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### THEMES AND LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS

January 1, 2018, Monday  
New Year (Covenant Day)  
**God's Continuing Act of Grace**  
(Feast of Circumcision)

OT            Zeph. 3: 14-20  
Psalm        136  
Epistle       Romans 5: 1-11  
Gospel       Luke 13: 1- 9  
Evening      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.***

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January 6, 2018, Saturday  
**Christ Draws all Nations to Himself**  
(Epiphany)

OT            Isaiah 56: 1-8  
Psalm        72  
Epistle       Revelation 7: 9-17  
Gospel       Matthew 2: 1-12 / Mark 1: 1-9

***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***

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January 7, 2018, Sunday  
1st Sunday after Epiphany

### **Live Worthy of Your Calling**

OT            Proverbs 20: 1-11  
Psalm        14  
Epistle       Romans 6: 12- 21  
Gospel       Matthew 7: 16- 23  
Evening      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*

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January 14, 2018, Sunday  
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

**One Lord, One Baptism**

OT	Numbers 11: 23 - 30
Psalm	23
Epistle	1 Cor. 10: 1- 4
Gospel	John 10: 7 -18
Evening	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.*

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January 21, 2018, Sunday  
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

**Unity for Justice and Peace**  
(Ecumenical Sunday)

OT	Ezekiel 37: 15 - 28
Psalm	4
Epistle	Phil. 4: 8-20
Gospel	Matthew 5: 21 - 26
Evening	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 judgments 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.*

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January 26, 2018, Friday

## Responsible Citizenship

(Republic Day)

OT	Amos 5: 7- 15
Psalm	146
Epistle	Romans 13: 1- 10
Gospel	Mark 12: 13 -17

***Collect:** God who orders life, we give you thanks that you always create life in midst of chaos. Our Lord Jesus Christ thought 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.*

**Or**

*Almighty god, creator of heavens and earth, who calls your people to be nations. As you have graciously shared your likeness with humanity, uphold us in your likeness and keep us mindful to embrace people of all races, classes, castes, colour and genders; so that we may be responsible citizens of this nation and truly fulfill your purpose and uphold our responsibilities in ensuring the right of everyone, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

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January 28, 2018, Sunday  
9th Sunday before Easter

### The Goodness of Creation

OT	Genesis 1: 24- 31
Psalm	104: 1- 13
Epistle	Eph. 1: 3- 14
Gospel	Matthew 6: 9- 13
Evening	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*

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February 4, 2018, Sunday  
8th Sunday before Easter

### The Fallen -ness of Creation

OT	Genesis 3: 1- 10
Psalm	53
Epistle	Romans 3: 21- 26

Gospel           Matthew 18: 23- 35  
Evening         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.***

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February 11, 2018, Sunday  
7th Sunday before Easter

**Lent: A time of Reconciliation**

OT                Genesis 45: 1- 15  
Psalm           85  
Epistle         Eph. 2: 11- 22  
Gospel         John 2: 1-11  
Evening        Genesis 26: 22- 32 / 2 Cor. 5: 16- 21

***Collect:** Gracious God, who loved us in Jesus Christ, Lord give 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)

OT                Job 42: 1-12  
Psalm           6  
Epistle         2 Cor. 12: 1- 10  
Gospel         John 5 : 1-9  
Evening        Isaiah 42: 1- 9 / Revelation 22: 1-5

***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***

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February 14, 2018, Wednesday

**Cross: A Call to Self-Denial**  
(Ash Wednesday)

OT            Joel 2: 12- 20  
Psalm        32  
Epistle       Galatians 2: 15- 21  
Gospel       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***

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February 18, 2018, Sunday  
6th Sunday Before Easter  
1st Sunday in Lent

**Touching the “Untouchable”**

OT            2 Kings 5: 1- 10  
Psalm        10: 1- 12  
Epistle       Hebrews 13: 8 – 17  
Gospel       Matthew 8: 1- 4  
Evening      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 un-recognized 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***

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February 25, 2018, Sunday  
5th Sunday before Easter  
2nd Sunday in Lent

