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Appendix

Seasonal prefaces

SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

Advent

Through whom you comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, and will also make all things new in the day when he will come again to judge the world in righteousness. Therefore with angels...

Christmas

For in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have given us a new revelation of your glory; that, seeing you in the person of your Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels...

Epiphany

And so now we praise you, that you have sent to us your only-begotten Son, and that in him, being found in human form, you have revealed the fullness of your glory. Therefore with angels...

Lent

For he has taken upon himself our sin, that we, being dead to sin, should live to righteousness. Therefore with angels...

Easter

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son; for he is our true Passover Lamb who was sacrificed, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has restored life. Therefore with angels...

Ascension

Who, after his resurrection, appeared openly to all his disciples, and in their sight was taken up into heaven, that he might make us partakers of his divine nature. Therefore with angels...

Pentecost

Who, ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out, this day, the Holy Spirit, as he had promised, on his chosen people; in which the whole world greatly rejoices, praising your name with many tongues. Therefore with angels...

Trinity Sunday

Who with you and the Holy Spirit is one God, one Lord; and in the confession of the only true God we worship you, the incomprehensible Trinity, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Therefore with angels...

SING THE FEAST

Advent

You fulfilled your promise to comfort your people by sending Jesus the Redeemer, and to make all things new through him when he comes to judge the world and set it right. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name:

Christmas

You have revealed your glorious presence to us in a new way through the mystery of the Word made flesh, so that as we see you in your Son, we are drawn to love you whom we cannot see. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name:

Epiphany

You have sent your only Son to appear among us as a human being, and through him you have fully revealed the light of your presence to us. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name:

Lent

He has taken on himself our sin, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name:

Passion

On the tree of the cross he gave salvation to all, so that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that the enemy, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name:

Easter

But most of all we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising again he has restored life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the other witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we adore and praise your glorious name:

Ascension

After his resurrection he appeared openly to his disciples, and before their very eyes was taken up into heaven, so that by your grace we may share in his divine nature. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name:

Pentecost

When he had ascended above the heavens and was enthroned at your right hand, he poured out the promised Holy Spirit on his chosen people. At this the whole earth greatly rejoices, praising your name with many tongues. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name:

Trinity

Who with you and the Holy Spirit is one God, one Lord, whom we confess as the only true God and worship as the eternal Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name:

After Pentecost

(On this day) he overcame death by his resurrection and opened up for us the way to eternal life with you. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name: