

# **Supplications Proper to the Feast or Season for Eucharistic Prayers A and B adapted from the Book of Common Worship<sup>1</sup>**

## **Introduction**

The Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian Churches in the United States have all issued proper eucharistic prayers for major feasts and seasons. In these eucharistic prayers proper material is included not only in the preface at the beginning of the prayer, but also in the supplication at the conclusion of the prayer.

Eucharistic Prayers A and B can easily be enriched for such occasions by adding proper supplications at the conclusion of the prayer. The proper supplications below have been adapted from those found in the Book of Common Worship of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A).

In the text below the proper supplications have been inserted in the prayer thematically appropriate to the season. Those for marriages and burials have been included with both prayers.

If desired, supplications provided for Eucharistic Prayer A may be used with Eucharistic Prayer B and those provided for Eucharistic Prayer B may be used with Eucharistic Prayer A.

## **Authorization**

At the request of the Commission on Liturgy and Music, Bishop Adams has authorized these supplications for use in this diocese.

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## **Eucharistic Prayer A (Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and Pentecost)**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace.

### **Ash Wednesday**

Lead us by the power of the same Spirit  
to live as you require:  
to do justice,  
and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with you our God.  
Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ  
until this mortal life is ended,  
and all that is earthly returns to dust.

### **Lent**

Help us to be obedient to your call  
to love all your children,  
to do justice and to show mercy,  
and to live in peace with your whole creation.  
Guide us through the desert of our life,  
quench our thirst with the living waters,  
satisfy our hunger with the bread of heaven.

### **Holy Week**

Lead us in the way of Christ.

Give us courage to take up our cross  
and, in full reliance upon your grace, to follow him.  
Help us to love you above all else  
and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves,  
and to demonstrate that love in deed and word  
in the power of the same Spirit.

### **Maundy Thursday**

Lead us, O God, by the power of the same Spirit  
to live as love commands.  
Bound to Christ,  
set us free for joyful obedience and glad service.  
As Jesus gave his life for ours,  
help us to live our lives for others  
with humility and persistent courage.

### **Easter Season**

Nourished at this table,  
may we know Christ's redemptive love  
and live a new life in him.  
Help us who recognize our Lord in the breaking of bread  
to see and serve him in all whose lives are broken.  
Give us who are fed at his hand,  
grace to share our bread with the hungry  
and with the hungry of heart.

### **Pentecost**

By the fire of your Spirit forge us into one church,  
many and different people, together in Christ's embrace.  
Set our hearts aflame with a love for the truth  
and the desire to do your will,  
that our witness to Christ may burn brightly  
in lives of joyful discipleship.

### **The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage**

Give N. and N. the spirit of peace  
that they may become one in heart and mind  
and rejoice together in your gift of marriage.  
Let their love for each other  
be a witness to your divine love in the world.  
Strengthen the church  
to proclaim your justice, joy, and peace,  
and to live for your kingdom in the world.

### **The Burial of the Dead**

Remember our *brother/sister* N.,  
whose baptism is now complete in death.  
Bring *him/her*, and all who have died in the peace of Christ,  
into your eternal joy and light.

Strengthen us to run with determination  
the race that lies before us,  
our eyes fixed on Jesus,

the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

**Eucharistic Prayer A continues**

And at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

## **Eucharistic Prayer B (Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany)**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

### **Advent**

Strengthen us in the power of that same Spirit  
to bring good news to the poor  
and lift blind eyes to sight,  
to loose the chains that bind  
and claim your blessing for all people.

### **Christmas**

Empower us by that same Spirit  
to be Christ's presence in the world  
even as Jesus was God-with-us.  
Give us courage to speak his truth,  
to seek his justice,  
and to love with his love.

### **Epiphany**

Illumine our hearts with the radiance of Christ's presence,  
that our lives may show forth his love in this weary world.  
Teach us to befriend the lost,  
to serve the poor,  
to be reconciled our enemies,  
and to love our neighbors.

### **The Baptism of our Lord**

As you once claimed us in the Spirit's waters  
and number us among your own beloved,  
give us power to do your work,  
to show your love,  
and to live holy and joyful lives.

### **The Last Sunday after Epiphany (Transfiguration)**

Illumine our lives with the radiance of Christ's love,  
and inspire us to shine in faith and witness  
as his holy disciples.  
Transform us into his likeness  
that we may live for you, as he lived,  
and love others, as he loved them.

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the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,  
so that when this mortal life is ended,  
we may receive, with all your saints,  
the unfading crown of glory.

### **Eucharistic Prayer B continues**

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that  
heavenly country where, with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting  
heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*