



NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

St. Jude Syro-Malabar Catholic Church
South Jersey

Structure of the Novena

- 1) Song: Come Holy Spirit...
- 2) Prayer: O God, of old you instructed...
- 3) Prayer: God the Father, Creator...
- 4) Word of God (for the day)
- 5) Short Reflection
- 6) Intercessions (for the day)
- 7) Our Father Prayer
- 8) Prayer to Mary: O Holy Mother...
- 9) Concluding Prayer (for the day)
- 10) Prayer: Act of Consecration
- 11) Prayer: Litany to the Holy Spirit

Parisudhathmave Nee Ezhumnally Varaname Ente Hrudayathil
Divya Ganagal Chinthiyennullil Daiva Sneham Nirakkename (2)

Swargga Vathil Thurannu Bhoomiyil Nirggalikkum Prakasame (2)
Andhakara Virippu Mattidum Chanthamerunna Geethame
Kezhumathmavilasaveesunna Mohanadivya Ganame
(Parisudhathmave...)

Vindunangi Varanda Manasam Kanda Vinnin Thadakame (2)
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Mandamai Vannu Veesiyaandam Thanna Ponniam Thennale
Rakthasakshikal Aanjupulkiya Punyajeevitha Padame
(Parisudhathmave...)

COMMON PRAYERS

1. Come Holy Spirit

Priest: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Community: Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

2. Introductory Prayer

Priest: O God, of old you instructed the hearts of your faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit. Give us this Holy Spirit; under His divine inspiration, may we have a sense of what is true and a taste for what is good, and always experience the fruit of His consolation. This we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.

Comm: Amen.

3. Prayer (optional)

Priest and Community: God the Father, Creator and Protector of all, we praise you. God the Son, who incarnated as man to show the world the love of the Father, we worship you. Jesus, we thank you for sending your Holy Spirit upon us to prepare us to acknowledge and believe that you are our Savior and Lord. O, Holy Spirit, who, since the creation of the Universe, has been continuously renewing the face of the earth with your presence, we glorify you. You, who descended upon our Holy Mother and the apostles who had been prayerfully waiting in the House of Sion, come and fill this community with your presence. Fill the hearts you created with your divine graces. Enable us to fill our bodies, your dwelling places, with holiness.

O, Holy Spirit, fountain of holiness and love, come and purify us. Give us the grace to know and believe in the Father, the Son and their Spirit, you, the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer to Mary

Priest and Community: O Holy Mary, Mother of God and our Savior Jesus Christ, intercede for me to God the Father that I may be freed from my sins by the merits of the Precious Blood of your Divine Son, and that I may be filled with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Take away from me my sinful heart and give me the new heart that Almighty God promised through the prophet Ezekiel. "I will give them a new heart and put a new spirit within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, so that they may follow my statutes and keep my ordinances and obey them. Then they shall be my people and I will be their God." (Ezekiel 11:19-20). Holy and loving Mother intercede for me that I may be filled with the love of the Holy Spirit. Help me to be filled with the spirit of repentance, to abandon my sinful ways and be transformed into a new individual by the power of the Precious Blood of Jesus.

FIRST DAY

Word of God - John 14:15-26

Intercessions

Priest: Let us all pray with faith and hope to the Holy Spirit, the Source of Wisdom, to come and fill us. It is the gift of Wisdom that strengthens our faith, fortifies hope, perfects charity, and promotes the practice of virtue in the highest degree. Wisdom enlightens the mind to discern and relish things divine, in the appreciation of which earthly joys lose their savor, whilst the Cross of Christ yields a divine sweetness according to the words

of the Savior: "Take up your cross and follow Me, for My yoke is sweet, and My burden light."

Comm: O, Holy Spirit, Source of Wisdom, come and fill us.

Priest: That we may be filled with your strength, just as you descended upon the apostles on the day of Pentecost and strengthened them with your gifts and blessings,

Comm: O, Holy Spirit, Source of Wisdom, come and fill us.

Priest: That with your help and our faith in you, we may be filled with you and be witnesses for the Lord all over the world,

Comm: O, Holy Spirit, Source of Wisdom, come and fill us.

Priest: That we may be made aware of sin, justice and judgment, and that in this world full of evil, we may grow in truth and righteousness,

Comm: O, Holy Spirit, Source of Wisdom, come and fill us.

Priest: That we may lead our lives filled with the fruits of the Holy Spirit, the promise of the Father,

Comm: O, Holy Spirit, Source of Wisdom, come and fill us.

Priest: (Add any special intentions here)

Concluding Prayer

Priest: O God, you give us the fruit of love. Help us to love you so much that we will never forget all that you have given us and all that you have done for us. Help us always to remember that you gave us life and everything that makes life worth living, and that you gave us Jesus as Friend, Master, and Savior. Help us to love our fellow people so much that we will no longer be selfish and self-centered, but that we may find the way to happiness in doing things for others. This we ask in the name of Jesus.

Comm: Amen.

SECOND DAY

Word of God- John 7:37-39

Intercessions

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord, who has hidden his mysteries from the wise and learned and revealed them to infants. Understanding, as a gift of the Holy Spirit, helps us to grasp the meaning of the truths of our holy religion. By faith we know them, but by Understanding we learn to appreciate and relish them. It enables us to penetrate the inner meaning of revealed truths and through them to be quickened to newness of life.

Comm: Lord, enlighten our minds.

Priest: O, Jesus, you said “Streams of life-giving water will pour out from him who believes in me.”

Comm: Lord, enlighten our minds.

Priest: O, God, Word made flesh and incarnated among us, may we meditate on your divine words and imitate them in our lives,

Comm: Lord, enlighten our minds.

Priest: O, Holy Spirit, giver of Wisdom, may we use all the virtues and abilities you have bestowed upon us for the good of man and glory of God.

Comm: Lord, enlighten our minds.

Priest: O, Holy Spirit, inventor of all scientific and technical knowledge, may whatever you reveal be used only for good.

Comm: Lord, enlighten our minds.

Priest: (Add any special intentions here)

Concluding Prayer

Priest: O God, give us the fruit of joy. Help us always to be happy and cheerful. Help us still to smile even when things go wrong. Help us always to look on the bright side of things, and to remember that even

when things are at their worst, there is still something to be thankful for. Don't let us grumble and complain, and don't let us be pessimists and cynics. Make us spread joy and find happiness, not in doing what we want, but in doing what you want. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Comm: Amen.

THIRD DAY

Word of God- 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Intercessions

Priest: Let us all pray with love and happiness to the Lord to send his Spirit of Prudence upon us. The gift of Counsel endows the soul with supernatural prudence, enabling it to judge promptly and rightly what must be done, especially in difficult circumstances. Counsel applies the principles furnished by Knowledge and Understanding to the innumerable concrete cases that confront us in the course of our daily duty as parents, teachers, public servants and Christian citizens. Counsel is supernatural common sense, a priceless treasure in the quest of salvation. "Above all these things, pray to the Most High, that He may direct thy way in truth."

Comm: Lord, send your spirit of Prudence upon us.

Priest: O, God, you created man in your image and likeness. That we may use all the intellect and strength that you have given us according to your will,

Comm: Lord, send your spirit of Prudence upon us.

Priest: O, God, you have adorned the Church with the gifts and blessings of the Spirit. That deep rooted in love, we may grow in holiness and build the Church,

Comm: Lord, send your spirit of Prudence upon us.

Priest: That we may seek and know your will in all the decisions and selections that we ought to make in our daily lives,

Comm: Lord, send your spirit of Prudence upon us.

Priest: That we who are like lambs sent out among wolves may, deepened in faith, be able to face the challenges of the present times with wisdom and discernment,

Comm: Lord, send your spirit of Prudence upon us.