**Life Saving Faith**

OT            2 Kings 4: 1- 7  
Psalm        72  
Epistle       Acts 5: 12- 16



Gospel Luke 5: 17- 26  
Evening Genesis 22: 1- 14 / Hebrews 11: 1-12

*Collect: O God, the author of our life, you have called us to be dynamic and active to connect together to create life-saving networks. Give us lifesaving 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.*

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March 4, 2018, Sunday  
4th Sunday before Easter  
3rd Sunday in Lent

**Persistence in Prayer**

OT 2 Kings 20: 1- 11  
Psalm 116  
Epistle 1 Thess. 5: 12- 22  
Gospel Mark 7: 24- 30  
Evening Nehemiah 1: 1-11 / Jude 17- 23

*Collect: Creator God, your knowledge and wisdom surpasses every human imagination and understanding. Though you have set your ways before us, we have followed our own ways resulting in damaged relationship in creation, among fellow human beings and in acknowledging your guidance for us. Enable us to faithfully commit ourselves in prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

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March 11, 2018, Sunday  
3rd Sunday before Easter  
4th Sunday in Lent

**True Worship that Liberates**

OT Exodus 3: 11- 18  
Psalm 137  
Epistle Acts 16: 25- 34  
Gospel Luke 13: 10 – 17  
Evening 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.*

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March 18, 2018, Sunday  
2nd Sunday before Easter  
5th Sunday in Lent

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

OT            Duet. 18: 15- 22  
Psalm        73  
Epistle       2 Cor. 1: 3-11  
Gospel       Luke 18: 35- 43  
Evening      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 and sinner 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.*

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March 25, 2018, Sunday

**Hosanna: New King in the Temple**  
(Palm Sunday)

OT            Isaiah 56: 1 – 8  
Psalm        24  
Epistle       1 Cor. 3 :16– 23  
Gospel       Matt 21: 1- 17  
Evening      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 turning 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.*

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March 29, 2018, Thursday

**Eucharist: The Re-membering Jesus**  
(Maundy Thursday)

OT Exodus 12: 1- 17  
Psalm 116  
Epistle I Cor. 11: 23- 34  
Gospel 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.*

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March 30, 2018, Friday

**Cross: Death of Death**  
(Good Friday)

OT Numbers 21: 1- 9  
Psalm 22  
Epistle 1 Cor. 15: 50 – 58  
Gospel 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*

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March 31, 2018, Saturday

**Hope for the New Life**  
(Holy Saturday)

OT Daniel 12: 1-4  
Psalm 4  
Epistle 1 Peter 4: 12-19  
Gospel 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.*

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April 1, 2018, Sunday

**Resurrection: Celebrating the Joy of Salvation**

(Easter)

OT	Exodus 14: 5- 31
Psalm	118: 14- 29
Epistle	Col. 3: 1-11
Gospel	Matt 28: 1-10
Evening	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.*

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April 8, 2018, Sunday

1st Sunday after Easter

**Encounter with the Risen Lord**

OT	Genesis 32: 22- 32
Psalm	40
Epistle	Acts 9: 1-18
Gospel	John 20: 24-29
Evening	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.*

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April 15, 2018, Sunday

2nd Sunday after Easter

**Identifying Risen Lord in the Work Place**

OT	Ruth 2: 1- 18
Psalm	15
Epistle	Acts 9: 36- 43
Gospel	John 21: 1- 14
Evening	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*

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April 22, 2018, Sunday  
3rd Sunday after Easter

### **Community formation around resurrection experience**

OT            Isaiah 25: 1- 9  
Psalm        126  
Epistle      Acts 4: 32- 37  
Gospel      Luke 24: 13- 35  
Evening     Isaiah 65: 17 – 25 / Acts 2: 43- 47

*Collect: Resurrected God, 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.*

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### **Believing in Christ: The Resurrection**

April 29, 2018  
Sunday  
4th Sunday after Easter

OT            2 Kings 4: 27- 37  
Psalm        90  
Epistle      Acts 26: 12 – 23  
Gospel      John 11: 17- 28  
Evening     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.*

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May 1, 2018, Tuesday

**Participating in God's Work**  
(May Day)

OT	Exodus 36:1-13
Psalm	104:23-35
Epistle	Acts 9:36-43
Gospel	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***

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May 6, 2018, Sunday  
5th Sunday after Easter

**Christ's Invitation to be an Expression of Mission**

Ezekiel 34: 25 – 31	Psalm 47
1 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.***

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**Christ - Lord of All**  
(Ascension of our Lord)

May 10, 2018  
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.*

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May 13, 2018, Sunday  
6th Sunday after Easter

**Waiting upon the Holy Spirit**

OT            Isaiah 40: 25- 31  
Psalm        51  
Epistle       Act 1: 1- 11  
Gospel       Luke 24: 44- 49  
Evening      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.*

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May 20, 2018, Sunday

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

OT            Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14  
Psalm        104: 24 - 35  
Epistle       Acts 2: 1-13  
Gospel       John 16: 1 – 11  
Evening      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.*

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May 27, 2018, Sunday  
1st Sunday after Pentecost

**We Worship the Triune God**  
(Trinity Sunday)

OT Genesis 1: 1- 28  
Psalm 2  
Epistle 2 Cor. 13: 11- 14  
Gospel John 1: 1- 18  
Evening 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.*

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June 3, 2018, Sunday

**Wisdom from Above**  
(Students Sunday)

OT I Kings 3:16-28  
Psalm 119: 33-40  
Epistle James 1:1-8  
Gospel Luke.10:21-24  
Evening Proverbs23:13-26 / Phil.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 is truth, 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.*

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June 10, 2018, Sunday

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

OT Proverbs8:22-31  
Psalm 19  
Epistle Revelation21:1-8  
Gospel Luke.8:22-25  
Evening Isaiah 40:21-31 / Galatians1:9-20

**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*

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June 17, 2018, Sunday

**Worship the Lord in Truth and Spirit**

OT            Isaiah 6: 1- 8  
Psalm        139  
Epistle      2 Thess. 2: 13- 17  
Gospel      John 4: 15- 26  
Evening     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.*

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June 24, 2018, Sunday

**Cost of Discipleship**

OT            Daniel 6:11- 23  
Psalm        34  
Epistle      2 Cor. 6: 1- 10  
Gospel      Mark 10: 35- 45  
Evening     Jer. 38: 1- 9 / 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*

**OR**

**John the Baptist**

(St. John the Baptist Day)

OT            Malachi 3:1-5  
Epistle      Revelation 3: 14-22  
Gospel      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 the 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.**

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July 1, 2018, Sunday

**Stewardship: Transparency and Accountability**  
(Stewardship Sunday)

OT	Exodus 36:2-7
Psalm	116:12-19
Epistle	Phil. 4:10-20
Gospel	Luke 19:11-27
Evening	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*

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July 8, 2018, Sunday

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

OT	Exodus.3:1-12
Psalm	111
Epistle	2 Timothy 2:1-13
Gospel	John.12:20-26
Evening	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.*

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July 15, 2018, Sunday

## People of God: Salt and Light

OT	Isaiah 49:1- 7
Psalm	27
Epistle	Ephesians 5: 1- 5
Gospel	Matt 5: 13- 16
Evening	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*

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July 22, 2018, Sunday

### Ordained Ministry: Marked by the Wounds of Christ

OT	1 Samuel 22:12- 23
Psalm	56
Epistle	Galatians 6: 11- 18
Gospel	John 21: 15- 19
Evening	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*

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July 29, 2018, Sunday

### Honour Marriage

OT	Malachi 2: 13- 16
Psalm	45
Epistle	1 Cor. 13: 1- 14: 1
Gospel	Mark 10: 2- 9
Evening	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*

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August 5, 2018, Sunday

**Mission: Sharing God's Pain**  
(Mission Sunday)

OT            Isaiah 6: 1-8  
Psalm        40:1-13  
Epistle      Acts 9:10-18  
Gospel      Luke. 10:1-11  
Evening     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.*

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August 12, 2018, Sunday

**Baptism: Dying and Rising up with Christ**

OT            Genesis 7: 11- 24  
Psalm        29  
Epistle      Romans 6: 1 – 14  
Gospel      John 12: 20- 26  
Evening     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.*

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August 15, 2018, Wednesday

**Communal Harmony**  
(Independence Day)

OT            Genesis.11:1-9  
Psalm        66  
Epistle      2 Timothy2:14-26  
Gospel      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***

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August 19, 2018, Sunday

**Sacrament of Holy Qurbana / Holy Sacrifice**

OT            2 King 4: 42- 44  
Psalm        100  
Epistle      1 Cor. 11: 23- 30  
Gospel      John 6: 15- 59  
Evening     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.***

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August 26, 2018, Sunday

**Plurality: Common Humanity and Faith Sharing**

OT            Jonah 4: 1- 11  
Psalm        82  
Epistle      Act 8:26 – 40  
Gospel      Matthew 22: 1- 14  
Evening     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.***

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September 2, 2018, Sunday

**Jesus the Guru**  
(Education Sunday , Teachers' Day)

OT Proverbs4:1-19  
Psalm 141  
Epistle Acts 22:1-5  
Gospel Luke.4:31-44  
Evening 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.***

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September 9, 2018, Sunday

**Women Partners in God's Liberative Act**  
(Women's Sunday)

OT Exodus1:15-22  
Psalm 148  
Epistle Romans.16: 1-16  
Gospel Mark15:37-41  
Evening 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.***

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September 16, 2018, Sunday

**My Peace I Give to You**

OT Zech. 8 :12- 19  
Psalm 119: 161- 176  
Epistle Romans 5: 1-5  
Gospel John 16: 16- 33

Evening 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*

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September 23, 2018, Sunday

### **Christian Response to Poverty**

OT Amos 8: 4- 7  
Psalm 145  
Epistle James 2: 1- 7  
Gospel Luke 16: 19- 31  
Evening 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*

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September 27, 2018, Thursday

### **Unity in Worship** (CSI Formation Day)

OT Nehemiah 2:17-20  
Psalm 66  
Epistle Romans 8: 31-39  
Gospel 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.*

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September 30, 2018, Sunday

### **The Wisdom of the Elderly** (Senior Citizen's Sunday)

OT            Genesis.24:1-14  
Psalm        92  
Epistle      2 Timothy1:3-14  
Gospel      Luke.1:5-7  
Evening     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.***

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October 7, 2018, Sunday

**Ministry of the Laity**  
(Laity Sunday)

OT            I Samuel 25:14-28  
Psalm        23  
Epistle      I Thess. 4:1-12  
Gospel      Luke10:25-37  
Evening     Psalm 34 / 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 your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen***

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October 14, 2018, Sunday

**Differently Abled: Dignity and Dependence**

(Sunday for the Mentally & Physically  
Challenged and Palliative Patients)

OT            Exodus 4:10-17  
Psalm        103: 1-33  
Epistle      Acts 3:1-10  
Gospel      Matthew17:14-21  
Evening     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.**

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October 21, 2018, Sunday

**Youth in Search of a Meaningful Life**  
(Youth Sunday )

OT            Genesis 39.1-23  
Psalm        17  
Epistle      Hebrews 12:1-11  
Gospel      John 1:43-51  
Evening     Proverbs 3:1-12 / 1Timothy 6:11-14

***Collect:** God of life, we thank you for the creativity and vibrancy with which you enrich young people. We thank you that your Son Jesus Christ as a young person, surrendered his life to your will that the whole world may find the newness of life. We pray for wisdom and understanding, strength and power, visions and dreams to create a world of justice, equality and peace 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 for ever. **Amen***

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October 28, 2018, Sunday

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

OT            Deut. 26:4-11  
Psalm        109:21-31  
Epistle      Acts 2:43-47  
Gospel      Matthew 13:33-35  
Evening     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.***

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November 4, 2018, Sunday

**Children in the Church**  
(World Sunday School Sunday)

OT            Exodus 2:1-10  
Psalm        47  
Epistle      3 John 1-15  
Gospel      Luke 18:15-17  
Evening     Deut. 28: 1-6 / Matthew 21:15-17

