

*Theological Studies and Horizons*  
Spelling, Abbreviations, and Preferred Usage Guide  
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(For words not covered here, consult CMOS chap. 8. Note that both journals follow American usage, not British.)

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The journal recognizes that some terms do not have settled usage or spelling. We generally defer to the author's preference for those terms, as long as the author is consistent and, if needed, can explain their choice. Among the terms for which there are not yet settled standards:

- Black or black (when used in a racial, ethnic or cultural sense)
- Proper name(s) for the native peoples of North America.
- Latino/a, Latinx, or Latine.

We strongly encourage inclusive language for persons and for God.

**A**

a fortiori	agape, agapic
a posteriori	Age of Reason, Enlightenment, etc.
a priori	<i>aggiornamento</i>
Abba (for Jesus's reference to the Father)	Agnus Dei
abba, amma	agony in the garden, the
abbey, abbot, abbess	al-Qaeda
AD 68, avoid: use 68 CE or 68 BCE	Alexandrine Rite
<i>ad extra</i>	All Saints' Day
ad hoc	All Souls Day
ad hominem	Alleluia (before the Gospel)
<i>ad intra</i>	almighty God
ad limina	Almighty, the
Adoptionism, Adoptionists	Alpha and Omega (Christ)
Advent season	Ambrosian Rite, Missal, chant
adviser	Amendment, First, etc.
Advocate, the (Holy Spirit)	anamnesis
aeon	anaphora
African American (noun & adj.)	ancient Near East
afterward	angel Gabriel, the
	angels
	Angelus
	Anglican Church

Anglican orders  
annunciation, the (to Mary)  
Anointed One (Christ)  
anointing, sacrament of  
ante-Nicene  
antisemitic, antisemitism  
antiabortion  
Antichrist  
Antiochene Rite  
antiphon  
Antiphonary, the  
Apocalypse, the  
Apocrypha, apocryphal  
apologia  
apologetic  
Apologists (Justin Martyr, etc.)  
apostasy  
apostle Paul, the  
Apostle to the Gentiles  
apostles  
Apostles, the [12]  
Apostles' Creed  
apostolic  
apostolic blessing  
apostolic church  
apostolic constitution  
apostolic exhortation (by a pope)  
Apostolic Fathers  
Apostolic See  
appendixes  
archabbot  
archangel Michael, the  
archangels (angels)  
archdiocese  
Archdiocese of Seattle  
archeological, archeology  
archimandrite  
Arian controversy  
Aristotelian  
ark (Noah's)  
ark of the covenant  
Armenian Rite  
ascension of Christ, the  
*ascesis*

Asperges  
assumption of Mary, the  
atonement, the  
Athanasian Creed  
Athanasian  
*aula*  
auxiliary bishop (see bishop)  
Ave Maria

## **B**

baby boomer  
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  
benefited  
*berakah* (pl.: *berakoth*)  
Bhagavad Gita [roman=scripture]  
Bible, biblical  
Biblical Commission, Pontifical  
biblicism  
Bishop of Rome (the pope)  
bishop(s) or Bishop, ("the bishop of Omaha  
said," but "Jim Smith, the Bishop of  
Omaha, said")  
Blessed Mother  
Blessed Sacrament  
Blessed Trinity  
Blessed Virgin  
blessing of palms, the

Blood of Christ  
Body and Blood of Christ (the Eucharist)  
Body of Christ (the church)  
book of Genesis, etc.  
Book of Hours  
Book of Mormon  
Bonaventurian  
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  
Cartesian  
catalogue  
cataphatic (*avoid* this spelling, use  
    kataphatic instead)  
catechism (generic)  
Catholic catechism, Anglican catechism  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church* (can be  
    *Catechism* for short after first usage,  
    but *CCC* can be used depending on  
    frequency of shortened term)

