps of him who though he was rich, yet for our sake emptied himself and became poor; through the same Jesus Christ, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.

OR

September 21, 2025, Sunday

Choir Sunday

Music of the Redeemed of the Lord: Proclamation of Witness

OT	Exod. 15:1-13
Psalm	107:1-16
Epistle	Reve. 14:1-5
Gospel	Luke 1:68-79

Collect: God, who calls us and consecrates us for different music ministries, we thank you for making us worthy to come into your presence with praise and adoration. With your continuous interventions and through our experiences, enable us to sing songs of redemption with clean lips and pure hearts. Help us to engage in music ministries with the discernment that we are the redeemed of the Lord. Teach us to make our lives and ministries a proclamation of the witness of Your glorious work at hand. We ask this

through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer, who lives and reigns with You in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever more. **Amen.**

September 27, 2025, Saturday

Church of South India Formation Day

Unity in Service

OT	Ex. 4:27-31
Psalm	28
Epistle	1 Cor. 3:1-15
Gospel	John 17:9-23

Collect: O God, you are the Giver of life. We pray for life in the Church of South India. Sanctify her, renew her worship, give power to her witnessing, restore her unity. Give strength to those who are searching together for obedience to Your will that creates unity. Heal the divisions separating Your children one from another, so that we may speed up, with bonds of peace, the unity which the Spirit gives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen

September 28, 2025, Sunday

Senior Citizen's Sunday

Caring and Accepting the Elderly

OT	Gen. 46:28-34, 47:1-10
Psalm	21
Epistle	1 Tim. 5:1-10
Gospel	Luke 2:25-35
Evening	Isa. 40:29-31 / Matt.15:1-11

Collect: Eternal God, Your love for us never ends, even when by age or weakness we can no longer work. Enrich the life of our society with the blessings of the seniors and with the fellowship of Young and old in Christ Jesus. And may the Church be an instrument of God's care to the elderly; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen

September 29, 2025, Monday

Michael and all Angels

OT	2 Kings 6:8-17
Psalm	103:17-22
Epistle	Rev. 12:7-12
Gospel	Matt. 18:1-10

Collect: Majestic God, who is unceasingly worshipped and glorified by the angels and the company of heaven, send, protect, strengthen and inspire us by your angels. Help us by your power to overcome evil and forces of death, and to do the right, your gracious will, and so to live victoriously; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, without end. Amen

October 5, 2025, Sunday

Laity Sunday

Priesthood of All Believers

OT	Isa. 61:1-11
Psalm	135:12-21
Epistle	1 Pet. 2:1-10
Gospel	John 17:1-8
Evening	Ps.80 / John 15:1-8

Collect: Compassionate God, we thank you for you call your people to carry out your mission in this world. While we acknowledge the distinct ministry of the ordained, we affirm the priesthood of believers. Grant your grace and wisdom to discern your call in order to proclaim your kingdom, heal the sick and strengthen the weak, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, without end. Amen.

October 12, 2025, Sunday

Sunday for the Mentally & Physically Challenged and Palliative Patients**Disability: Care and Honour**

OT	2 Sam. 9:1-13
Psalm	146
Epistle	Acts 9:32-35
Gospel	Mark 3:1-6
Evening	Luke 14:15-24 / Ps. 66:1-20

Collect: O Lord our God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the great healer of every kind of illness: grant peace to those who are torn by mental conflicts and strength to the physically impaired and uphold them with the power of Your Spirit. Let the Church be a channel of Your love and care to them; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who affirmed the dignity of the mentally and physically challenged in His earthly life, and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

October 13, 2025, Monday

Thanksgiving Day (Canada)

Count Your Blessings: Giving Thanks for God's Faithfulness

OT	Deuteronomy 8:10-18
Psalm	34
Epistle	2 Corinthians 9:10-15
Gospel	Mathew 6; 25- 34

Collect: Faithful Lord, on this Thanksgiving Day, we thank You for the countless blessings You have poured into our lives- life, love, family, and the joy of community. You have been faithful through every season, sustaining and guiding us. Help us to recognize Your provision and share our blessings with those in need. May our hearts overflow with gratitude, and may our lives honor You with love and compassion for others. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

October 18, 2025, Saturday

Luke, Evangelist and Physician

OT	Isa. 35:3-6 / Eccl. 8:1-9
Psalm	45
Epistle	Col. 4:10-15 / Acts 16:6-11
Gospel	Luke 1:1-4

Collect: O God, we remember today that you called Luke the doctor to be the writer of the Gospel, the missionary of your reign. Give us honesty, sincerity and openness of mind for the careful investigation and evaluation of our context and our lives, so that we may become instruments of inspiration, healing and wholeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and ever. Amen.