**Collect:** *compassionate God, who said, 'let the children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs, show mercy upon the children in the Church that they may come to that unutterable joy which you give to those who truly love you. Enable the church to set models for the children to emulate in love and charity; honesty and humility. Through Jesus Christ the Lord who by obedience to the Father and being lead by the Holy Spirit, wrought us salvation. Amen.*

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November 11, 2018, Sunday

**Light on the Lamp Stands**  
(Unity Sunday )

OT            Zech. 4:1-14  
Psalm        27  
Epistle      1 Cor. 3:10-15  
Gospel      Matthew 5:14-16  
Evening     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.*

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November 18, 2018, Sunday

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

OT            Job 42:10-17  
Psalm        45:8-14  
Epistle      Acts 16:16-18  
Gospel      Matthew 15:21-28  
Evening     Jude 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.*

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November 25, 2018, Sunday

**Waiting Prayerfully for the Coming of the Lord**

OT Malachi 4: 1- 6  
Psalm 121  
Epistle 2 Thess. 2:1-17  
Gospel Matt. 25: 1-13  
Evening Isa. 2: 2-4 / Rev. 22: 16- 21

***Collect:** Almighty God, you have called us through your son to wait prayerfully for the coming of the Lord. Help us to amend our ways according to your scriptures, live worthy of your calling, and thus be prepared to welcome Him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit; one God, now and ever. Amen*

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November 29, 2018, Thursday

**Church of North India – Formation Day**

OT Isaiah 65: 17-25  
Psalm 122  
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 and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen*

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December 2, 2018, Sunday  
1st Sunday in Advent

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

OT Exodus 2: 1-10  
Psalm 117  
Epistle Acts 9: 10 -18  
Gospel Luke.1:46-56  
Evening Genesis 45:16-28 / Acts 11:19-26

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**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 turmoils 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.*

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December 9, 2018, Sunday  
2nd Sunday in Advent

**Word of God: Inspired to Inspire**  
(Birth of John the Baptist)  
(Bible Sunday)

OT	Revelation 10:1-11
Psalm	119:33-40
Epistle	1 Kings.19:1-21
Gospel	Luke 1:39-45
Evening	Psalm 33:1-12 / Jude 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.*

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December 16, 2018, Sunday  
3rd Sunday in Advent

**Deliverance from the Bondage of Sin**

OT	Exodus 14:1-14
Psalm	37:1-12
Epistle	Romans 8:1-11
Gospel	John 8:31-38
Evening	Matthew 8:1-17 / Acts 3:17-26

**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.*

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December 21, 2018, Friday

**Mar Thoma Church Day**

OT            Isaiah 22: 20-24  
Psalm        100  
Epistle      Phil. 3: 12- 21  
Gospel      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 witnesses. 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.*

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December 23, 2018, Sunday  
4th Sunday in Advent

**Maran-atha – O lord come**

OT            Deut.18:15-22  
Psalm        28  
Epistle      I Cor. 16:13-24  
Gospel      John.1:1-14  
Evening     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.*

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December 24, 2018, Monday

**Peace on Earth**  
(Christmas Eve)

OT            Isaiah 52:7-10  
Psalm        96  
Epistle      Titus 2:11-14  
Gospel      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.*

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December 25, 2018, Tuesday

**Christmas: A New Dawn**  
(Christmas)

OT            Isaiah 9:1-7  
Psalm        98  
Epistle      Galatians 4:1-7  
Gospel      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.***

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December 30, 2018, Sunday  
1st Sunday after Christmas

**Family as Healing Space**  
(Family Sunday)

OT            Genesis 33:1-11  
Psalm        91  
Epistle      Ephesians 6:1-9  
Gospel      Luke 15:11-24  
Evening     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.***

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December 31, 2018, Monday

**Come to the Lord and Rejoice**  
(Year Ending )

OT            Isaiah 1:1-20  
Psalm        89: 1-18  
Epistle      Acts 16:19-34  
Gospel      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.***