

Theological Studies Spelling,
Abbreviations, and Preferred
Usage Guide

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(For words not covered here, consult
CMOS chap. 8. Note that *TS* favors
American usage, not British.)

A

a fortiori

a posteriori

a priori

a.m., p.m.

Abba (for Jesus's reference to the
Father)

abba, amma

abbey, abbot, abbess

AD 68, avoid: use 68 CE or 68 BCE

ad hoc

ad hominem

ad limina

Adoptionism, Adoptionists

Advent season

Advocate, the (Holy Spirit)

African-American (noun & adj.)

agape

Age of Reason, Enlightenment, etc.

aggiornamento

Agnus Dei

agony in the garden, the

Alexandrine Rite

All Saints Day

All Souls Day

Alleluia (before the Gospel)

almighty God

Almighty, the

Alpha and Omega (Christ)

Ambrosian Rite, Missal, chant

Amendment, First, etc.

anamnesis

anaphora

ancient Near East

angel Gabriel, the

Angelus

Anglican Church

Anglican orders

Annunciation, the (feast of)

annunciation, the (to Mary)

Anointed One (Christ)

anointing, sacrament of

ante-Nicene

anti-Semitism, anti-Semitic

Antichrist

Antiochene Rite

antiphon

Antiphonary, the

Apocalypse, the

Apocrypha, apocryphal

apologetic

Apologists (Justin Martyr, etc.)

apostasy

apostle Paul, the

Apostle to the Gentiles

apostles

Apostles' Creed

apostolic

apostolic blessing

apostolic church

apostolic constitution

apostolic exhortation (by a pope)

Apostolic Fathers

Apostolic See

appendixes

archabbot

archangel Michael, the

archdiocese

Archdiocese of Seattle

archimandrite

Aristotelian

ark (Noah's)

ark of the covenant

Armenian Rite

ascension of Christ, the

Ascension, the (feast of)

Asperges

Assumption, the Feast of

assumption of Mary, the

atonement, the

Athanasian Creed

Athanasian

auxiliary bishop (see bishop)

Ave Maria

B

Babylonian captivity

bachelor's degree (BA; do not use AB)

baptism of Jesus, the

baptism, sacrament of

Baptist Church, the

Baptist, the; the Precursor

baptistery (also baptistry)

68 BC (but AD 68), 68 BCE (full caps)

beatific vision

Beatitudes, the

Being (God)

Beloved Apostle, the

Beloved Disciple, the

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Benedictus

berakah (pl.: *berakoth*)

Bible, biblical

Biblical Commission, Pontifical

Bishop of Rome (the pope)

bishop(s),

the bishop of Omaha said

Jim Smith, the Bishop of Omaha,
said

Blessed Mother

Blessed Sacrament

Blessed Trinity

Blessed Virgin

blessing of palms, the

Body and Blood of Christ (the Eucharist)

Body of Christ (the church)

book of Genesis, etc.

Book of Hours

Book of Mormon

bread of life

breviary, a

Breviary, the

brief, papal

brother, lay brother (religious)

Buddhism, Buddhist

bull, papal

Bultmannian

Byzantine (or: Greek) Rite

C

- Canaan, Canaanite
- canon (of the Code or of a council)
- Canon (of the Mass)
- canon (the Jewish canon)
- canon law
- canon of Scripture, the
- canonical hours
- canticle
- Canticle of Zechariah, the
- Captivity Epistles, the
- captivity of the Jews, the
- captivity, the
- cardinal (see bishop)
- cardinal-bishop
- catalogue
- catechism (generic)
- Catholic catechism, Anglican catechism
- Catechism of the Catholic Church* (not CCC), can be *Catechism* for short after first usage
- cathedral
- Catholic Church, the
- Catholic Epistles
- Catholic social teaching
- Catholic Worker Movement
- Catholicism
- catholicism, early
- Cenacle, the
- ensor deputatus
- ensor librorum
- cf. (avoid, use see)
- Chair of Peter
- Chaldean Rite
- chapter (abbr.: chap., chaps.)
- chapter house
- charism (not charisma)
- charismatic renewal
- cherubim
- Chi-Rho
- chosen people, the
- Chrism Mass
- Christ Child
- Christ event
- Christ the King
- Christendom
- Christian (but unchristian)
- Christian era
- christianize
- Christlike
- Christmas Day
- Christmas Eve
- Christmas season
- christocentric
- christological
- Christology
- Chronicler, the
- 2 Chronicles; Second Chronicles; the second book of the Chronicles
- church and state
- Church Fathers
- church of Antioch, the (local)
- church year, the
- church, a (local)
- church, the (universal)
- Church (when modified, as in the Roman Catholic Church)
- coadjutor bishop (see bishop)
- coauthor

