

Contents

<i>Acknowledgments</i>	<i>vii</i>
Introduction: The Principal Festivals	1
Festivals and Doctrinal Developments	2
The Principal Festivals Today	5
A Preview of the Festivals	10
1. Festival Sermons and Doctrine: Forging Connections	12
What Is Doctrinal Proclamation?	12
The Vocabulary of Proclamation	13
The Vocabulary of Doctrine	14
2. Christmas	19
Festival History	19
Christmas Pericopes	25
Doctrinal Proclamation	34
3. Epiphany	42
Festival History	42
Epiphany Pericopes	47
Doctrinal Proclamation	53
4. Easter	62
Festival History	62
Easter Pericopes	68
Doctrinal Proclamation	76
5. Ascension	85
Festival History	85
Ascension Pericopes	91
Doctrinal Proclamation	95

6. Pentecost	105
Festival History	105
Pentecost Pericopes	111
Doctrinal Proclamation	117
7. Holy Trinity	125
Festival History	125
Holy Trinity Pericopes	133
Doctrinal Proclamation	139
<i>Notes</i>	147
<i>Index of Biblical Texts</i>	163
<i>Index of Names and Subjects</i>	<u>99</u>