Priest: (Add any special intentions here)

Concluding Prayer

Priest: O God, give us the fruit of peace. Help us to take things calmly. Help us not to worry but to take things as they come, a day at a time. Help us not to be nervous but to keep cool, when we have something difficult or important to do. Help us never to lose our temper, no matter how annoying things or people may be. Keep us calm and steady. This we ask for Jesus' sake.

Community: Amen.

FOURTH DAY

Word of God- Acts 4:23-31

Intercessions

Priest: Let us offer ourselves entirely to the Holy Spirit, who leads us in our daily lives, and pray to Him with great keenness, to fill us with strength of Spirit. By the gift of Fortitude, the soul is strengthened against natural fear, and supported to the end in the performance of duty. Fortitude imparts to the will an impulse and energy which moves it to undertake without hesitancy the most arduous tasks, to face dangers, to trample underfoot human respect, and to endure without complaint the slow martyrdom of even lifelong tribulation. "He that shall persevere unto the end, he shall be saved."

Comm: Fill us with strength of Spirit.

Priest: O, Holy Spirit, who led the early Church in strength and fullness of grace, that we may boldly proclaim our faith in you,

Comm: Fill us with strength of Spirit.

Priest: O, Jesus, who warned us about the torments and persecutions that we may have to face in the world, that in the midst of difficulties and sufferings, we may not waver, but be strengthened in faith,

Comm: Fill us with strength of Spirit.

Priest: That in the midst of all the atrocities and persecutions that are occurring against Christians, we may persevere in faith,

Comm: Fill us with strength of Spirit.

Priest: That having received God's call to be the prophets of the times, we may in our journey towards heaven, identify the evil around us and accept you, who are good and good alone,

Comm: Fill us with strength of Spirit.

Priest: (Add any special intentions here)

Concluding Prayer

Priest: O God, give us the fruit of patience. Help us to be patient at work and in our enterprises so that we will never give way but always hold on to the end. Help us to have patience with people, so that we may never lose our temper or grow irritable, or blaze into angry words. Help us to have patience when things are slow to come and slow to happen or when something takes a long time to do. Help us to remember that everything worth doing is hard to do and takes time; that everything worth getting is hard to get; that everything worth being is hard to be, but that the struggle and the effort are worthwhile in the end. This we ask in the name of Jesus.

Comm: Amen.

FIFTH DAY

Word of God - 1 Corinthians 14:1-5

Intercessions

Priest: Let us pray with faith and devotion to the Holy Spirit, the giver of Knowledge, to bless us with the holy gift of Knowledge. The gift of Knowledge enables the soul to evaluate the true worth of created things in relation to God. Knowledge unmask the pretense of creatures, reveals their emptiness, and points out their only true purpose as instruments in the service of God. It shows us the loving care of God even in adversity and directs us to glorify Him in every circumstance of life. Guided by its light, we put first things first, and prize the friendship of God beyond all else. "Knowledge is a fountain of life to him that possesses it."

Comm: Lord bless us with the holy gift of Knowledge.

Priest: That like Jesus, who grew in holiness and wisdom, and in human and divine favor, we may grow in knowledge,

Comm: Lord bless us with the holy gift of Knowledge.

Priest: That we may be able to understand the falsehood of worldly pleasures,

Comm: Lord bless us with the holy gift of Knowledge.

Priest: That we may understand that our intellects and minds are your free gifts,

Comm: Lord bless us with the holy gift of Knowledge.

Priest: That we may listen to the voice of God and put it into practice in our lives,

Comm: Lord bless us with the holy gift of Knowledge.

Priest: That our lifestyle may be deep rooted in the Word of God,

Comm: Lord bless us with the holy gift of Knowledge.

Priest: (Add any special intentions here)

Concluding Prayer

Priest: O God, give us the fruit of kindness. Make us quick to see what we can do for others and make us eager and willing to do it. Make us always obliging and always willing to lend a helping hand. Help us never to be mean, but always to be ready to share everything we have, even if we have not got very much. Help us never to speak unkind words and never to do cruel deeds. Help us to think the best of others, and always to be more willing to forgive than to condemn. Help us to be kind to others. Hear this prayer for Your love's sake.

