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**WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER:** In order to keep our church family abreast of our latest updates and church reminders, we have been sending out a weekly e-newsletter. If you, or someone you know would like to be included on our email list, contact [secretary@stjohnssouthampton.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnssouthampton.org) or sign up from our website's homepage.

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*The Beatitudes Sermon* by James Tissot in the Brooklyn Museum

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<b><u>Sunday Services</u></b>	<b><u>Weekday Services</u></b>
8:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I	<b>Monday – Friday</b>
9:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II	7:30 A.M. – Morning Prayer, Rite I
11:00 A.M. - Morning Prayer, Rite I	6:00 P.M. – Evening Prayer, Rite I
Holy Eucharist, Rite I	<b>Wednesday</b>
(1st Sundays each month)	10:00 A.M. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 29, 2023 • 9:00 A.M.

Processional Hymn 427

*When morning gilds the skies*

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:  
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known  
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:  
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,  
2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer  
3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word  
4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!  
3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Sunday Adult Formation

Sundays • 10 AM

*Dante's Divine Comedy &*

*C.S. Lewis's The Great Divorce*

Journeys through the Afterlife reveal how to live in this life.



In the 14th century, Dante Alighieri wrote the greatest epic poem of human history, tracing a mythical journey through Hell, Purgatory, and Heaven that was representative of the medieval worldview as it existed. Over the seven hundred years since this work was completed, it has been recognized as representing the soul's journey towards God from our recognition and rejection of sin (Inferno), the penitent life of the Christian (Purgatorio), and finally the soul's ascent to God (Paradiso).

Written by C.S. Lewis in 1945, *The Great Divorce* is a vision in which Lewis reflects on the Christian conceptions of Heaven, Purgatory, and Hell. A classic Christian allegorical tale about a bus ride from Hell and Purgatory to Heaven. It is an extraordinary meditation upon good and evil, grace and judgment, Lewis's idea in *The Great Divorce* is that the gates of Hell are locked from the inside. Using his extraordinary descriptive powers, Lewis changes the way we think about good and evil, salvation and damnation, in this life and the next.

Join Fr. Patrick **beginning on 5 February 2023**, in the Parish Hall on Sundays at 10 AM to delve into these two insightful and famous works searching for the nature, struggles, and victories of our lives here and after death. Important parallels between the two famous works will be examined as well as the common lessons about the here and the hereafter.

*For Pastoral Emergencies, please contact Fr. Patrick at 404-660-3592.*





**Refresher  
Training**  
Saturday, February 4th  
11:00a - 1:00p

Please join us for an Altar Guild refresher  
training, lunch, and fellowship.  
All are welcome!

RSVP to the church office.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### Help us to maintain our prayer intercession list.

The personal and collective intercessions we make asking our Lord to intercede in our lives and on behalf of others are a central aspect of our private and common worship. At St. John's we have always made an aural reading of our prayer list a part of our regular services. However, there comes with this an important responsibility to maintain it as current and accurate. To accomplish this we are asking our community to take that personal responsibility to heart in the following way:

We ask everyone to please let us know when someone should be added, removed, or otherwise amended on our prayer list. This is accomplished best by either dropping a note in the collection plate or by emailing or calling the parish secretary at (631) 283-0549 or [secretary@stjohnssouthampton.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnssouthampton.org).

To avoid a name being orphaned on the prayer list names will be removed after 60 days of being added, unless the parish secretary is contacted to extend that time for another 60 days.

Of course, there is no limit to the number of persons we will faithfully include on our prayer list, nor a limit to the duration we will intercede on their behalf. This policy is to take special care in maintaining the names we bring before the Throne of Grace in prayer each time we gather together.

