

On August 6 the Right Reverend Lawrence Provenzano, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island will be our guest preacher and will administer the sacrament of Confirmation to both youths above the age of twelve and adults. In preparation for this sacraments Fr Patrick will conduct confirmation training in two separate sections, one for youth and another for adults.

If you are interested in receiving this instruction and in receiving the sacrament from Bishop Provenzano, please contact Fr Patrick at FrPatrick@StJohnSouthampton.org or the St John's church office at (631) 283-0549. **St. John's Episcopal Church** 100 South Main Street | P. O. Box 5068 Southampton, New York 11969-5068 (631) 283-0549



Esau sells Jacob his birthright for a plate of lentils by Cornelis de Wael

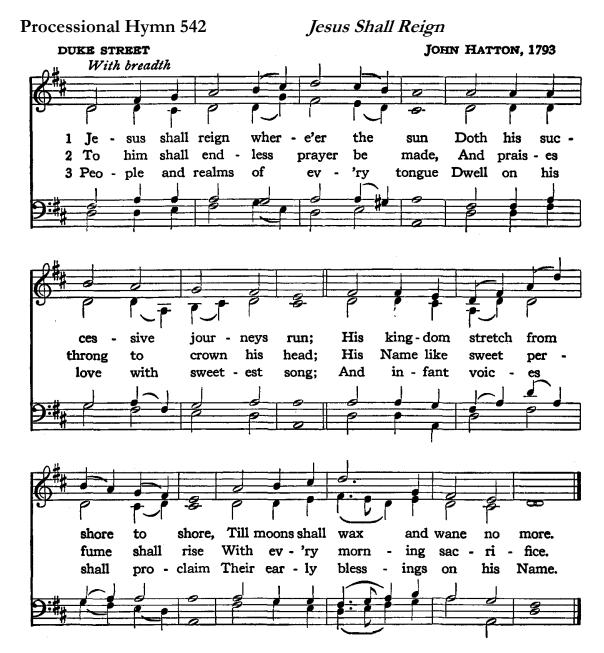
Services are available online through Facebook Live: Facebook.com/StJohnSouthampton

#### Sunday Services

8:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:00 A.M. - Morning Prayer, 1928 St. Andrew's Dune Church <u>Weekday Services</u> <u>Monday – Friday</u> 7:30 A.M. – Morning Prayer, Rite I 6:00 P.M. – Evening Prayer, Rite I **Wednesday** 10:00 A.M. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 16, 2023 • 9:00 AM



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

**WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER:** In order to keep our church family abreast of our latest updates and church reminders, we send out a weekly e-newsletter. If you would like to be included on our email list, contact secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org.

**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.stjohnsouthampton.org. You may also make an online gift by texting the keyword StJohnSouthampton to 73256 on your cell phone.

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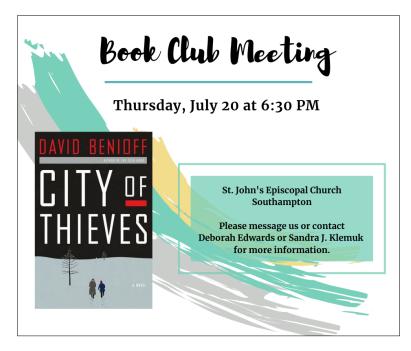
### Help us to maintain our prayer intercession list.

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.



Join us for our monthly Book Club meeting to discuss another wonderfully-penned novel. All are welcome, so please invite your friends.

By turns insightful and funny, thrilling and terrifying, City of Thieves is a gripping, cinematic World War II adventure and an intimate coming-of-age story with an utterly contemporary feel for how boys become men.

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Next Sunday's 11 AM service at St. Andrew's Dune Church will be led by Reverend Charleston David Wilson from The Church of the Redeemer in Sarasota, Florida.

- 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns; The prisoner leaps to lose his chains, The weary find eternal rest, And all the sons of want are blest.
- 5 Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our King;
  Angels descend with songs again,
  And earth repeat the loud Amen.