Code of Canon Law
code of the covenant, the
Code, the (1917; 1983)
Codex Sinaiticus, Vaticanus, etc.
coequal
collect
college of bishops
College of Cardinals
Comforter, the (Holy Spirit)
commandments, the (but: the Ten
Commandments, the first
commandment)
Common of the Blessed Virgin
Common of the Saints
communal penance service
communion (received communion)
Communion, avoid: use Eucharist
communion antiphon
communion of saints
Compline
Conception, the Immaculate
conciliar
concordat
Confession of Augsburg
confirmation, sacrament of
Confiteor
congregation (religious)
consecration (of the Mass)
consistory
Constitution, the (US)
constitutions, papal
Constitutions of the Society of Jesus
contrition, act of
cooperation
coordinate

Coptic Rite
council
Council Fathers
Council of Jerusalem
Council of Nicea
council, the (Vatican II)
Counter-Reformation
covenant
covenant theology
coworker
creation, the (of the world, etc.)
Creation, the (as an event)
Creator the (another name for God)
creator, God as
Creed, the (Nicene)
creedal, intercreedal (AVOID credal)
cross (wooden object)
cross-bearer
cross, the (the event)
Cross, the (when = Redemption; this
usage is rare)
crucifix
crucifixion, the
Crusades, Crusaders
Curia, the = Roman/Vatican Curia
curial

D

Dark Ages
data (plural)
Day of Atonement
Day of Judgment
Day of the Lord
Daytime Prayer

de (as prefix, no hyphen before
consonant: decontrol; BUT de-
emphasize)
de facto
de iure
De Profundis, the
Dead Sea Scrolls, the scrolls, the
Qumran scrolls
Decalogue, the
defense (n.) = American usage (AVOID
defence (n.) = British)
Deism
deity, a
Deity, the
Deluge, the (the Flood)
Demiurge, the
demotic
demythologize, demythologization
Desert Fathers or mothers
Deutero-Isaiah (Second Isaiah)
deuterocanonical
deuteronomic
Deuteronomic Code, the
deuteropauline
devil, the
diakonia
Diaspora (the event or the dispersed
Jewish community)
Diatessaron
Didache
Dies Irae
diocesan see
diocese
Diocese of Duluth
Dionysian (as an adjecti)
Dionysus (Dionysian), the Greek god

disciple
disciples, the
dismissal (at Mass)
Divine Liturgy, the (Eastern churches)
Divine Office
Divine Persons (the Trinity); second
Person of the Trinity
Divine Praises, the
divine presence
Divine Providence (God); but divine
providence as an act or gift of
God
divinity (but the Divinity, as a name for
God)
Divinity (personified)
divinity, the (of Christ)
Docetism, Docetic, Docetist
Doctor of the Church
doctorate
dominations
Donatism
Dormition, the (feast of); see
Assumption
dormition, the (of Mary)
doxology (greater, lesser)

E

e.g. always followed by a comma, 6.43;
avoid abbreviating such
expressions
early catholicism
early Christian
early church
East Syrian Rite
East-West dialogue

east, eastern (direction)	Epistles of the New Testament: Pauline Epistles; Pastoral Epistles, etc.; Epistle to the Hebrews; Letter to Philemon; Epistles of Paul (see Gospels)
East, Eastern (regional or cultural)	
Easter Day	
Easter season	
Easter Vigil	eschatology, eschatological
Eastern church	Essene(s)
Eastern Rite	Ethiopian Rite
Eastern-rite (adj.)	Eucharist, sacrament of the eucharistic
ecumenical	Eucharistic Prayer I, II, etc. (but: the eucharistic prayer)
ecumenical council	evangelical counsels
ecumenical movement	Evangelical Lutheran Church
ecumenist	Evangelical, an (person who is)
<i>editio typica</i>	evangelist (writer of a gospel)
elect, the	evangelist, an (a preacher of the Gospel)
Elohim	Evangelist, the (one of the four), the Evangelist Mark
Elohists	Evening Prayer
Ember Days	<i>ex cathedra</i>
Emmanuel (in Matthew)	<i>ex opere operantis</i>
Emperor Nero (but: the emperor Nero)	<i>ex opere operato</i>
empire, the	excursus, excursuses
Encratites	exile, the (Babylonian)
encyclical	Exodus, the
end time, the	Exsultet
end-time (adj.)	extra-Christian
Enlightenment, the	extrabiblical
entrance antiphon, song	eyewitness
<i>Enuma Elish</i>	
Ephphetha	F
epiclesis	
Epiphany, the feast of	
episcopal	faith, the (Catholic)
Episcopal Church	fall (season)
episcopal conference	
epistle(s), the	