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

### Collect of Purity

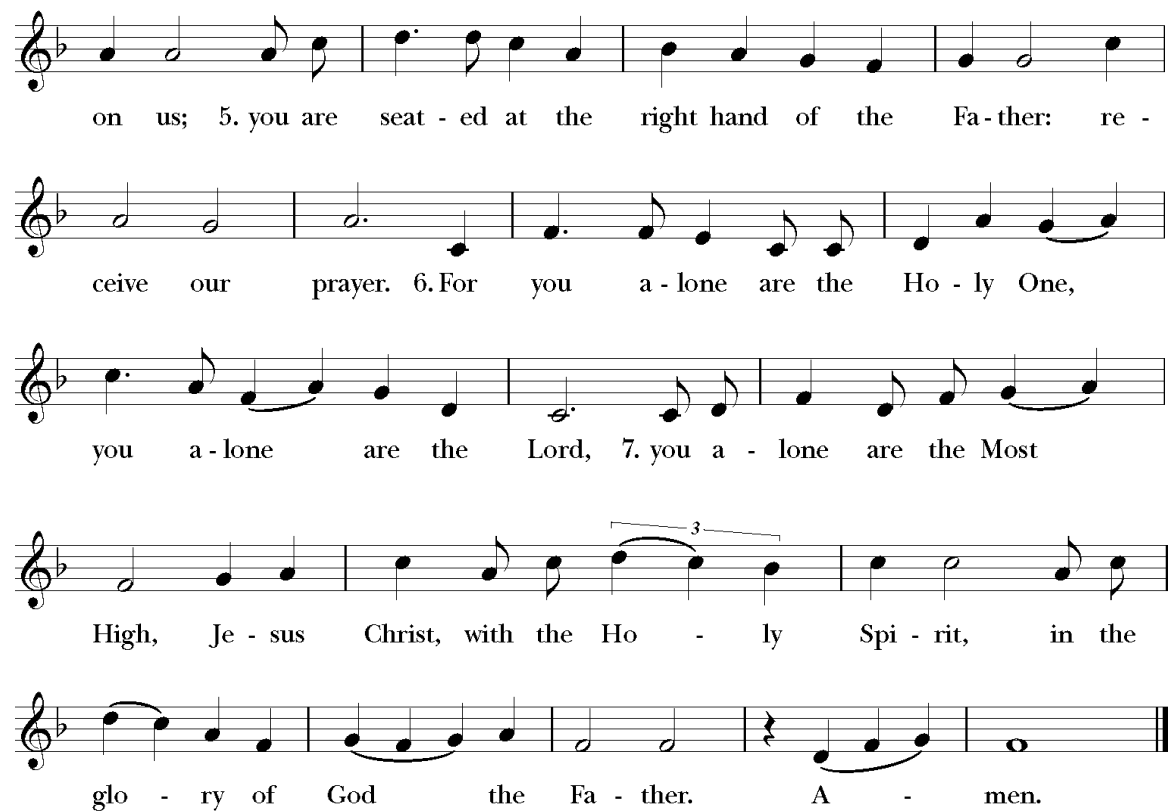
*The Celebrant says*  
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Hymn of Praise

### *Gloria in Excelsis*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### The Collect

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:  
 Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
 for ever and ever. **Amen.**



## Dedications

The flowers at the altar this week are given to the Glory of  
 God and in loving memory of the Grimm and Rogers families  
 by Ann Grimm.



## Verse of the Week

“He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
 and what does the Lord require of you  
 but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
 and to walk humbly with your God?”

Micah 6:7-8

## “Quote of the Week”




“For the man who is kindly, modest, merciful, and just will not  
 keep his good works to himself but will see to itself that these  
 admirable fountains send out their streams for the good of  
 others. Again, the man who is clean of heart, a peace maker, and  
 ardent for truth will order his life so as to contribute to the  
 common good.”

Saint John Chrysostom


Important Early Church Father and archbishop of Constantinople. He was famous for his  
 preaching and public speaking, his denunciation of abuse of authority by both ecclesiastical  
 and political leaders, his Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom. The name Chrysostom  
 means “golden tongue”.

The Blessing


Closing Hymn 438 *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord*




1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!  
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!  
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!  
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.  
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading *Micah 6:1-8*

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Micah.