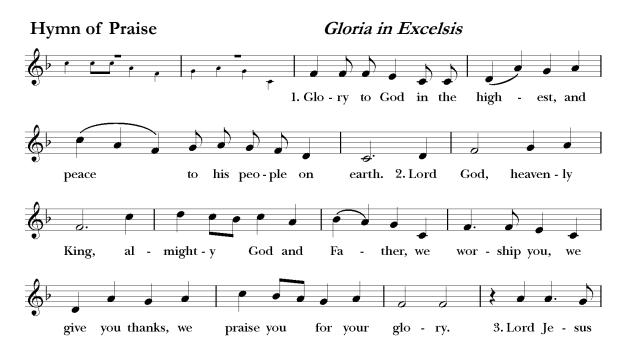
ISAAC WATTS, 1719

#### **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**

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.** 

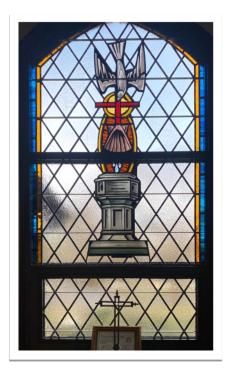




### The Collect

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." *Matthew 5:16*



In the 110 years since our parish church's cornerstone was laid, there have been many events, both great and terrible, that we have enjoyed and endured. Years of worship and celebrations such as weddings and baptisms as well as sorrows such as funerals, natural disasters such as the great Long Island Express hurricane of 1938, and many others. Throughout that time our parish has weathered many storms and prospered to this day.

We have been soliciting donors for our windows and are pleased to announce pledges for several windows. We hope to have the remaining windows pledged very soon.

We are inviting all our members to make pledges, as they are able, above and beyond their regular support of the church, to endow the remaining costs of this project. This is truly an invitation to a great blessing.

In recognition of completing this pledge, a plaque will be erected bearing the name of the donors and their dedications on the west wall of the nave so that generations to come will witness the commitment we have shared together to ensure the physical integrity of our church, enhance its beauty and functionality, and to let our light to continue to shine out into the world from our church.

## If you would like to donate online, please go to

https://onrealm.org/StJohnSouthampton/-/form/give/now

- There is a drop-down menu on the donation card.
- Select 'Stained Glass Window Fund" and follow the directions on the site.

Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

Thank you.

announcements

Gratitude Abounds! A Heartfelt "Thank You" for Your Prayers, Donations, and Time. May God Bless You Richly for Your Continued Support and Dedication.



#### 2023 Outreach Grant Recipients

**Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons Southampton Town Animal Rescue Fighting Chance Coalition for Women's Cancers Honor Flight Time for Teens Carl Davis Family** Ukraine/ Nadia's Presentation Ukrainian Orphanage World Central Kitchen for Turkey & Syria **Bridgehampton Child Care Center Heart of the Hamptons Polar Bear Plunge at Coopers Operation International** Code Green Campaign **Paul Koster 5K Hamptons Community Outreach** I TRI **Kanas Center** 

# The Liturgy of the Word

### **First Reading**

Genesis 25:19 - 34

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided;

the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 119:105-112

## Lucerna pedibus meis

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet \* and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined \* to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; \* preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \* and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, \* yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, \* but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \* truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \* for ever and to the end.

## Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law--- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

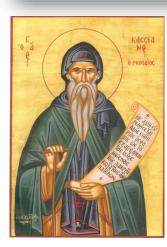
But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in

Verse of the Week

"But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you."

Romans 8:8-11

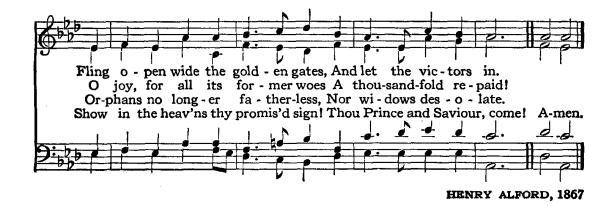
Quote of the Week ??



"God is not only to be known in His blessed and incomprehensible being, for this is something which is reserved for His saints in the age to come. He is also known from the grandeur and beauty of His creatures, from His providence which governs the world day by day, from His righteousness and from wonders which He shows to His saints in each generation."

# John Cassian

Monk and theologian celebrated for his mystical writings bringing the ideas and practices of early Christian monasticism to the West. d. 435



### The Dismissal

CelebrantLet us bless the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

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Dedications

The flowers at the Altar this week are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. William Bunter by The Price Family and in loving memory of Scott Slaughter by Jane & Neill Slaughter. you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God

Gospel Hymn 279

Praise to the Lord

PRAISE TO THE LORDStralsund Gesangbuch, 1665Joyfully, with dignityThe Chorale Book for England, 1863
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty, the King of cre - 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
a tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy reign - eth: Borne as on ea - gle-wings, safe - ly his fend thee; Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
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health and sal - va tion: Join the great throng, Psal - ter - y, saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen How all thou ev - er at - tend thee; Pon - der a - new What the Al -