cathedral  
Catholic Church, the  
Catholic Epistles  
Catholic Social Teaching  
Catholic Worker Movement  
Catholicism  
Cenacle, the  
censor deputatus  
censor librorum  
Chair of Peter  
Chaldean Rite  
chapter (abbr.: chap., chaps.)  
chapter house  
charism (not charisma)  
charismatic renewal  
cherubim (angels)  
Chi-Rho  
chosen people, the  
Chrism Mass  
Christ Child  
Christ event  
Christ life  
Christ the King  
Christendom  
Christian (but unchristian)  
Christian Church, the  
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, the (unless modified)  
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.  
collect  
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  
Common Doctor, the  
communal penance service  
communion (received communion)  
Communion, *avoid*: use Eucharist  
communion antiphon  
communion of saints  
Compline (Divine Office)  
Conception, the Immaculate  
conciliar  
concordat  
Confessing Church  
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  
Continental  
contrition, act of  
cooperation  
coordinate  
Coptic Rite  
council  
Council Fathers  
Council of Jerusalem  
Council of Nicea  
council, the  
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 historical event)  
Cross, the (when invoking Redemption)  
crucifix  
crucifixion, the  
Crusades, Crusaders  
Curia, the = Roman/Vatican Curia  
curial  
crypto-monophysitism

## D

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 Lubacian  
*De Profundis*, the  
Dead Sea Scrolls, the scrolls, the  
    Qumran scrolls  
Decalogue, the  
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 adjective)  
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  
dominions (angels)  
dominations  
Donatism  
dormition, the (of Mary)  
doxology (greater, lesser)

## E

early Christian  
early church  
East Syrian Rite

East-West dialogue  
east, eastern (direction)  
East, Eastern (regional or cultural)  
Easter Day  
Easter season  
Easter Vigil  
Eastern church  
Eastern Rite  
Eastern-rite (adj.)  
ecumenical  
ecumenical council  
ecumenical movement  
ecumenist  
*editio typica*  
elect, the  
Elohim  
Elohist  
Ember Days  
Emmanuel (in Matthew)  
Emperor Nero (but: the emperor Nero)  
empire, the  
Encratites  
encyclical  
end time, the  
Enlightenment, the  
entrance antiphon, song  
*Enuma Elish*  
Ephphetha  
epiclesis  
episcopal  
Episcopal Church  
episcopal conference  
epistle(s), the  
Epistles of the New Testament: Pauline Epistles; Pastoral Epistles, etc.; Epistle to the Hebrews; Letter to Philemon; Epistles of Paul (see Gospels)  
eschaton, the  
eschatology, eschatological  
Essene(s)  
Ethiopian Rite  
Eucharist, sacrament of the eucharistic

Eucharistic Prayer I, II, etc. (but: the eucharistic prayer)  
evangelical counsels  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Evangelical, Evangelicals  
(member/members of an Evangelical Church)  
Evangelicalism  
evangelist (writer of a gospel)  
evangelist, an (a preacher of the Gospel)  
Evangelist, the (one of the four), the Evangelist Mark  
Evening Prayer  
*ex cathedra*  
*ex opere operantis*  
*ex opere operato*  
excursus, excursuses  
exegete  
exempla  
Exile, the (Babylonian)  
Exodus, the  
Exsultet  
extra-Christian  
extrabiblical  
eyewitness

## F

faith, the (Catholic)  
Fall, the (the biblical event)  
Father, the (God)  
Fathers of the Church, Church Fathers  
Fathers of the Council; see also Council Fathers  
feast day  
feast of [Epiphany, the Ascension, etc.] ("feast of" remains lowercase, but the name of the feast is capitalized)  
*filioque*  
final judgment  
First Communion  
first edition  
First Friday

First Letter of John, the  
First Person (of the Trinity)  
First Nations people  
Flood, the  
Florilegium, Florilegia  
Forty Hours Devotion  
Four Last Things  
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.)  
Global South, Global South nations  
Gloria (of Mass)  
Glorious Mysteries (of the rosary)  
Glory to God (of Mass)  
gnosis, gnostic (adj.), gnostic(s), gnosticism  
gnosticizing  
God's word [Scripture]  
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)  
Gospel harmony  
gospel music

Gospel, the Fourth (John)  
grace  
gradual psalms (Pss 120–34)  
Great Commandment, the (Matt 28:19)  
Great Schism, the  
Great Synagogue of Rome  
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  
halakically  
Hanukkah  
*hapax legomenon/legomena*  
Hasidean  
Hasmonean  
Heart of Jesus  
Heart of Mary  
heaven  
Hebraic  
Hegelian  
hell  
Hellenic, Hellenize, Hellenization Hellenism,  
Hellenistic, Hellenist Hellenistic-Jewish (adj.)  
hermeneutics (sing.)  
hesychasm  
Hesychast  
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  
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 Spirit  
Holy Week  
Holy Writ  
holy year  
Holy, Holy, Holy (of Mass)  
Host (consecrated)  
Hours, the (Divine Office)  
house church  
hypostatic union

