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<u>Sunday Services</u> 8:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:00 A.M. - Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist, Rite I first Sundays of the month <u>Weekday Services</u> Monday – Friday 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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 12, 2023 • 9:00 AM





Seeing Stars?

St. John's recently put the last finishing touch on our St. Saviour's Chapel, which is the traditional Anglican name for a Corpus Christi or Presence Chapel. Thanks to a gift from Sandra Klemuk, we now have stars in the chapel sky that correspond to the stars on the rood screen in the main church nave. (Take a look—you may not have noticed them!)

During the Middle Ages church ceilings were covered in stars, conveying a sense of dwelling inside the heavenly sphere. During the Protestant Reformation, many churches were literally white washed. The stars in our chapel radiate out from the altar, reminding us that Christ is the source of all light and life.

The artist, Margaret Braun, was raised at St. Johns and graduated from Southampton High School in 2008 and attended Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. She is currently living in Houston and works as a muralist throughout the U.S. and Caribbean.



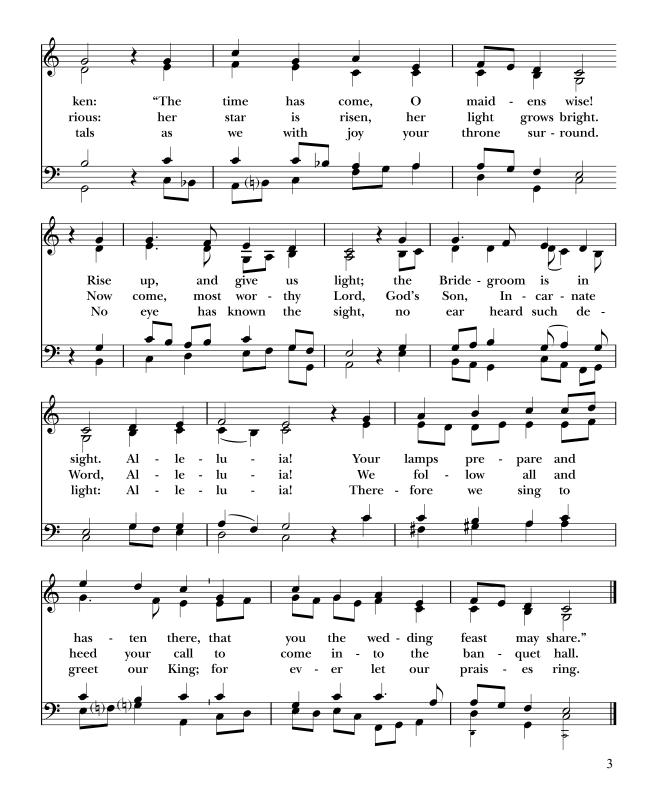
Maureen's Haven is returning to the Presbyterian Church in Southampton. They will be there one Saturday night per month. Many have volunteered to make dinners this year, and below is our schedule to provide lunch or pre-packaged snacks, drinks and desserts for our friends of Maureen's Haven:

- Saturday 12/9/23: lunches- a meat sandwich, a bottle of water or juice, fruit and snack.
- Saturday 1/13/24: pre-packaged snacks and dessert
- Saturday 3/9/24: pre-packaged beverages, pre-packaged dessert and lunches

We can meet at St. John's to pack everything up and then drop off at Presbyterian Church.

Bridgehampton Child Care and Recreational Center will also be hosting Maureen's Haven once a week for the remainder of the year. Please let Florence Rolston know if you're interested in serving dinner there too.

We thank you for your generosity and willingness to spread God's love to our neighbors in need.