Comm: Amen.

SIXTH DAY

Word of God- Romans 8:26-30

Intercessions

Priest: Let us pray to the Holy Spirit, who is always capable of giving us all that we need in abundance, praying, O, Life–Force of Devotion, come and fill us. The gift of Piety begets in our hearts a filial affection for God as our most loving Father. It inspires us to love and respect, for His sake, persons and things consecrated to Him, as well as those who are vested with His authority - His Blessed Mother and the Saints, the Church and its visible Head, our parents and superiors, our country and its rulers. He who is filled with the gift of Piety finds the practice of his religion, not a burdensome duty, but a delightful service. “Where there is love, there is no labor”.

Comm: O, Life–Force of Devotion, come and fill us.

Priest: That we may rejoice in devotion to God and experience the sweetness of peace,

Comm: O, Life–Force of Devotion, come and fill us.

Priest: That we may be transformed into people who worship God in Spirit and Truth,

Comm: O, Life–Force of Devotion, come and fill us.

Priest: That we may obtain devotion to God, which is the source of all Wisdom, and the inspiration for us to perform all our actions according to the will of God,

Comm: O, Life–Force of Devotion, come and fill us.

Priest: That we may join in prayer with the Holy Spirit, who dwells in us, strengthening us in all our weaknesses,

Comm: O, Life–Force of Devotion, come and fill us.

Priest: (Add any special intentions here)

Concluding Prayer

Priest: O God, give us the fruit of goodness. Help us to be a good example to others in everything we do and say, and never to do anything that would lead others astray. Keep our words honest, pure and sincere. Keep our actions fit for you to see. Keep all our thoughts clean and honest so that even the most secret of them would bear the full light of day. And in everything keep us from pride and from self-conceit, and help us to think, not of what we are, but of what we ought to be. Hear our prayer for Jesus' sake.

Comm: Amen.

SEVENTH DAY

Word of God - Galatians 5:22-26

Intercessions

Priest: Let us pray to God, who fulfilled His promise to our forefathers, to bless us that we may abandon the actions of darkness, produce the fruits of light and live in the fear of God. The gift of Fear fills us with a sovereign respect for God and makes us dread nothing so much as to offend Him by Sin. It is a fear that arises, not from the thought of hell, but from sentiments of reverence and filial submission to our heavenly Father. It is the fear that is the beginning of wisdom, detaching us from worldly pleasures that could in any way separate us from God. "They that fear the Lord will prepare their hearts, and in His sight will sanctify their souls."

Comm: Bless us to live in the fear of God.

Priest: O Messiah, who liberated us, through the body you received from the Holy Mother and by doing atonement for our sins, that we may be liberated from the bondage of sin,

Comm: Bless us to live in the fear of God.

Priest: That we may know the power of your Holy Resurrection and live faithfully, glorifying your life and death,

Comm: Bless us to live in the fear of God.

Priest: O Messiah, who appointed the Apostles to carry out the mission of the Good News and promised to be with them forever,

Comm: Bless us to live in the fear of God.

Priest: That we may love and value the Church you established to continue forever your duty of Salvation,

Comm: Bless us to live in the fear of God.

Priest: (Add any special intentions here)

Concluding Prayer

Priest: O God, help us be faithful and true to ourselves, to others and to You. Grant that nothing may ever make us tell a lie of any kind, either by exaggeration or understatement or by unjustifiable mental restriction. Assist us in our weakness so that we may never grieve or disappoint those who love us and those we love. Help us to keep our promises and enable us to grow as trustworthy men and women in small things and great things alike. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Comm: Amen.

EIGHTH DAY

4. Word of God- Acts 2:37-47

6. Intercessions

Priest: Let us pray to God who sent the Holy Spirit to the world to show the path of Salvation, to fill us with the gifts and fruits of the Spirit.

Comm: Lord, fill us with the gifts and fruits of the Spirit.