Fall, the (the biblical event)
fascicle
Father Smith (abbr.: Fr.)
Father, the (God)
Fathers of the Church, Church Fathers
Fathers of the Council; see also Council
Fathers
feast day
feast of Booths (Sukkot or Sukkoth)
feast of Epiphany
feast of Pentecost (Weeks)
feast of Purim (Lots)
feast of Tabernacles (Booths or
Ingathering)
feast of the Ascension
feast of the Immaculate Conception
feast of the Nativity
feast of Unleavened Bread (Passover)
feria, ferial
Fertile Crescent
festschrift (no italics)
filioque
final judgment
First Communion
first edition
First Friday
First Letter of John, the
First Person (of the Trinity)
firstborn
firstfruits
Flood, the
Florilegium, Florilegia
footwashing, the
form criticism, form critic, form-critical
(when used adjectivally)

formulas (plural)
Forty Hours Devotion
Fourth Evangelist, the (John)
Fourth Gospel, the (John)
Franciscan Order
free will
fundamentalism
funeral Mass

G

Galilean
Garden of Eden
Garden of Gethsemane (but: the Abbey
of Gethsemani)
Gelasian Sacramentary
general absolution
general chapter
general intercessions (of Mass)
Gentile (n. and adj.)
Gloria (of Mass)
Glorious Mysteries (of the rosary)
Glory to God (of Mass)
gnosis, gnostic (adj.), gnostic(s),
gnosticism
gnosticizing
God-man
Godhead
Good News, the
Good Samaritan, the
Good Shepherd, the
Good Thief, the
Gospel (Good News)
gospel, a, or Gospels, the (Scripture
texts), but the Gospel of John

(title) and the Gospel (Good News); see [the SBL Handbook of Style blog](#) for further clarification

Gospel harmony
gospel music
Gospel of Matthew, etc. (title)
Gospel, the Fourth (John)
government, the (federal, etc.)
grace
gradual psalms (Pss 120–34)
Great Commandment, the (Matt 28:19)
Great Schism, the
Greco-Roman
Greek Rite
Gregorian chant (plainsong or plainchant)
Gregorian Sacramentary
guardian angel

H

Hades
haggadah, haggadic
Hagiographa
Hail Mary (pl.: Hail Marys)
halakah, halakic, halakot
hand (of God)
Hanukkah
hapax legomenon/legomena
Hasidean
Hasmonean
health care (n.), health-care institutions (adj.)
Heart of Jesus
Heart of Mary

heaven
Hebraic
hell
Hellenic, Hellenize, Hellenization
Hellenism, Hellenistic, Hellenist
Hellenistic-Jewish (adj.)
Hemisphere, Western
hermeneutics (sing.)
hesychasm
Hexapla
Hexateuch
High Church
high holy days
High Mass
High Middle Ages
high places (Heb.: bamoth)
high priest
High Priest (Christ)
High Priestly Prayer, the
higher criticism
his (pronoun of God)
Historical Books, the
historical-critical (adj.) or historico-critical
history-of-religions (adj.)
history, historian: a history, a historian (NOT an historian)
Holiness Code, the
Holocaust, the (the Shoah)
Holy Bible
Holy Child
Holy City, the (Jerusalem)
Holy Communion
holy day
holy day of obligation