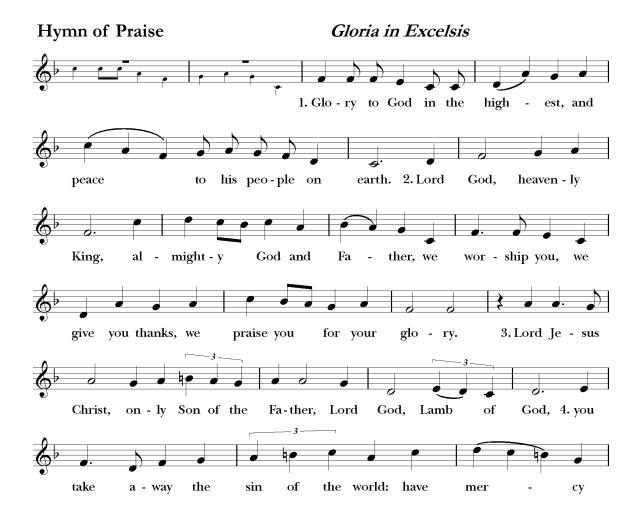


Opening Acclamation

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.**





Appeal for Humanitarian Aid

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The people of the Holy Land and the Diocese of Jerusalem desperately need our help! The peace of Christ remains so elusive in Israel and Palestine as we struggle to understand the complexity of the conflict and appropriately respond as disciples of Christ. We have been in direct contact with Archbishop Hosam Naoum and are now able to invite your tangible support. I am writing to request that you join me in providing critical humanitarian aid through the *American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem*. I am asking that every congregation encourage members and worshippers to support this direct relief program via the weblink below.

https://afedj.org/give/give-online/

In the interest of providing immediate assistance where most needed, online financial support is best. I also invite you to make use of the rich worship and prayer resources available on their website as we seek to join in both spiritual and material support. Please direct all inquiries to the Rev. Canon Suzanne M. Coles

at <u>scoles@dioceseli.org</u>.Thank you for answering the call to relieve human suffering in Christ's name. Pray without ceasing for peace and an end to this senseless violence. We will publish updates as received. Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano Bishop of Long Island

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land. While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children for, to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

How should we read the Bible -The Genesis Story: Reading Old Testament Narratives



Join us at the 10:00 "Adult Formation Hour" on Sundays beginning 3 December 2023.

Reading the Bible is not merely something we "aught" to do, but is required of us as able and faithful Christians. St Paul himself called the Bible "the Sword of the Spirit" in his letter to the Ephesians, and the catechism of the Episcopal Church states, "We call the Bible the Word of God because God inspired its human authors and because God still speaks to us through the Bible."

But HOW should we read the Bible?

In an ongoing series in this academic year, Fr Patrick will be addressing this very question, beginning with the first book of the Bible, Genesis, and by extension the important genre of Old Testament Narratives.



As a vehicle for this first topic we will use a teaching video series conducted by Professor of English Justin A. Jackson and Professor of Politics and History Larry P. Arnn, both of Hillsdale College in Michigan.

Genesis is a book of fundamental importance for the Jewish and Christian faiths and has exerted a profound influence on Western Civilization. In addition to being a great religious text, it is also a literary masterpiece.

These lectures explore some of the work's major narrative themes, including the complex relationship between God and man, the consequences of a rupture in that relationship, and the path towards reconciliation.

We hope to see you there!



The Collect

OfficiantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.OfficiantLet us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

A Reading from the Book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.



The Village of Southampton Commission of Veterans Patriotic Events will be hosting **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12th.** A British Army veteran and a Royal Air Force veteran from Southampton England will present two wreaths in honor of American service men and women.

The wreath laying event will take place at the WWI Memorial in Agawam Park from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

This is the first time that Southampton, NY will be linked with our sister city Southampton, England. It will be a very special event with presentations by both sides of the Atlantic.

All veterans from Southampton and the surrounding areas are asked to join this ceremony of respect and appreciation. Your presence and support will be extremely meaningful and reverent.

In Memoriam: William A. Frankenbach, Colleen M. Frankenbach, Alice Schneider, Fred Calise, Charles Styler, Lubin Hunter

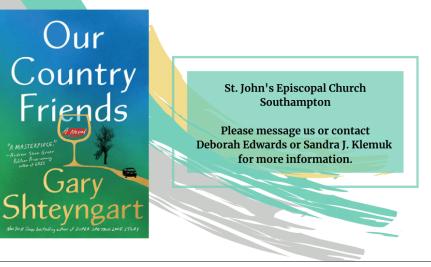


Monday, November 13, 2023 6 PM Evening Prayer | 6:30 PM Dinner St. John's Episcopal Church | All are welcome.

Entrees will be provided. Please provide a side dish to share. Contact the Church office for more information.

Book Club Meeting

Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 PM



All are welcome to join us. Please invite your friends to our monthly meeting to discuss this month's read.