October 19, 2025, Sunday

Youth Sunday

Youth with Christ in Action

OT	Dan. 1:1-17
Psalm	98
Epistle	Acts 6:1-7
Gospel	John 1:35-42
Evening	Ecc. 12:1-8 / Mark 10:17-22

Collect: God of love and life, we thank you for your son and our Lord Jesus Christ who set a model for us by humbly submitting himself to your will. Help our youth to use their creativity, wisdom and strength to serve you by serving the humanity. Enable them to lead a Christ-Centred and justice-oriented life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

October 26, 2025, Sunday

Reformation Sunday
Celebration of God's Sovereignty, Justice and Peace

OT	Ex. 7:1-7
Psalm	89:1-18
Epistle	Rom. 13:1-7
Gospel	John 18:33-38
Evening	Rom. 14:13-23 / Psalm 24

Collect: God of justice and peace, we praise you for your word that renews our mind in order that we may see as you see and do as you do. We beseech you to make us channels of justice and peace in the midst of violence, exploitation and mistrust so that all may reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

November 1, 2025, Saturday

All Saints Day

OT	Jere. 31:31-34
Psalm	150
Epistle	Rev. 7:2-4, 9-17
Gospel	Matt. 5:1-12

Collect: Eternal God, make us this day to remember the unseen cloud of witnesses who have gone before us to be with you and yet continue to inspire us by their courage, sacrifice, witness and communion. Following the examples of our saints help us to stand firm in our faith and be courageous and bold to walk in the new ways you show us so that in your good time we may share with them the blessedness of your nearer presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen

November 2, 2025, Sunday

All Souls Day

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

Collect: Eternal God make this day to remember the unseen cloud of witnesses who encompass us. We thank you for their witness in life and in death. Help us to walk worthily of those in whose unseen presence life is lived. Grant us grace that in this life we may never forget those who have gone before us, whose life is hidden in you so that in the life to come we may share their blessedness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen

November 2, 2025, Sunday

World Sunday School Day

What this Child is Going to be?

OT	Judg. 13:1-14
Psalm	119:9-16
Epistle	Eph. 6:1-4
Gospel	Luke 1:57-66
Evening	Gen. 25:19-28 / Luke 18:15-17

Collect: O God, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord accepted children as inheritors of Your Kingdom. Bless all our children so that they may grow in Your knowledge and wisdom that they become a blessing to the whole world. Also enable the whole Church to care for the little ones; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen

November 9, 2025, Sunday

Unity Sunday

Vine and Branches

OT	Ezek. 37:15-23
Psalm	133
Epistle	1 Cor. 12:12-27
Gospel	John 15:1-8
Evening	Eph. 4:1-13 / Ps.148

Collect: Almighty God, we thank you for the diversity in creation that reveals your power and wisdom. Enable us to affirm and celebrate our distinct abilities and strive for the oneness of heart and mind for the well-being of your creation. Help us to be grafted into Christ so that we may bear much fruit, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the vine, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

November 11, 2025, Thursday

US Veterans Day/Canadian Remembrance Day

Guardians of Freedom

OT	Joshua 1:1-9
Psalm	91
Epistle	2 Timothy 2:1-15
Gospel	Luke 7:1-10

Collect: Gracious God, the Source of Courage and Strength, on this Veterans Day, we thank You for the people who have served as guardians of freedom, showing courage, sacrifice, and dedication to protect the liberties we cherish. Bless and strengthen them, Lord. Provide peace to those carrying the scars of war and comfort to the families of those who have laid down their lives. Guide us as a nation to honor their sacrifices by striving for justice and peace, showing gratitude through our care and service to them. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

November 16, 2025, Sunday

Sunday for the Girl Child

Affirming the Worth of the Girl Child

OT	Num.27:1-11
Psalm	71:1-12
Epistle	Acts 21:7-14
Gospel	Mark 5:35-43
Evening	Gal. 3:23-28 / Ps. 139:1-18

Collect: Almighty God, whose blessed Son in His earthly life blessed little children, we pray that those children who are victims of inequality and oppression may receive a new hope of life with Your tender touch. In particular we pray for the girls, that they may find justice, dignity, and love in the human community, that their lives may flower forth to bring fragrance in Your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.

November 23, 2025 Sunday

Peace in the Context of Violence

OT 1 Sam. 24:1-12
 Psalm 52
 Epistle Rom12:14-21
 Gospel Matt 5:38-48
 Evening Gen. 33:1-20 / Matt. 26:47-56

Collect: God of peace we thank you for your constant love and comfort. You brought peace on earth by sending your son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who empower us to love our enemies as you loved us in all our iniquities and weakness. Strengthen us to forgive and be forgiven even in the context of violence and enable us to turn violence into peace through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.