## I

immaculate conception of Mary, the  
(when talking about the idea, but  
uppercase when talking about the  
feast)

*imago Dei*

Immanuel (in Isaiah)

Imprimatur

incarnate Word

Incarnation, the (as the theological event)

incarnation of Christ, the

incarnational

infancy narratives

Infancy Gospel of Thomas

infant Jesus, the

institutes (religious or secular)

institution of the Eucharist

intertestamental

intratrinitarian

invitatory

Irenaeus of Lyons

Isaiah Scroll

## J

Jesus Seminar

Jesus's

Jewish Christianity, a Jewish Christian,

Jewish-Christian (adj.)

Jewish Law

Johannine

Jordan River Valley

Joyful Mysteries (of the rosary)

Jr. / III/ Sr., etc. (no comma before)

Judah

Judaic, Judaism, Judaize, Judaizer, Judaizing

Judea, Judean, Judean Desert

Judeo-Christian

Judge, the (Christ)

judgment (general)

Judgment Day

Justinian Code

## K

Kabbalah

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

*koinonia*

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

Latter-day Saints (Mormons)

Lauds (Divine Office)

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)

Lefebvrists

Lent, Lenten

Lenten season



Leonine Sacramentary  
Letter to the Corinthians (see Epistle)  
letters of St. Paul  
Levites, Levitical  
*lex credendi*  
*Lex Iulia*  
*lex orandi*  
liberation theology  
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)  
logos  
Logos, the (Christ)  
Loneranian  
Lord, the  
Lord God, the  
Lord of Hosts  
Lord of Lords  
Lord, Have Mercy (of Mass)  
Lord's Day, the  
Lord's Prayer, the  
Lord's Supper, the  
Loreto, Our Lady of  
Low Church  
Low Mass  
Lucifer  
Lukan  
Luminous Mysteries (of the rosary)  
*Lumen Christi*

## **M**

Maccabees, Maccabean  
Magi, the  
magisterium, magisterial  
Magna Carta

Magnificat, the  
major orders  
Major Prophets, the  
Majority World, Majority World nations  
Malabarese Rite  
Manichean, Manicheism  
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)  
Mater Dolorosa  
Matins (Divine Office)  
matrimony, sacrament of  
Matthean  
Mediator (Christ)  
Melkite Rite  
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)  
*mikveh*  
millenarianism  
millennial/ism/ist  
millennium, millennia  
ministry of the Word  
minor orders  
minor prophet, a  
Minor Prophets, the  
Miraculous Medal

Miserere  
Mishnah, the  
missal, a  
Missal, the Roman  
*Missale Romanum*  
mitzvah  
modernism (as a cultural movement)  
Modernism, Modernists, the Modernist  
    controversy/crisis (the theological  
    movement)  
monastic Office  
monophysitism  
monsignor  
moral law  
Moral Majority, the  
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  
mozzetta  
Muhammad  
Muslim(s)  
mystery religions  
Mystical Body

## N

name (of God), the  
name of Christ, the  
nativity of Christ  
Nativity (if referring to Dec 25)  
natural family planning  
natural-law concepts  
nature, divine  
Near East  
Negev (or Negeb)  
neo-monarchist

neo-Pentecostalism  
neoorthodoxy  
neo-Scholasticism, neo-Scholastics  
neo-Thomism, neo-Thomistic  
neoconservatism  
neoliberal  
Neoplatonic, Neoplatonism  
New Adam (Christ)  
New American Bible  
New City (part of Jerusalem)  
new covenant, the  
New English Bible  
New Jerusalem  
New Revised Standard Version  
New Testament  
New World, the  
New Year's Day  
Nicea, Council of  
Nicea  
Nicene Creed, the  
Nicene Fathers  
Night Prayer  
*nihil obstat*  
Noah's ark  
non-Catholic  
non-Christian (n. and adj.)  
non-Priestly  
nondenominational  
None (Divine Office)  
north (direction)  
North, the (region)  
Northern  
northern kingdom (Israel)  
novenas  
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 covenant  
Old Testament  
Omega, the  
only-begotten Son, the  
ontotheological  
opening prayer (of Mass)  
oration  
Order of Mass, New (for celebrations  
    according to the Missal of 1962 use  
    “extraordinary form of the Mass”)  
Order of Preachers  
Order, Benedictine, etc.  
order(s), religious  
orders, holy (sacrament of)  
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  
Oxford Movement