Hear what the Lord says:  
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;

for the Lord has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;

and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

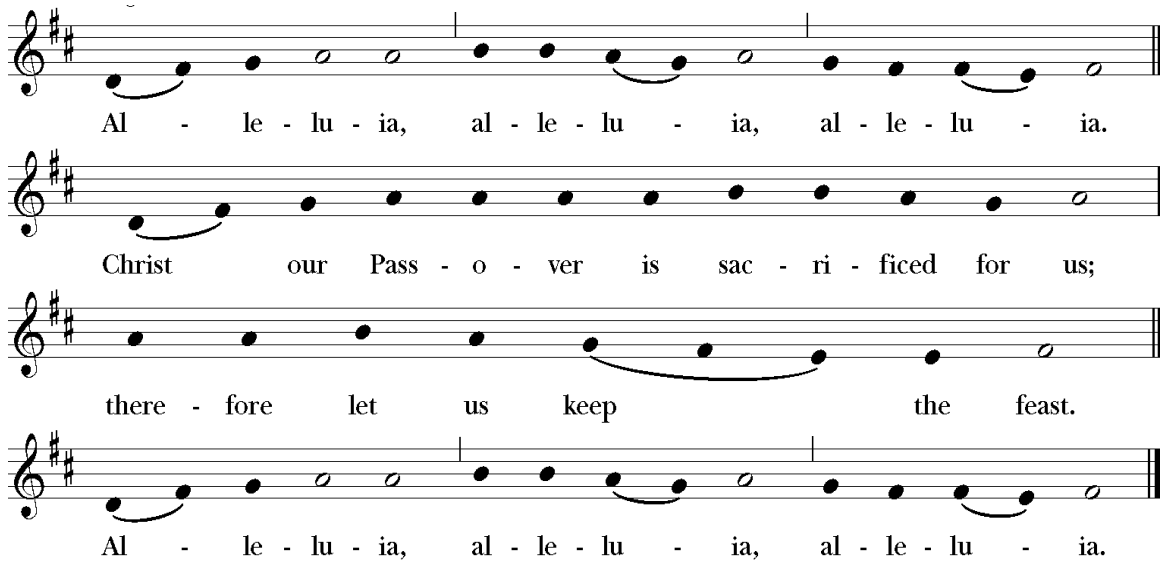
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”



Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant and People



The Invitation to Communion (BCP 364)

The Priest invites the people to Communion

Priest

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

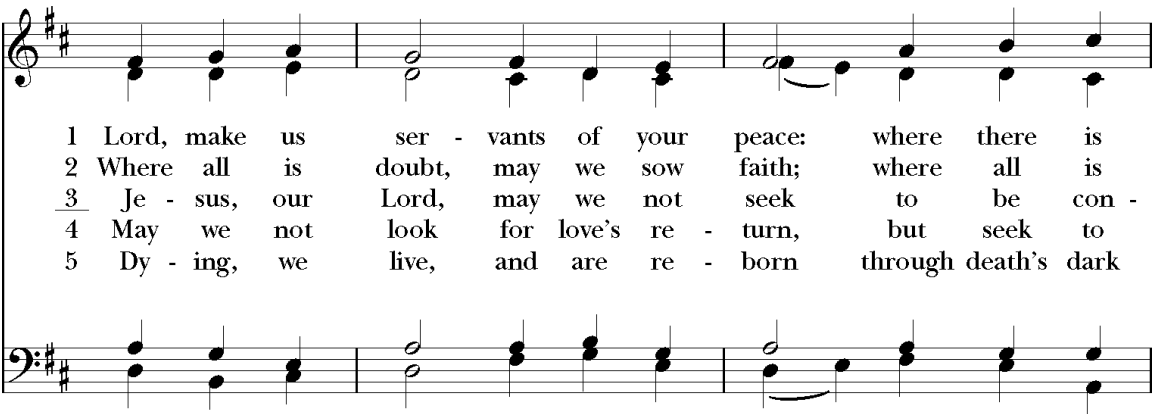
The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God

Gospel Hymn 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.  
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### The Gospel *Matthew 5:1-12*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

- “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy Name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.**