Psalm 78:1-7

Attendite, popule

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; * incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; * I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, * we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, * and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, * which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; * that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, * and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

Second Reading

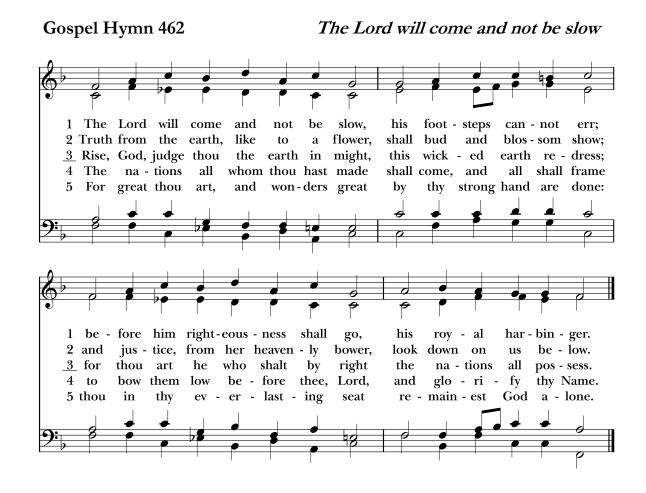
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with

these words.

The Word of the Lord *People* Thanks be to God







The Camino de Santiago A Twelve Hundred Year Old Pilgrimage of Faith





A Program at the Harvest Supper - 13 November beginning at 6:00

Come join Fr Patrick and our fellow parishioner Peter Trapp, both of whom have walked the Camino de Santiago, the ancient 500 mile pilgrimage trail across the north of Spain. Peter is an experienced hiker, having traversed the entire Appalachian Trail, and Fr Patrick is not. After dinner they will share their two unique perspectives on this holy path, the medieval history of Spain and Christendom written in the trail and the sites along the way, and on what it means to walk in the footsteps of saints and sinners to the shrine of Saint James in Compostela.



Verse of the Week

Joshua said, "... Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, ... but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24: 14-15

Quote of the Week ??



"Our holiness is an effect, not a cause; so long as our eyes are on our own personal whiteness as an end in itself, the thing breaks down."

> Charles Simeon English evangelical Anglican priest d. 13 November 1836

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

The Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew. *People:* Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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,

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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.**



The Dismissal

CelebrantLet us bless the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

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The candles at the Altar this month were given in the Glory of God and in loving memory of The Grimm & Rogers Families by Ann Grimm.



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 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

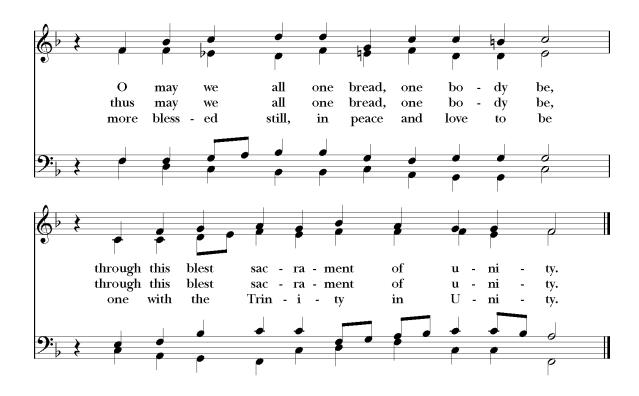
Officiant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Officiant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Officiant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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.

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:

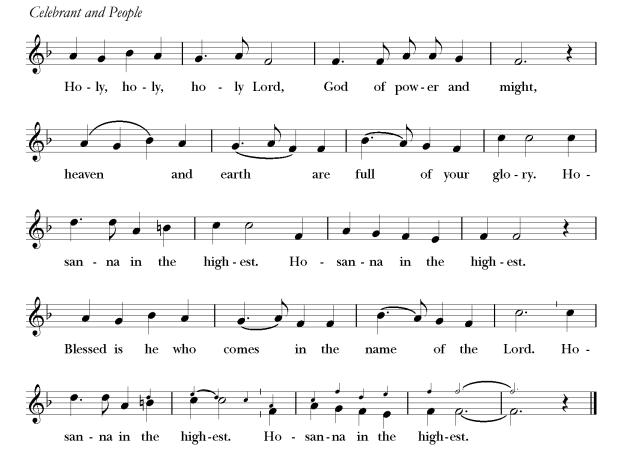


Postcommunion Prayer

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.





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.

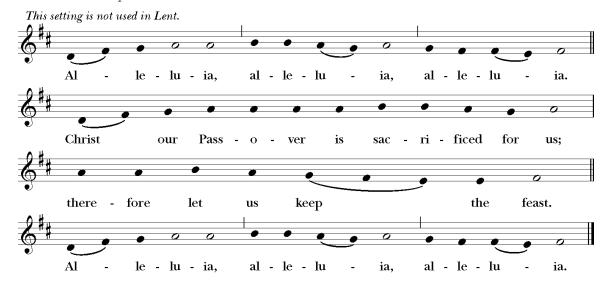
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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



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