## **P**

*pace*  
paleochristian  
paleography, paleographic

papacy, papal  
papal nuncio  
Papal States  
papist  
par., parr. = parallel, parallels  
    (to indicate a parallel Gospel verse)  
parable, a  
Parable of the Good Samaritan  
Parable of the Prodigal Son  
Parable of the Unjust Steward  
Paraclete, the (Holy Spirit)  
paradisa  
paradise (heaven)  
Paradise (Garden of Eden)  
parenthesis  
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 Epistles  
Pauline Letters  
Pauline, Pauline corpus

penance, sacrament of  
 penitential psalm(s)  
 penitential rite  
 Pentateuch, pentateuchal  
 Pentecost  
 Pentecostal Christians  
 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  
 pneuma  
 Pneumatology, pneumatological  
 pontiff  
 pontificate  
 Pope Benedict XVI  
 pope, a (general)  
 pope, the; but Pope John XXIII  
 post-Nicene  
 post-theistic  
 post-Vatican II  
 post-biblical  
 postconciliar  
 postexilic  
 power of the keys  
 powers (angels)  
 prayer after Communion  
 prayer book, but Prayer Book (for Book  
     of Common Prayer)  
 prayer of the faithful (of Mass)  
 prayer over the gifts  
 pre-Christian  
 pre-rabbinic  
 Preacher, the (Qoheleth)  
 preconciliar  
 Precursor, the (John the Baptist)  
 preexilic  
 preexistence  
 preface (of Mass)  
 preface of Epiphany, the  
 Presbyterian Church  
 presence of God  
 presentation of Jesus, the  
 prie-dieu(s)  
 priesthood of Christ  
 Priestly Code, the  
 Priestly writer, the  
 Prime (Divine Office)  
 Prince of Peace (Christ)  
 principalities (angels)  
 prior, prioress  
 process theology  
 Prodigal Son, the  
 profession (solemn, simple)  
 profession of faith, but the Profession of  
     Faith (when referring to the  
     Creed in a mass)  
 prologue of John, the  
 Promised Land, the  
 Promised One, the (Christ)  
 Proper of the Saints, the  
 Proper of the Season, the  
 prophecy (noun)  
 prophesy (verb)  
 prophet Isaiah, the  
 prophet, a  
 Prophetic Books, the  
 prophets  
 Prophets, the (part of OT) the Law, the  
     Prophets, the Writings  
 Protestant (adj. and noun)  
 protocanonical  
 Protoevangelium  
 Providence (God)

psalm, a  
psalmist, the  
psalmody  
Psalms (OT book), the  
Psalmist, the  
Psalter, the  
Pseudepigrapha  
Pseudo-Dionysius  
publican(s)  
purgatory  
Purim  
Puritans

## Q

Q-source  
Queen of Heaven  
quid pro quo (no italics)  
Qumran  
Qur'an (*avoid* Koran); Qur'anic

## R

rabbi(s), rabbinic(al)  
rabbinic Judaism  
Radical Orthodoxy  
Rahnerian  
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  
Redemptorist  
Reform Judaism  
Reformation, the  
Reformed tradition