Holy Eucharist
Holy Family
Holy Father (pope)
Holy Hour
Holy Land
Holy Mass
holy of holies
holy orders
holy orders, sacrament of
holy place, the (of the temple)
holy places, the
Holy Sacrifice (Mass)
Holy Scripture
Holy See, the
Holy Sepulcher
Holy Shroud, the
holy souls
Holy Spirit
Holy Week
Holy Writ
holy year
Holy, Holy, Holy (of Mass)
homily
Host (consecrated)
Hours, the (Divine Office)
house church
Humanists (e.g., Erasmus, 16th cent.)
hypostatic union

I

Immaculate Conception, the (feast of)
immaculate conception of Mary, the
imago Dei

Immanuel (in Isaiah)
imprimatur
incarnate Word
Incarnation, the (as an event)
incarnation of Christ, the
infancy narratives
Infancy Gospel of Thomas
infant Jesus, the
inquiry
institutes (religious or secular)
institution of the Eucharist
instruction (by Holy See)
internet
intertestamental
intratrinitarian
invitatory
Irenaeus of Lyons
Isaiah Scroll
Israelite

J

Jerusalem Bible
Jesus event, the
Jesus Prayer, the
Jesus's
Jesus's name (in)
Jewish Christianity, a Jewish Christian,
Jewish-Christian (adj.)
Johannine
Jordan River Valley
Joyful Mysteries (of the rosary)
Jr. / III/ Sr., etc. (no comma before, 6.47,
10.19)
Judah

Judaic, Judaism, Judaize, Judaizer,
Judaizing

Judea, Judean, Judean Desert

Judeo-Christian

Judge, the (Christ)

judgment (general)

Judgment Day

Justinian Code

K

Kaddish

kataphatic (use this form; AVOID
cataphatic)

kenosis, kenotic

kerygma

Kiddush

King James Version

King of Glory

King of Kings

King of the Jews

kingdom of God, the

kingdom of heaven, the

kingdom, northern (Israel)

kingdom, southern (Judah)

kingship of Christ

kiss of peace

Kyrie (of Mass)

Kyrios

L

Lamb (Christ)

Lamb of God

last day

Last Judgment

Last Supper

last things, the

late Judaism, late Jewish

Latin Rite

Latinize

Latter-day Saints (Mormons)

Lauds

Law of Holiness, the (use "Holiness
Code")

Law of Moses

law (in general sense)

Law, the (the Torah, Mosaic Law)

law of Christ, the

layperson (pl.: laypeople)

lectio divina

Lectionary, the (pl.: lectionaries)

Lent, Lenten

Lenten season

Leonine Sacramentary

Letter to the Corinthians (see Epistle)

letters of St. Paul

Levites, Levitical

liberation theology

Lumen Christi

Light of the World, the (Christ)

Litany of the Saints

Little Hours, the

liturgical movement

liturgical year

liturgy

Liturgy of St. Basil, etc.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Liturgy of the Hours

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy, Divine (Eastern Rites)
living God
locus, loci
logion (pl.: logia)
Logos, the (Christ)
Lord of Hosts
Lord of Lords
Lord, Have Mercy (of Mass)
Lord's Day, the
Lord's Prayer, the
Lord's Supper, the
lordship
Loreto, Our Lady of
love feast
Low Church
Low Mass
Lucifer
Lukan
Luminous Mysteries (of the rosary)

M

Maccabees, Maccabean
Magi, the
Magisterium, magisterial
Magna Carta
Magnificat, the
major orders
Major Prophets, the
Malabarese Rite
mammon
Manichean, Manicheism
manna
Manual of Discipline, the

Marian, Mariology, mariological
Markan
Maronite Rite
marriage, sacrament of
Masorete, Masoretic
Mass (as in "attending Mass"), BUT a
mass, three masses
Mass at Dawn (Christmas)
Master (Christ)
master of ceremonies
master's degree (MA)
Mater Dolorosa
Matins
matrimony, sacrament of
Matthean
Mediator (Christ)
Melchizedek
Melkite Rite
mercy seat
messiah, a
Messiah, the (Christ)
messiahship
messianic
messianic secret
metanoia
metropolitan see
Midafternoon Prayer
Midday Prayer
Middle Ages
Middle Platonism
Midnight Mass
midrash (pl.: midrashim)
milieu
millenarianism
millennial/ism/ist