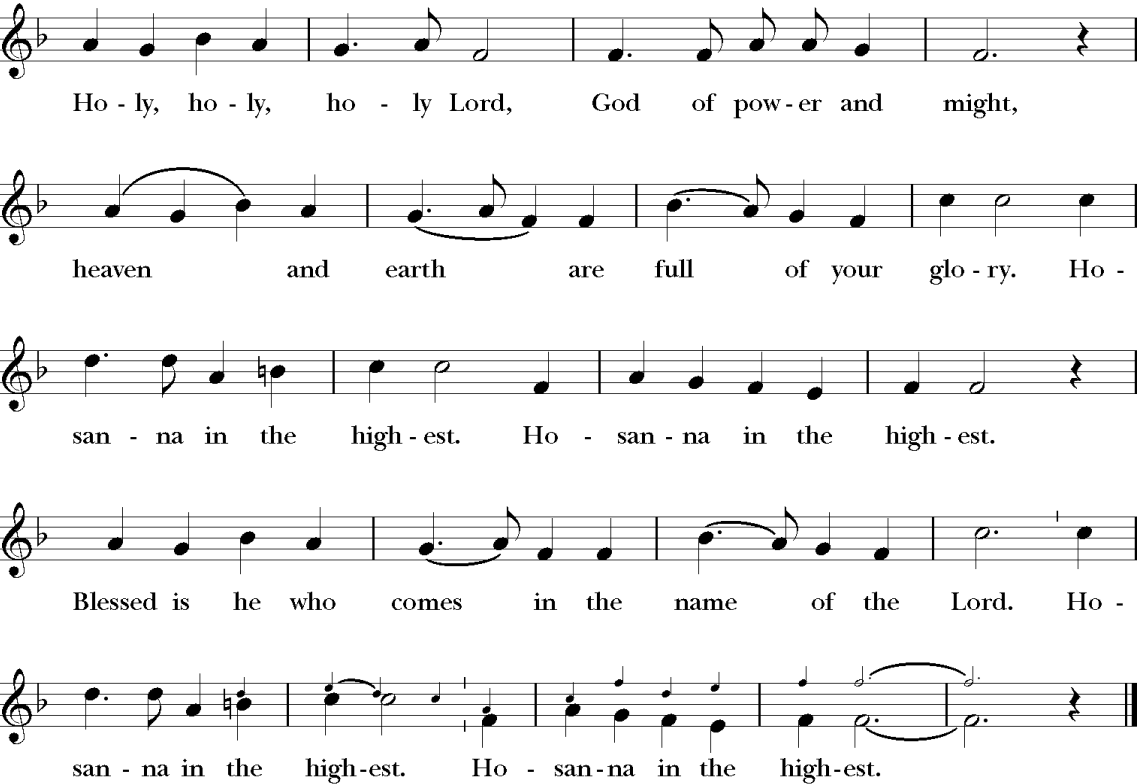


**The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Officiant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Officiant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*  
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*The Celebrant and People sing:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

*Officiant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon** **The Rev’d W. Patrick Edwards**

**Nicene Creed**  
**We believe in one God,**  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary  
and was made man  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People. (Form VI)**

*Leader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
*Silence*

*Leader* For all people in their daily life and work;  
*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Leader* For this community, the nation, and the world; we pray for those who govern and hold authority in this and every land, especially Joseph, our President, Kathy, our Governor, and Jesse, our Mayor;  
*People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Leader* For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Leader* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*People* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Leader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Leader* For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael the Presiding Bishop, and Lawrence our Bishop and for all bishops and other ministers;  
*People* **For all who serve God in his Church.**  
*Leader* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*  
*The People may add their own petitions*

*Leader* Hear us, Lord;  
*People* **For your mercy is great.**

*Leader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
*Silence*  
*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

*Leader* We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Leader* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*  
*The People may add their own petitions*

*Leader* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

*Leader* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins, devoutly kneeling.  
*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*  
**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Absolution**  
*Celebrant*  
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

**The Peace**  
*Officiant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**The Liturgy of the Table**

**Offertory**  
**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**