

### Sunday Services

9 AM • Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
 11 AM • Morning Prayer, Rite I  
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 (First Sundays each month)

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# St. John's Episcopal Church

A Parish in Southampton, NY that makes a difference



*The Preaching of St. John the Baptist by Domenico Ghirlandaio*

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 15, 2024 • Holy Eucharist, Rite II • 9 AM**

100 South Main Street | Southampton, New York 11968 | (631) 283-0549

*Welcome! May the peace of Christ fill your heart as you join us in worship today.  
We invite you to open your heart and mind to the Word of God.*

Prelude

Gathering Prayer

Processional Hymn 73

*The King Shall Come*

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to  
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by  
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the  
2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry  
3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph  
5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;  
4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.  
5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

**KNITTING GROUP:** Our group is creating a prayer shawl for our future priest. We will knit four-inch squares in the colors of the Episcopal flag and welcome all skill levels, with kits and guidance available. If you're new to knitting, join us on Wednesday afternoons from 2-4. We'd love to help!

**BULLETINS:** Worshipping remote? You can follow along our Sunday services by downloading our Bulletins from our website, [stjohnsouthampton.org](http://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](mailto:secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org).

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:** Stay connected with the church and your friends by following us on our Facebook page: [StJohnSouthampton](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnSouthampton). You can also worship online LIVE on Sundays.

**ONLINE GIVING:** Links are available on St John's Homepage at [www.stjohnsouthampton.org](http://www.stjohnsouthampton.org). You may also make an online gift by texting the keyword [StJohnSouthampton](https://www.stjohnsouthampton.org) 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](mailto: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.

# BIBLE STUDY

Explore the depths of wisdom and spirituality  
in our Bible study sessions.



THURSDAYS



7 PM

Join our friends from Christ Church Sag Harbor every Thursday for a new Bible study series.

- Grow your faith and engage in kingdom-building discussions.
- Address the challenges facing the Church today: declining membership, securing volunteers, and reaching the next generation.
- Find renewed hope and take action through scripture.
- Materials can be accessed from the link in our e-newsletter.

Join us and be part of this transformative journey.  
Everyone is welcome, so invite friends and family!

