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The intercessions can pick up themes from the readings if appropriate.

Also helpful to find out what the theme of the sermon is, so that the intercessions can pick up thoughts from the sermon if appropriate.

But intercessions are not a vehicle for further preaching!

Intercessions can echo the Collect if appropriate.

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The intercessions should be structured:

*Prayer is offered
for the world and its people,
for those who suffer and those in need,
for the Church and its members.*

Three suggested forms of intercessions are available at the end of the 1982 Scottish Liturgy. They are especially useful if you have to lead the intercessions at short notice!

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Easter 5: Possible topics for prayers relating to readings:

- Thanks for God's love given to everyone (Acts 11)
- Prayer for God's Kingdom to grow among us (Rev 21)
- Prayer for those who suffer pain and those who mourn (Rev 21)
- Pray for grace to love each other (John 13)
- Pray that those around us will know that we are Jesus' disciples by our love (John 13)

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Sunday of Proper 15: Possible topics for prayers relating to readings:

- Thanks for all the good things God gives us, and prayer for those who have little (Deut 30)
- Prayer for grace to love those around us, even those we find it hard to love (Luke 10)
- Prayer for those suffering as a result of violence or crime (Luke 10)
- Maybe adapt Col 1: 9-11 as a prayer for the congregation.

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Ascension Day: Possible prayers relating to readings:

○ Prayer that we may be faithful witnesses to Jesus

○ Prayer based on the Epistle, Eph 1: 15-23:

“We pray for our Church Community here in We pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation as we come to know him, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know what is the hope to which he has called us, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power which he put to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places. “

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The image shows three open books, likely lectionaries, fanned out on a light-colored surface. The books are open to various pages, showing columns of text. The central book is the most prominent, with its pages clearly visible. The other two books are positioned behind it, one to the left and one to the right, creating a sense of depth. The overall scene is well-lit, with soft shadows cast by the books.

Resource for the Intercessions:

David Adam, “Radiance of his Glory” -
prayers according to the Lectionary.

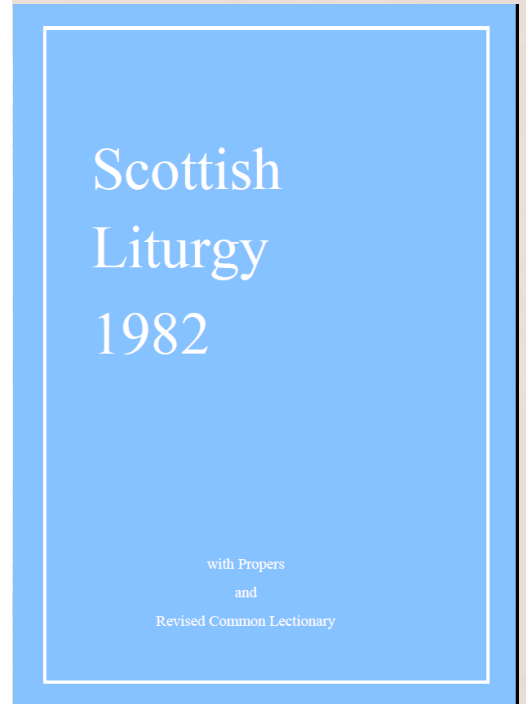
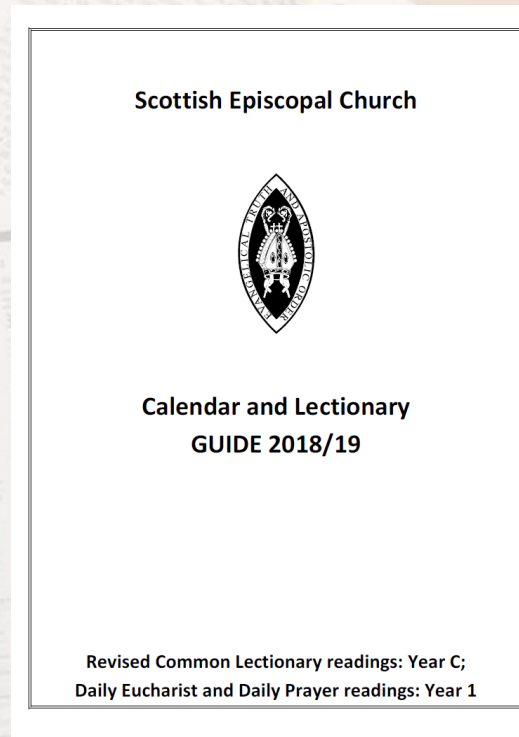
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Separated from the Intercessions in the service.

May relate to the Lectionary readings, especially at Festivals.

The standard Collects are given in the “Scottish Liturgy 1982 with Propers and Revised Common Lectionary” (available on the SEC website).

The Collects authorised for experimental use until 2019 are in the Calendar and Lectionary guide.



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Easter 5:

Standard Collect: *“Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.”*

Collect for Experimental Use: *“O God, who alone can bring harmony to the minds of your faithful people: give us grace to love the things you command, and to desire the things you promise; that, amid the uncertain changes of this world, our hearts may be firmly fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.”*

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Sunday of Proper 15:

Standard Collect: *“Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.”*

Collect for Experimental Use: *O God, you have prepared for those who love you good things no eye has seen: pour into our hearts such love of you, that, by loving you in all things and above all things, we may be worthy of your promises, which surpass all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.*