millennium, millennia
ministry of the Word
minor orders
minor prophet, a
Minor Prophets, the
minuscule
Miraculous Medal
Miserere
Mishnah, the
missal, a
Missal, the Roman, etc.
Missale Romanum
modernism (as a cultural movement)
Modernism, Modernists, the Modernist
controversy/crisis (the theological
movement)
modernity
monastic Office
monophysitism
monsignor
moral law
Morning Prayer
Mosaic Law
Most High, the
Most Holy Trinity
Mother of God
motherhood of Mary
motherhouse
motu proprio
Mount of Olives (Mount Olivet)
Mount Sinai, Carmel, Zion, etc.
Mozarabic Rite
ms. and mss.
Muhammad
Muslim(s), not Moslem(s)

mystery religions
Mystical Body
mythos

N

naïve, naïveté
name (of God), the
name of Christ, the
Native American
nativity of Christ
Nativity (if referring to Dec 25)
natural family planning
natural-law concepts
nature, divine
Near East
Negev (or Negeb)
Neo-Babylonian Empire
neo-Pentecostalism
neo-Scholasticism, neo-Scholastics
neoconservatism
neo-orthodoxy of Barth
Neoplatonic, Neoplatonism
New Adam (Christ)
New American Bible
New City (part of Jerusalem)
New Covenant, the
New English Bible
new hermeneutic
New Jerusalem
New Revised Standard Version
New Testament
New World, the
New Year's Day

Nicea, Council of
Nicea
Nicene Creed
Nicene Fathers
Night Prayer
nihil obstat
Noah's ark
non-Catholic
non-Christian (n. and adj.)
nondenominational
None (as in "the Nones")
nonsectarian
north (direction)
North, the (region)
northern kingdom (Israel)
Notes on Moral Theology (the section of
TS)
Notes on Theological Ethics (after
3/2017)
novice master
Nunc Dimittis
nuptial blessing
nuptial Mass

O

"O" antiphons, the (first usage)
octave
offering of gifts
offertory
offertory hymn
offertory procession
Office of Readings
Office of the Dead
Office, the (Divine)

oil of catechumens
oil of the sick
Old City (part of Jerusalem)
Old Testament
Omega, the
only-begotten Son, the
open-minded
opening prayer (of Mass)
oration
Order of Mass, New
Order, Benedictine, etc.
order(s), religious
orders, holy (sacrament of)
ordinal
ordinary (bishop)
Ordinary of the Mass
Ordinary Time
ordination
ordo (pl.: ordines)
Orient, Oriental
original sin
Orthodox Church
Our Father, the
our Lady
our Lord
outdated
Oxford Movement

P

paleo-Christian
paleography, paleographic
papacy, papal
papal nuncio

Papal States
par excellence
par., parr. = parallel, parallels (to indicate a parallel Gospel verse(s))
parable, a
Parable of the Good Samaritan
Parable of the Unjust Steward
Paraclete, the (Holy Spirit)
paradise (heaven)
Paradise (Garden of Eden)
parenesis
Parousia, parousiac return
Pasch, Christ's Pasch, BUT paschal
Pasch, the
paschal candle
paschal lamb
paschal mystery
Paschal Vigil
Paschaltide
passion narratives, the
passion of Christ, the
Passion Sunday
Passion Week
passion, the
Passiontide
Passover
pastoral Epistles, the
pastoral letter(s) (from hierarchy)
pastoral Letters, the (in Bible)
Pater Noster
Patriarch of Constantinople, the (cf. Bishop of Rome)
patriarch(s)
patriarchate
patristic(s)
patrology
Paul the Apostle
Pauline letters
Pauline, Pauline corpus
pax Romana
penance, sacrament of
penitential psalm(s)
penitential rite
Pentateuch, pentateuchal
Pentecost
Pentecostal movement
people of God, the
pericope
peritus, periti
Person (of the Trinity)
Persons, Divine
Pesach (Passover)
petitions (at Mass)
Petrine, Petrine confession, Petrine ministry
Pharaoh (used as name without article)
pharaoh, the (general)
pharaohs
Pharisees, Pharisaic (when referring to Pharisees)
phylacteries (tephillim)
Pietism
Plain of Esdraelon
plainchant
plainsong
pneuma
Pneumatology, pneumatological
pontiff
pontificate