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*  
*People*

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

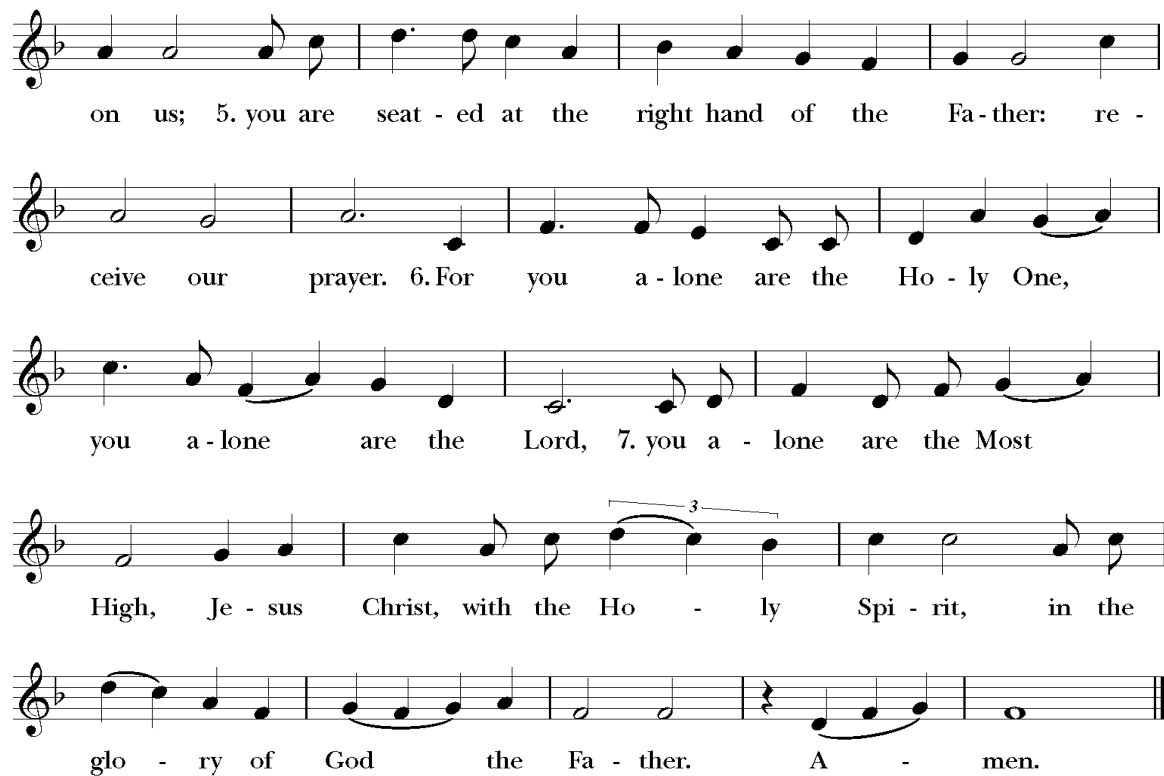
## Collect of Purity

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.**

## 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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## St. John's Episcopal Church Christmas Flowers

Dedications will be included in the Christmas bulletins  
 \*Please indicate whether the offering is a memorial, thanksgiving, etc.

Dedication cards can be found at the Church.  
 Please make checks payable to Saint John's Altar Guild.

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

READERS - GREETERS  
 ALTAR GUILD - COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

St. John's is looking for dedicated parishioners to join us in our mission to to foster a welcoming and supportive community.

If you have the passion to share God's love through service, connect with others, and enrich our parish life, we invite you to volunteer as a greeter, reader, altar guild member, or coffee hour host.

**Questions? Ready to sign up?**

**Please contact the following:**

- **Altar Guild:** Ellen Greaves at [greaves631@yahoo.com](mailto:greaves631@yahoo.com)
- **Coffee Hour:** Sign up sheet in the Parish Hall or Ursula at (631) 283-0549 or [secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org)
- **Reading/Greeting/Ushering:** Please contact Cn. Richard at (631) 974-4987 or [rvisconti10@gmail.com](mailto:rvisconti10@gmail.com)

## Announcements

### Lessons & Carols



**Preceded by the Advent IV, Holy Eucharist, Rite II Service at 9 AM**

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*Christmas*  
**SERVICE SCHEDULE**



*Children's Christmas Pageant at St. Andrew's*  
December 24 • 3 PM

*Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist, Rite II at St. John's*  
December 24 • 7 PM

*Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, Rite II at St. John's*  
December 25 • 10 AM

## The Liturgy of the Word

*All are Seated*

### First Reading

*Zephaniah 3:14-20*

A Reading from the book of Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah    *Ecce Deus***

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

**Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.**

**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.**

**And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

**Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.**

**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**



## *Reflection*

### **Keeping the Season of Advent**

#### **Advent III**

During this Season of Advent, taking our cue from our sanctuary Advent Wreath, we can reflect on four spiritual themes: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

On this Third Sunday in Advent, we focus on the theme of Joy. The word “Joy” is found over 400 times in the Bible. We have the opportunity each and every day to both embrace the joy our Lord gives and extend that joy to those around us. We can both receive and speak joy. When we receive this joy ourselves, we can live a life of peace that can only be sourced from God. When we speak this joy to and over others, God can move in incredible ways in them.

What can I do?

Reflect a little more on this Sunday’s Collect (BCP page 212). How will prayer guide you through the rest of the week? Set aside special time today to focus your intentions on stirring up peace and spreading joy.

Take some time to turn away from the busyness of the world this week. As you do so, give thanks for this time of renewal, reflection and refreshment.

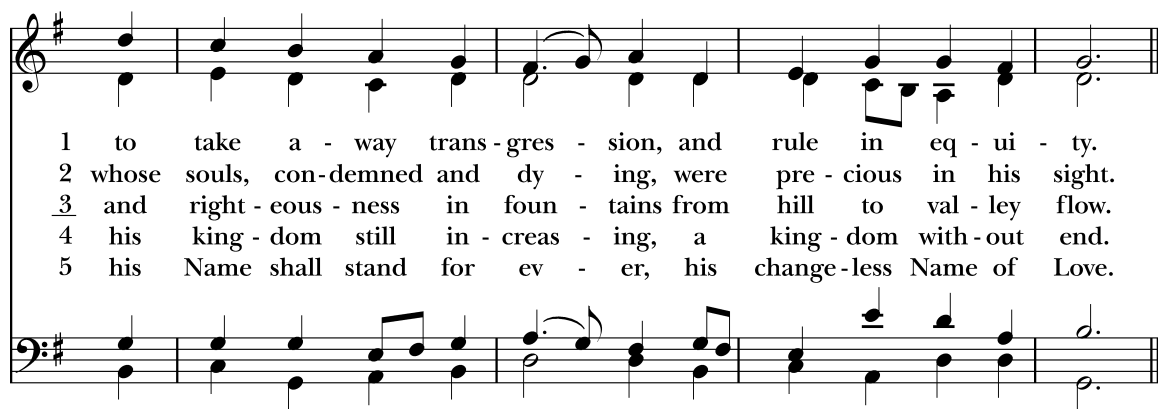
Capture some time any day this week to discern if there is a unique gift or blessing you can share with those around you or through a local community ministry. Ask God to inspire and equip you with the fortitude and tools to make this gift something truly memorable and heartfelt.