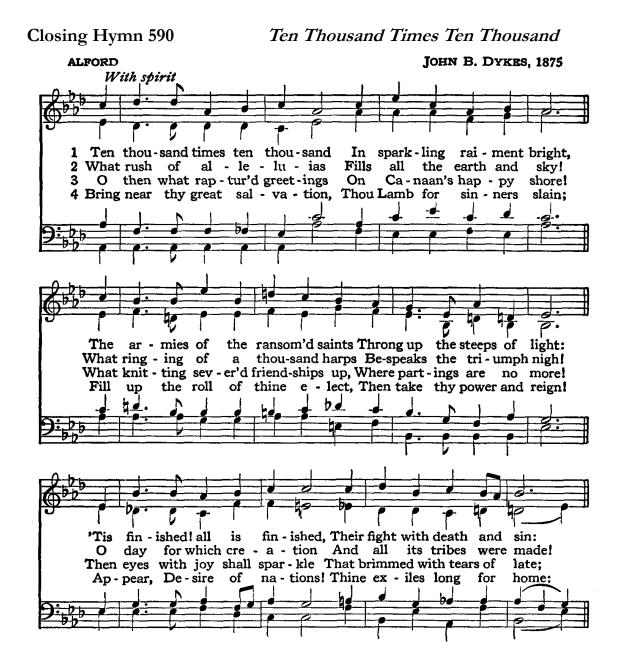
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

# The Gospel

Matthew 13:1 - 9,18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one





### **Postcommunion Prayer**

#### Officiant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen. who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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.

## The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.** 

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Lawrence our diocesan bishop; **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.** 

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joseph, our President; Kathy, our Governor; and Bill, our Mayor; **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.** 

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

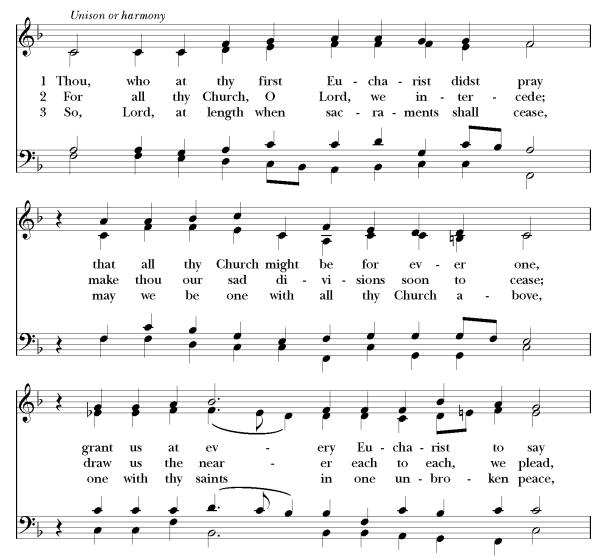
## The Invitation to Communion (BCP 364)

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 315 Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray



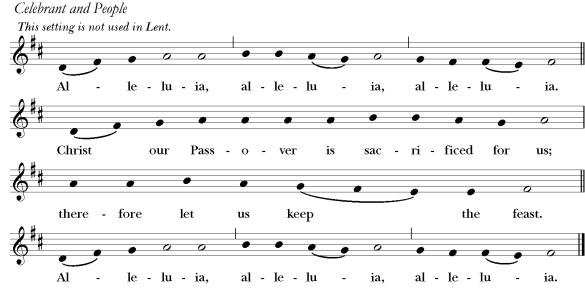
### AMEN.

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



#### The People may add their own petitions.

**Confession of Sin** *The Deacon or Celebrant says* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

#### Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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

OfficiantThe Peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd 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.

### The Great Thanksgiving

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

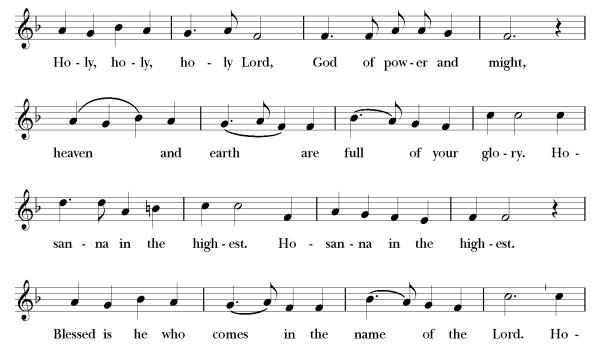
### Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in 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:

### Celebrant and People





### Then 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.