Reformers, the  
Regina Coeli  
reign of God, the  
religio-political  
religious order(s)  
religious, a (monk, nun, etc.)  
religious right, the  
remnant, the  
Reproaches, the (Good Friday liturgy)  
responsorial psalm  
responsory  
resurrection of the dead  
Resurrection, the (as an event)  
*ressourcement*  
retreat house  
retreat master  
revelation  
Revised Standard Version, the  
risen Christ  
risen Lord, the  
risen One, the  
Rite (Latin, Roman, etc.)  
ritual Mass  
Rogation Days  
Roman Breviary  
Roman Canon  
Roman Catholic Church  
Roman Curia, the  
Roman Empire, the (but: the empire)  
Roman Martyrology  
Roman Missal  
Roman Pontifical  
Roman Rite  
Roman Ritual (book)  
Roman Rota  
Roman School  
Roman See, the  
Romantic theology  
rosary  
Rosh Hashana  
Rule of God  
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-source)  
Schillebeeckxian  
Schism, the Great  
schismatics  
*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 Scholasticism  
Second Temple  
Second Vatican Council (or Vatican II, when  
used in second or subsequent  
mentions)  
Second World War  
Seder (the ritual meal)  
seder suppers, seders (cf. Mass,  
masses)  
sedevacantists  
see, diocesan  
semi-Pelagianism  
see of Peter  
Semite, Semitic  
Septuagint  
sequence (of Mass)  
seraphim (angels)  
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 (Divine Office)  
Shavuot  
*Shekinah*  
Shema the  
Sheol  
Shiite, Shiism  
Shoah, the  
sign of peace  
sign of the cross  
sin offering  
sister, a (religious; use with article;  
abbr.: Sr.), sisters, the  
*Sitz im Leben*  
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  
 Sophist  
 Sorrowful Mysteries (of the rosary)  
 soteriology, soteriological  
 southern kingdom (Judah)  
 Spirit, Holy  
 Spirit, the  
 Star of David  
 Stations of the Cross  
 Stoic philosophy  
 Stoic(ism)  
 subapostolic  
 subprior, subprioress  
 sui generis  
 Suffering Servant, the (in Isaiah)  
 suffragan bishop (see bishop)  
 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  
 Synoptic problem  
 Synoptics, the  
 Syrian Rite

## T

tabernacle, the (desert sanctuary)  
 Talmud, talmudic  
 Tanakh  
 Targum (of Onkelos, etc.)

Te Deum  
 Teacher (Christ)  
 telos  
 temple (of Jerusalem; Solomon's  
     temple)  
 Temple, the  
 Temple Mount  
 temptation of Christ, the  
 temptation, the  
 Ten Commandments, the  
 Terce (Divine Office)  
 Tetragrammaton (YHWH)  
*Textus Receptus*  
 the Father (= God)  
 the person of Christ  
 the virgin birth  
 the Visitation  
 Theodosian Code  
 theologoumenon, -na  
 Theology of the Body  
 theophany  
 Thessalonica (ancient city), Saloniki  
     (modern city)  
 Third Isaiah (Trito-Isaiah)  
 Third Person (of the Trinity)  
 Third World nations (*avoid* this  
     expression; prefer Global South  
     nations, or the Majority World,  
     Majority World nations)  
 Thomism, Thomistic  
 thrones (angels)  
 Thummim  
 titular see, bishop, church  
 Torah  
 toward (avoid towards)  
 tower of Babel  
*traditio symboli*  
 tradition (as in the Catholic tradition)  
 tradition, Scripture and tradition  
 transfiguration of the Lord, the  
 Transjordan  
 transubstantiation  
 tree of life  
 tribes, the twelve

Tridentine  
Triduum, the (as in the Sacred Triduum)  
trinitarian  
Trinitarianism  
Trinity  
triune  
triune God, the  
Tübingen school, the  
twelve apostles, the  
Twelve, the

## U

ultra-Orthodox  
Ultramontanes; Ultramontanism; *but*  
    ultramontane  
unchristian  
United Kingdom (as substantive, spell  
    out; as adjective: UK, no periods)  
United States (US, no periods can be used  
    as both substantive and adjective)  
universal church, the  
Upper Galilee  
Upper Room, the  
Urim

## V

Valley of Jehoshaphat  
Vatican II (to be used only in second and  
    subsequent mentions; for first  
    mention, use “Second Vatican  
    Council”)  
veneration of the Cross  
versicle  
Vespers (Divine Office)  
*Via Crucis*  
Viaticum  
vicar general  
Vicar of Christ (Pope)  
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 (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  
Western (cultural); western (directional)  
Western church  
Western Rites  
Wisdom (only if personified), Book of  
    Wisdom  
wisdom literature (in general)  
Wisdom Literature (section of the Bible)  
Wisdom of God, the  
wisdom tradition  
Word Incarnate, the  
Word made flesh, the  
Word of God (*Logos*)  
word of God (Scripture)  
Word, the (Christ)  
World Christianity

## Y

Yad Vashem  
Yahweh (*avoid* use, use YHWH instead)  
Yahwist, the  
Year A, B, C  
Year I, II  
YHWH (the Tetragrammaton)



Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)

**Z**

Zion