November 27, Thursday

US Thanksgiving Day

Count Your Blessings: Giving Thanks for God’s Faithfulness

OT Deuteronomy 8:10-18
 Psalm 34
 Epistle 2 Corinthians 9:10-15
 Gospel Mathew 6; 25- 34

Collect: Faithful Lord, on this Thanksgiving Day, we thank You for the countless blessings You have poured into our lives- life, love, family, and the joy of community. You have been faithful through every season, sustaining and guiding us. Help us to recognize Your provision and share our blessings with those in need. May our hearts overflow with gratitude, and may our lives honor You with love and compassion for others. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

November 29, 2025, Saturday

Church of North India Formation Day

OT Isa. 65:17-25
 Psalm 133
 Epistle 1 Cor. 12:12-26
 Gospel 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 our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

November 30, 2025 Sunday

Advent Sunday

Grace of God: The Hope for the Lowly

(Meeting of Mary with Elizabeth)

OT	Ex. 2:1-10
Psalm	30
Epistle	2 Thess. 2:13-17
Gospel	Luke 1:46-59
Evening	Job 5:8-16 / 1 Peter 1:13-16

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, who chose Mary to bear your Son and revealed the joy of your salvation in her meeting with Elizabeth, grant us humility to recognize your presence among us, especially in the lowly. As you delivered Moses through his mother's courage, remind us that you work through the weak to fulfill your purposes. Like Mary, may we magnify your name and rejoice in your goodness. Strengthen our hearts with hope as we await Christ's coming, empowering us by your Spirit to share grace with the weary. Help us stand firm in faith and love, becoming instruments of peace and bearers of your light to the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

November 30, 2025, Sunday

Andrew, Apostle and Martyr

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

Collect: Almighty God, who endowed apostle Andrew the gift of friendship and the wisdom to lead others in the way of holiness; grant to your people that same spirit of mutual affection, so that, in loving one another, we may know the love of Christ and rejoice in the eternal possession of your supreme goodness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

December 7, 2025, Sunday

2nd Sunday in Advent

(Birth of John the Baptist)

God's Word Challenges the Status Quo

OT	2 Kings 22:1-13
Psalm	119:33-40
Epistle	Hebrews 4:12-16
Gospel	Luke 1:67-80
Evening	Nehemiah 8:1-12 / James 2:1-10

Collect: Gracious God, who called John the Baptist to prepare the way for your Son, grant us the courage to listen to your Word, which pierces our hearts and challenges our complacency. Inspire us to rediscover your commandments, so that may we also seek your truth with open hearts and minds to reflect your love. Inspire us to proclaim your message boldly, and to embrace the transformative power of your grace, that we may not show favouritism but honour all as your beloved children. Equip us to approach you knowing that your Word brings life and renewal. Help us to rejoice in your presence and share your hope with a world in need. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

December 10, 2025, Wednesday

Council of CSI Congregations in North America Formation Day

Bound by Love, United in Christ

OT	Micah 6:1-8
Psalm	133
Epistle	1 Corinthians 13
Gospel	John 17: 20-26

Collect: Almighty God, source of all unity and love, we gather today to strengthen the bonds of fellowship within your Church. Grant us hearts open to your grace, that we may forgive one another freely, as you have forgiven us, and that we may serve each other with humility and compassion. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be united in Christ, reflecting your love to the world, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. **Amen.**

December 14, 2025, Sunday

3rd Sunday in Advent

Annunciation to Joseph

Deliverance from the Grip of Fear

OT	Joshua 1:1-9
Psalm	27
Epistle	1 John 4:13-21
Gospel	Matt.1:18-25
Evening	Isa.41:8-13 / 2 Tim. 1:3-7

Collect: Almighty God, who sent your angel to comfort Joseph in his uncertainty, grant us the strength to face our fears with faith, just as you commanded Joshua to be strong and courageous. May we find assurance in your promises, knowing that perfect love casts out all fear. Help us to trust in your guidance and embrace your calling, even when the path ahead is unclear. Fill our hearts with your love, that we may share it boldly, and encourage those who are troubled or afraid. In moments of doubt, remind us of your faithfulness, and empower us by your Spirit to live without fear, confident in your deliverance and grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

December 21, 2025, Sunday

4th Sunday in Advent

Maran-atha: Life in Waiting

(Emphasis - Second Coming)