Pope Benedict XVI	principalities
pope, a (general)	prior, prioress
pope, the; but Pope John XXIII	Prodigal Son, the
post-Nicene	profession (solemn, simple)
post-Vatican II	profession of faith, but The Profession of Faith (when referring to the Creed in a mass)
post-biblical	prologue of John, the
postconciliar	Promised Land, the
postexilic	Promised One, the (Christ)
power of the keys	Proper of the Saints, the
powers	Proper of the Season, the
prayer after Communion	prophecy (noun)
prayer book, but Prayer Book (for Book of Common Prayer)	prophecy (verb)
prayer of the faithful (of Mass)	prophet Isaiah, the
prayer over the gifts	prophet, a
pre-Christian	Prophetic Books, the
Preacher, the (Qoheleth)	prophets
précis	Prophets, the (part of OT) the Law, the Prophets, the Writings
preconciliar	Protestant (adj. and noun)
Precursor, the (John the Baptist)	protocanonical
preexilic	Protoevangelium
preexistence	Providence (God)
preface (of Mass)	psalm, a
preface of Epiphany, the	psalmist, the
Presbyterian Church	psalmody
presence of God	Psalms (OT book), the Psalmist, the
presentation of Jesus, the	Psalter, the
Presentation, the (feast of)	pseudepigrapha
prie-dieu(s)	Pseudo-Dionysius
priesthood of Christ	publican(s)
Priestly Code, the	purgatory
Priestly writer, the	Purim
prima facie	Puritans
Prime	
Prince of Peace (Christ)	

Q

Q, the source Q, the Q-hypothesis
Queen of Heaven
quid pro quo (no italics)
Qumran
Qur'an (AVOID Koran); Qur'anic

R

rabbi(s), rabbinic(al)
rapprochement
Rapture, the
RCIA
RCIC
reading (first, second of Mass)
real presence
received text, the
reconciliation, sacrament of
Red Mass
redaction criticism, redaction-critical
(adj.)
Redeemer, the (Christ)
redemption
Redemption, the
Reform Judaism
Reformation, the
Reformed tradition
Reformers, the
Regina Coeli
reign of God, the
religious order(s)
religious, a (monk, nun, etc.)
remnant, the

Renaissance, the; renaissance (adj.)
Reproaches, the
responsorial psalm
responsory
resurrection of the dead
Resurrection, the (feast of)
Resurrection, the (as an event)
retreat house
retreat master
revelation
Revised Standard Version, the
risen Lord, the
Rite (Latin, Roman, etc.)
ritual Mass
Rogation Days
Roman Breviary
Roman Canon
Roman Catholic Church
Roman Empire, the (but: the empire)
Roman Martyrology
Roman Missal
Roman Pontifical
Roman Rite
Roman Ritual (book)
Roman Rota
Roman See, the
Romantic theology
rosary
Rosh Hashana
Rule of St. Augustine
Rule of St. Basil
Rule of St. Benedict
Rule of St. Francis
Rule of the Master

rule, a monastic

Rule, the (specific)

Ruler (Christ)

S

Sabbath

sabbatical (year, etc.)

sacrament(s)

sacramental(s)

Sacramentary, the (pl.: sacramentaries)

Sacred Heart

Sacred Host

Sacred Scripture

Sadducees, Sadducean

saints, St. John, Saints Peter and Paul

salvation history

Sanctus (of Mass)

Sanhedrin

sapiential books (Proverbs, etc.)

Satan, satanic

Savior (Christ)

Sayings of the desert monks

sayings source (Q)

Schism, the Great

schola cantorum

Scholastic philosophy, see also: neo-Scholastic, neo-Scholasticism,

Scholasticism

Scholastics, the

scribes, the (in Gospels)

scriptural, nonscriptural

Scripture, Holy; or Scripture (implying Holy Scripture); the Scriptures

scripture (in general sense), scriptures,

scriptural

scrutinies, the

Sea of Galilee

season (of Advent, etc.)

Second Adam, Second Moses, etc.