Priest: That like the early Christian community we may, through our mutual sharing, recreate the Kingdom of God on earth,

Comm: Lord, fill us with the gifts and fruits of the Spirit.

Priest: O Jesus, who gave us your Mother to be our Mother and desired that we reach you through her,

Comm: Lord, fill us with the gifts and fruits of the Spirit.

Priest: That we may faithfully receive all the Sacraments you established so that we may be filled with the Holy Spirit and thus sanctify ourselves,

Comm: Lord, fill us with the gifts and fruits of the Spirit.

Priest: That we may imitate our Blessed Mother in humility and obedience and draw others to you,

Comm: Lord, fill us with the gifts and fruits of the Spirit.

Priest: That like the early Christian community, which in unity resembled the Holy Trinity, we may be strengthened in power and fellowship,

Comm: Lord, fill us with the gifts and fruits of the Spirit.

Priest: (Add any special intentions here)

Concluding Prayer

Priest: O God, give us the fruit of gentleness. Help us never to speak an angry or a cruel word, and never to do a hurting or a wounding deed. Grant that we may never find pleasure in anything that would hurt any person or animal. Help us to be as careful of the feelings of others as we would wish them to be of us. Make us gentle and thoughtful to those who are sick, sad, old or weak and easily hurt. This we ask for your love's sake.

Comm: Amen.

NINTH DAY

Word of God- Acts 2:1-13

Intercessions

Priest: Let us with joy and enthusiasm give thanks to the Holy Spirit for filling us with His gifts and fruits.

Comm: We give you thanks.

Priest: O, Holy Spirit, who descended as tongues of fire upon the Blessed Mother and the apostles who had assembled in prayer, and strengthened them,

Comm: We give you thanks.

Priest: O, Holy Spirit, who appointed the apostles to carry the message of Salvation to the ends of the earth, and adorned them with your gifts and blessings,

Comm: We give you thanks.

Priest: O, Holy Spirit, who inspired many to devote their time and abilities for the evangelization of India,

Comm: We give you thanks.

Priest: O, Holy Spirit, who, by dwelling within the Church at all times, strengthens the Pope and the Bishops to lead the Church,

Comm: We give you thanks.

Priest: O, Holy Spirit, who dwells within us and sanctifies us,

Comm: We give you thanks.

Priest: (Add any special intentions here)

Concluding Prayer

Priest: O God, give us the fruit of self-control. Help us to control our temper and tongue. Grant that we may never be swept in some moment of passion into doing or saying anything which would hurt others. Deliver our hearts from nursing thoughts that are bitter, unforgiving, jealous and unclean. Help us to achieve self-mastery over our emotions and impulses. Help us channel them into ways and means of true brotherly and sisterly love. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus.

Comm: Amen.

FEAST OF PENTECOST

Introductory Prayer: O God, of old you instructed... (Page 3)

Eulogy - Joel 2:28-32

Word of God - Acts 2:1-47

Prayer

God, we praise you

Jesus, we worship you

Holy Spirit, we glorify you

Holy Spirit, come and fill us

Give us a new Pentecost experience

O Holy Spirit, sanctify us

O Holy Spirit, lead us

Teach us to bear witness to the World

Loving Mother offer our prayers for the gifts and blessings of the Holy Spirit, before the Loving Father. May God the Father, by your help and intercession, bless us with the virtues, gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sequence of Pentecost

HOLY SPIRIT, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height,
Thy pure beaming radiance give

Come, Thou, Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, Thou light of all that live

Thou, of all consolers the best
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet,
Pleasant coolness in the heat,
Solace in the midst of woe

Light immortal! Light divine!
Visit Thou these hearts of Thine,
And our inmost being fill

If Thou take Thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour Thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen; warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray

Thou, on those who ever more,
Thee confess and Thee adore,
In Thy sevenfold gifts descend

Give them comfort when they die;
Give them life with Thee on high;
Give them joys that never end. Amen

Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself soul and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace, and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light and listen to Your voice and follow Your gracious inspirations. I

cling to You and give myself to You and ask You by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness.

Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You Adorable Spirit, helper of my infirmity, so to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace O Holy Ghost, Spirit of the Father and the Son, to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord, for Your servant heareth." Amen.

Litany to the Holy Spirit

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Christ, hear our prayer

Christ, receive our prayer

God the Father in Heaven, **bless us**

God the Son, Redeemer of the World, **bless us**

God the Holy Spirit, **bless us**

Holy Trinity, One God, **bless us**

Holy Spirit, equal to the Father and the Son, **come and fill us**

Holy Spirit, promise of the Father, **come and fill us**

Holy Spirit, gift of God, **come and fill us**

Holy Spirit, who renews the face of the earth, **come and fill us**

Holy Spirit, who descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove,
come and fill us

Holy Spirit, who came upon Mother Mary, **come and fill us**

Holy Spirit, who came upon the disciples at Pentecost and
strengthened them, **come and fill us**

Holy Spirit, who filled the early Christian community, **lead us**

Holy Spirit, who performs miracles and wonders, **lead us**

Holy Spirit, who teaches us to be witnesses for Christ, **lead us**

Holy Spirit, who sanctifies us with the Word of God, **lead us**
Holy Spirit, who dwells within the Church at all times, **lead us**
Holy Spirit, who strengthens us through the Sacraments, **lead us**
Holy Spirit, who teaches us to pray, **lead us**
Holy Spirit, who gives us the strength to overcome temptations,
lead us

Holy Spirit, who makes us aware of sin, **lead us**
Holy Spirit, who makes us aware of righteousness, **lead us**
Holy Spirit, who teaches us about judgement, **lead us**
Holy Spirit, who leads us into perfection of truth, **lead us**
Holy Spirit, who gives us life in abundance, **lead us**

Spirit of Wisdom, **lead us**
Divine Light of Intellect, **lead us**
Source of Prudence, **lead us**
He who spreads the rays of spiritual strength, **lead us**

Light of Knowledge, **lead us**
Life-force of Devotion, **lead us**
Light of the fear of God, **lead us**

Spirit of Faith, **sanctify us**
Spirit of Hope, **sanctify us**
Spirit of Love, **sanctify us**
Spirit of Joy, **sanctify us**
Spirit of Peace, **sanctify us**
Spirit of Humility, **sanctify us**
Spirit of Gentleness, **sanctify us**
Spirit of Forgiveness, **sanctify us**
Spirit of Self-Control, **sanctify us**
Spirit of Goodness, **sanctify us**
Spirit of Mercy, **sanctify us**
Spirit of Unity, **sanctify us**
Spirit of Holiness, **sanctify us**

Spirit of Faithfulness, **sanctify us**
Spirit of the Children of God, **sanctify us**
Protector of the Church, **sanctify us**
Source of Divine Grace, **sanctify us**
Comforter amidst sufferings, **sanctify us**
Eternal Light, **sanctify us**
Wellspring of Life, **sanctify us**
Spiritual Unction, **sanctify us**
Joy of Angels, **sanctify us**
Inspirer of Prophets, **sanctify us**
Teacher of the Apostles, **sanctify us**
Source of strength of Martyrs, **sanctify us**
Delight of all Saints, **sanctify us**

O Holy Spirit, the Merciful, **have mercy on us**
O Holy Spirit, the Merciful, **hear our prayer**
O Holy Spirit, the Merciful, **bless us**

Prayer

O Holy Spirit, one with the Father and Son, Purifier and Comforter of all, fill the hearts of your servants. You are the gift of God most high, Wellspring of Life, spiritual Unction, Fire and Love. You are the promise of the Father and the owner of the Seven Gifts. Enrich us with your gifts and fruits. Grant us purity of thought, humility of speech and prudence of action. Grant us perseverance in the midst of sufferings, faith to clear our doubts, hope in the midst of disappointments in life and love to see you in others. May all praise, glory and thanks be to you, who lives and dwells with the Almighty Father and his only Son, Jesus Christ forever and ever. **Amen.**