OT	Isa. 2:2-5
Psalm	75
Epistle	Rev. 22:10-21
Gospel	John 1:1-14 / Luke 12:32-40
Evening	Isa.64:1-8 / 1 Cor. 16:13-24

Eternal God, who has promised to come again in glory, help us to live in joyful anticipation of your return. As we await your kingdom, may we walk in your light and share your peace, drawing strength from your Word and each other. Inspire us to be vigilant stewards of your grace, preparing our hearts for your coming. Keep us steadfast in hope, trusting that you will renew our spirits and restore creation. Fill us with a longing for justice and righteousness, empowering us to act as agents of love in a world yearning for your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

December 21, 2025, Sunday

Mar Thoma Church Day

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

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, now and ever. Amen

December 24, 2025, Wednesday

Christmas Eve

Joy to the World

OT	1 Chr. 16:23-34
Psalm	98
Epistle	Phil. 4:4-9
Gospel	Luke 1:67-79

Collect: O God of joy and gladness, we gather tonight to celebrate the birth of your Son, who brings light and hope to all creation. As we rejoice in your goodness, may our hearts overflow with gratitude and share this joy with others. Help us to proclaim your faithfulness to us and our trust in your peace. Inspire us to embody your love and guide our thoughts toward what is pure and lovely. May our worship awaken a spirit of joy as we sing praises and reflect on your wondrous deeds. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brings joy to the world, one God, now and forever. Amen.

December 25, 2025, Thursday

Christmas**Christ: Guiding Light of Hope**

OT	Isa. 9:1-7
Psalm	96
Epistle	Titus 3:4-7
Gospel	Matt. 2:1-12

Collect: O God of light and hope, who sent your Son as the guiding star, we gather to celebrate his birth, the fulfillment of your promise of joy and peace. As we rejoice in Christ, may we reflect his light and share it with the world. In this season of grace, remind us of your mercy and inspire us to live in accordance with your love. Help us seek your guidance to follow the path of righteousness. May our hearts be filled with hope and our voices with praise as we proclaim the good news of great joy for all people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

December 28, 2025, Sunday

1st Sunday after Christmas

Family Sunday**Family: Sanctuary of Nonviolence**

OT	Gen. 50:15-21
Psalm	133 / 103
Epistle	Col. 3:12-17
Gospel	Luke 15:11-32
Evening	Gen. 33:1-17 / Gal. 5:13-26

Collect: Gracious God, who calls us to live in harmony and love, we gather to celebrate family as a sanctuary of nonviolence. As Joseph forgave his brothers, may we cultivate forgiveness and understanding in our relationships. Help us to embody compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love. In this sacred space, may we nurture peace and unity, ensuring all feel safe and valued. Guide us to celebrate our differences and share in each other's joys and sorrows as we grow together in faith. May our homes be filled with your presence, striving to be instruments of your peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who teaches us the way of love and reconciliation, one God, now and forever. Amen.

December 31, 2025, Wednesday

Year Ending
Counting God's Blessings

OT	Lam. 3:21-31
Psalm	66
Epistle	Phil. 4:10-23 / 2 Cor. 9:6-15
Gospel	Luke 7:11-17

Collect: Gracious God, as we close another year, we reflect on your abundant blessings and steadfast hope. Despite our challenges, your mercies have been new each morning, sustaining us. Like the widow of Nain, we have felt your compassion in our struggles. Help us count our blessings with grateful hearts, remembering you are the source of all good gifts. May we abound in thanksgiving and generosity, sharing the abundance you have given us. Renew our hope in your promises and strengthen our trust in your love in the coming year. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

January 1, 2026, Thursday

New Year
Running the Race with Perseverance

OT	Num. 13:21-30
Psalm	113
Epistle	Heb. 12:1-13
Gospel	Luke 9:57-62

Collect: Almighty God, as we enter this new year, help us run the race before us with perseverance and faith. May we embrace the challenges ahead with courage, trusting in your guidance and strength. Fill our hearts with hope, reminding us of the great cloud of witnesses around us. Help us lay aside every weight and sin that hinders us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Grant us the resolve to follow you wholeheartedly, pressing on toward our heavenly calling. May our lives reflect your love and grace to those around us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who empowers us to persevere, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Liturgical Colors 2025

Dates	Colors
December 24 evening to January 6	White (Christmas Season)
January 7 to March 4	Green (Epiphany season)
March 5 to April 19	Purple (Lenten Season)
April 20 to June 7	White (Easter Season)
June 8	Red (Pentecost Season)
June 9 to June 14	Green (Pentecost Season)
June 15	White (Trinity Sunday)
June 16 to November 29	Green (Pentecost Season)
November 30 to December 24 Morning	Purple (Advent Season)