Second Coming

Second Isaiah (Deutero-Isaiah)

Second Person (of the Trinity)

Second Temple

Second Vatican Council (or Vatican II)

Second World War

Seder (the ritual meal)

seder suppers, seders (cf. Mass, masses)

see, diocesan

semi-Pelagianism

Semite, Semitic

Semitic

Septuagint

sequence (of Mass)

seraphim

Sermon on the Mount

Servant (Christ)

Servant literature

Servant Songs (Isaiah)

Servant, the (in Isaiah)

Session IV, Council of Trent

Seven Sorrows of Our Lady

Seventh-day Adventist Church

Sext

Shavuot

Shekinah

Shema the

Sheol

Shiite, Shiism

Shoah, the
sign of peace
sign of the cross
signs source
sin offering
sister, a (religious; use with article;
abbr.: Sr.)
Sister April Kendall
Sitz im Leben
skillful
Slavonic Rite
solemn blessing
Son of David
Son of God (Jesus)
Son of Man
Son of Man sayings
son of Mary (Jesus)
song of ascents
sons of light, sons of darkness
sonship (of Jesus)
Sophia
Sorrowful Mysteries (of the rosary)
soteriology, soteriological
south (direction)
South, the (region)
southern kingdom (Judah)
speech event
Spirit, Holy
spring (summer, fall, autumn, winter)
Star of David
starting point
Stations of the Cross
Stoic philosophy
Stoic(ism)
subapostolic

subprior, subprioress
Suffering Servant, the (in Isaiah)
suffragan bishop (see bishop)
Sukkot or Sukkoth (feast of
Tabernacles)
Sunday in Ordinary Time, Twenty-
Second, etc.
Sunday School
Supreme Being, the
supreme council (Sanhedrin)
Symbol, the (Creed)
synagogue
synod
synoptic problem
Synoptic Gospels, the
Synoptics, the
Syrian Rite

T

tabernacle, the (desert sanctuary)
Tabernacles, feast of (Sukkot or
Sukkoth)
Talmud, talmudic
Tanakh
Targum (of Onkelos, etc.)
Te Deum
Teacher (Christ)
temple (of Jerusalem; Solomon's
temple)
Temple Mount
temptation of Christ, the
temptation, the
Ten Commandments, the
Terce

Tetragrammaton	Tridentine
<i>Textus Receptus</i>	Triduum, the Sacred; a triduum
thank offering	trinitarian
the Father (= God)	Trinity
the person of Christ	triune God, the
the virgin birth	Tübingen school, the
the Visitation	turning point
Theodosian Code	twelve apostles, the
theologoumenon, -na	Twelve, the
theophany	
Thessalonica (ancient city), Saloniki (modern city)	U
Third Church	Ultramontanes; Ultramontanism; BUT ultramontane
Third Isaiah (Trito-Isaiah)	unchristian
Third Person (of the Trinity)	United Kingdom (as substantive, spell out; as adjective: UK, no periods)
Third World nations (AVOID this expression; prefer Global South nations, or the Majority World, Majority World nations)	United States (as substantive, spell it out; as adjective: US, no periods)
Thomism, Thomistic	universal church, the
thrones	Upper Galilee
Thummim	Upper Room, the
titular see, bishop, church	Urim
Torah	
toward (AVOID towards) etc.	V
tower of Babel	Valley of Jehoshaphat
<i>traditio symboli</i>	Vatican II (second mention)
tradition	veneration of the Cross
tradition, Scripture and tradition	verse by verse (adv.)
Transfiguration, the (feast of)	verse-by-verse (adj.)
transfiguration of the Lord, the	verse, v., vv. (NB: the two “v’s” can look like a lowercase “w” depending on the font)
Transjordan	versicle
transubstantiation	Vespers
tree of life	
tribes, the twelve	

Viaticum
vicar general
Vicar of Christ (Pope)
vice versa
Victim, the (Christ)
Victor, the (Christ)
vigil
Vigil of Pentecost, the
Vine, the (Christ)
virgin birth
Virgin Mary, the
Virgin, the (Mary)
virtues (angels)
vis-à-vis
Visitation, the (feast of)
visitation, the (of Mary)
votive Mass
Vulgate (Bible), the

W

wadi
Wadi Qumran
wake service
washing of feet, the
Way of the Cross
Way, the (Christ)
Way, the Truth, and the Life, the (Christ)
West Syrian Rite
west, western (direction)
West, Western (region)
Western (cultural); western (directional)
Western church
Western Rites

Western text
Wisdom (only if personified), Book of
Wisdom
wisdom literature (in general)
Wisdom Literature (section of the Bible)
Word Incarnate, the
Word made flesh, the
Word of God (*Logos*)
word of God (Scripture)
Word, the (Christ)
worldview
worshiping

Y

Yad Vashem
Yahweh
Yahwist, the
Year A, B, C
Year I, II
YHWH
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)

Z

Zion