

St. John's Episcopal Church

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<u>Sunday Services</u>	<u>Weekday Services</u>
8:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Monday – Friday
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	Wednesday
(1st Sundays each month)	10:00 A.M. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 12, 2023 • 9:00 A.M.

Processional Hymn 304

I come with joy to meet the Lord

Unison or harmony



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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@stjohnsouthampton.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.

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



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 or sign up from our website's homepage.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: Stay connected with the church and your friends by following us on our Facebook page: StJohnSouthampton. You can also worship online LIVE on Sundays.

ONLINE GIVING: Links are available on St John's Homepage at www.stjohnssouthampton.org. You may also make an online gift by texting the keyword StJohnSouthampton to 73256 on your cell phone.

BULLETINS: You can follow along our Sunday services by downloading our Bulletins from our website, stjohnssouthampton.org. The Bulletins are uploaded every Saturday afternoon for your convenience.

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.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Join us for
POPCORN THEOLOGY
 February 24 | DOORS OPEN AT 6:45 PM
 MOVIE STARTS AT 7 PM

ARIS SERVETALIS
 ALEXANDER PETROV
 MICKEY SCURKE

MAN OF GOD

Man of God brings to life the incredible true story of Saint Nectarios of Aegina, Greece. A priest of the common people, his humility annoyed the prideful orthodox clergy of the day. In contrast to his religious superiors - the bishops and patriarchs mesmerized by worldly honors and power - Nectarios cared for the poor; taught peasant girls to read and write; inspired by example young men to enter the priesthood; and wrote books and delivered sermons that uplifted nations of believers. In this exquisitely made film, relive Nectarios' inspiring devotion and perseverance as, despite the efforts of the religious establishment to discredit him and dismantle his good works over decades, he embraced humility and inspired thousands to become one of Greece's most renowned saints.

Join Fr Patrick with wine and cheese as well as the usual theatre fare to enjoy this wonderful film and thoughtful discussion.

St. John's Lenten Season Program
Tuesdays • 6:15 PM
February 28
March 7, 14, 21, 28

Evening Prayer at 6:15 PM

Lenten Soup Suppers at 6:30 PM

"The Abolitionists" at 7:30 PM

Join us after our Lenten Suppers for a video series and conversations in five parts – studying the lives and missions of five faithful, yet utterly different, crusaders who confronted the seminal paradox of our nation's history: slavery. Strengthened and informed by their deep Christian faith, Frederick Douglass, William Lloyd Garrison, Angelina Grimké, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and John Brown, (the eloquent eyewitness, the tireless yet frustrated newspaper publisher, the repentant slave owner, the world-changing storyteller, and the failed anti-slavery jihadist), became the conscience of a nation and the winner of people's hearts and minds.

Each night a part of the American Experience documentary, *The Abolitionists*, will be viewed followed by a discussion led by Fr. Patrick, drawing on his scholarship and years of experience teaching U.S. Religious History. Our conversations will focus on how these abolitionists' faith led them to have an impact in their world in deeply dividing and volatile issues, and where they succeeded and failed in their impact and lives' work.



The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy the prophet Moses.

Moses said, “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:1-8

Beati immaculati

**1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
who walk in the law of the Lord!**

**2 Happy are they who observe his decrees *
and seek him with all their hearts!**

**3 Who never do any wrong, *
but always walk in his ways.**

**4 You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.**

**5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!**

**6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.**

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep your statutes; *
do not utterly forsake me.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God

Gospel Hymn 474

When I survey the wondrous cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Valentine's Day Tea Party for Our Lovely, Seasoned Citizens

Join us for a viewing of "Casablanca" on
Tuesday, February 14th at 2 PM in the
Parish Hall

Tea, soft drinks, sweets, cheese and
crackers will be served.

Free admission • All are welcome





Announcements

Sunday Adult Formation

Sundays • 10 AM

Dante's Divine Comedy &

C.S. Lewis's The Great Divorce

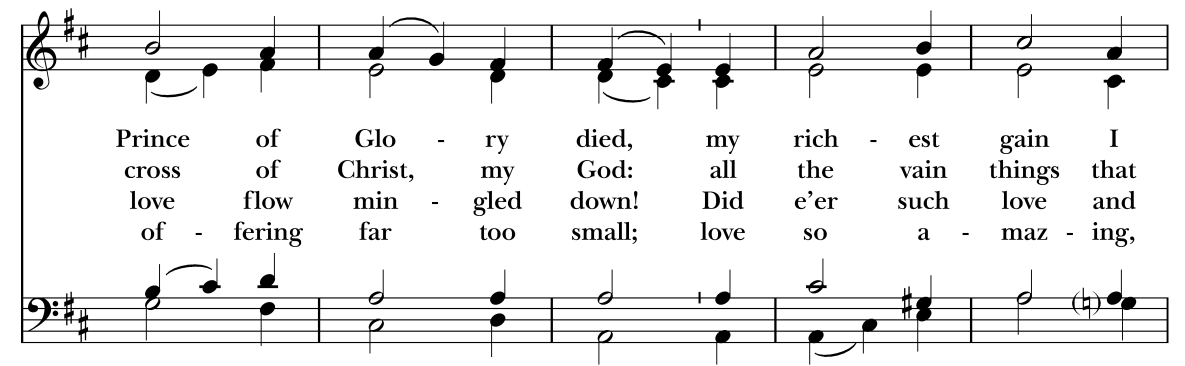
Journeys through the Afterlife reveal how to live in this life.



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 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.



*Celebrant
People*

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

The Gospel

Matthew 5:21-37

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to

lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

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.**

Dedications

The flowers at the altar this week are given to the
Glory of God and in loving memory of Florence Van Nooten
by Florence Rolston.



Verse of the Week

Moses declared, “I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him.”

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

“Quote of the Week”



**“Whatever your heart clings to and confides in,
that is really your God.”**

Martin Luther

German priest, theologian, author, hymnwriter, professor, and Augustinian friar. He is credited with initiating the Protestant Reformation in 1517.

d. 18 February 1546

of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing: for still our an - cient foe
the man of God's own choos - ing: dost ask who that may be?
his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark-ness grim,
through him who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin-dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,
we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for ev - er.

The Dismissal

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

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 Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 688

A mighty fortress is our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood
los - ing; were not the right man on our side,
do us; we will not fear, for God hath willed
bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours

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.

Postcommunion Hymn 314 Humbly I adore thee

1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,

who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:

lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,

tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

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.

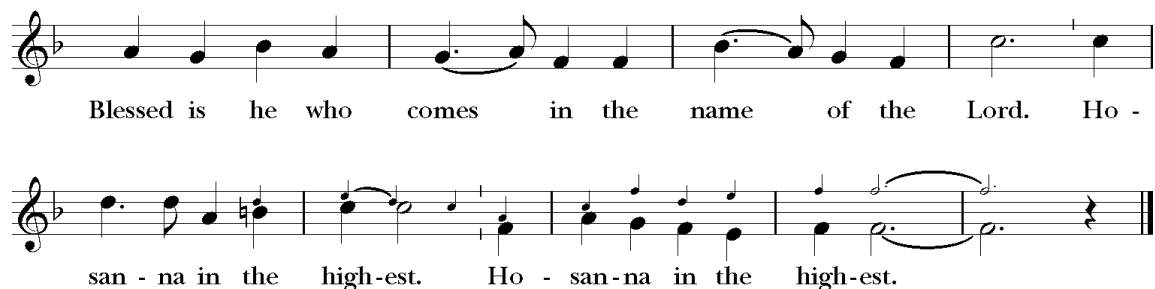
The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A

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.



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.

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