If it is not too cold outside, go for a walk and let the air sweep over you, taking away the worry and stress you may be dealing with. Before and after your outside time, read Psalm 100. Ponder how this psalm may help you rest and recharge your spirit.

Read Matthew 4:18-22. How do these verses from the Gospel of Matthew motivate you to read Scripture with new eyes? Reading other translations of this passage might give you some fresh insights.



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

### The Dismissal

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

### Postlude

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### Second Reading

*Philippians 4:4-7*

A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

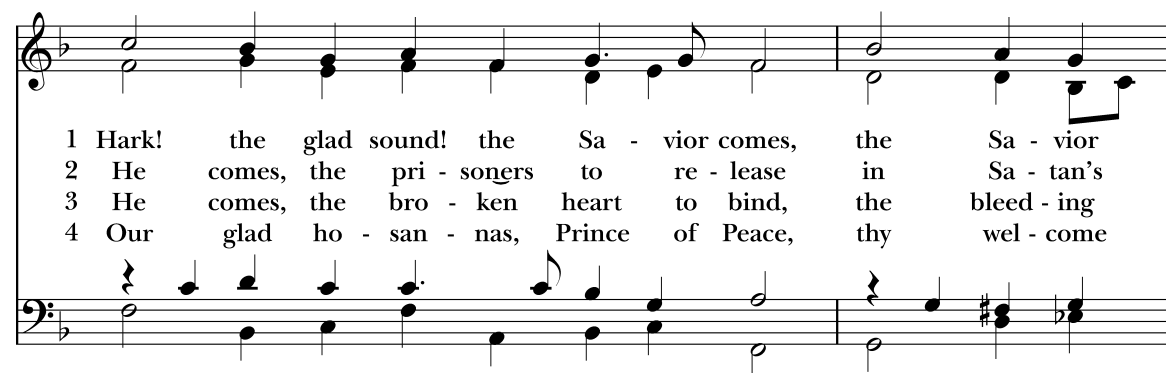
The Word of the Lord

*People* Thanks be to God

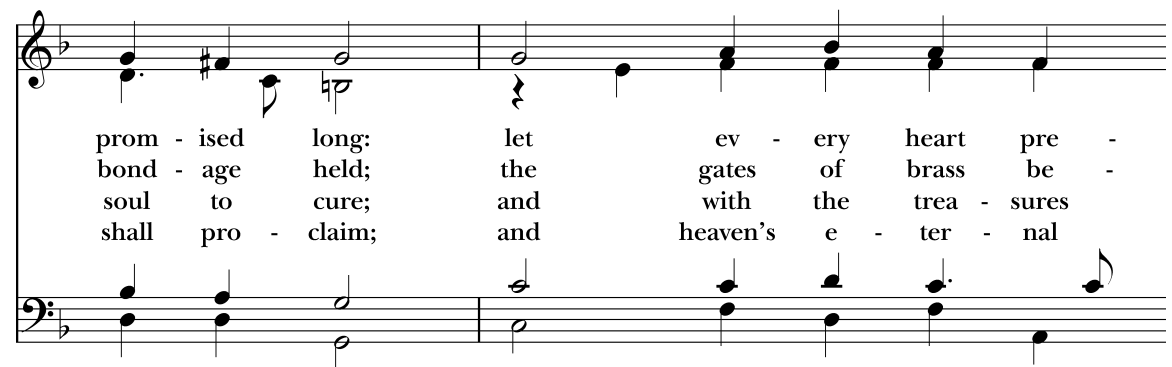
*All Stand*

### Gospel Hymn 72

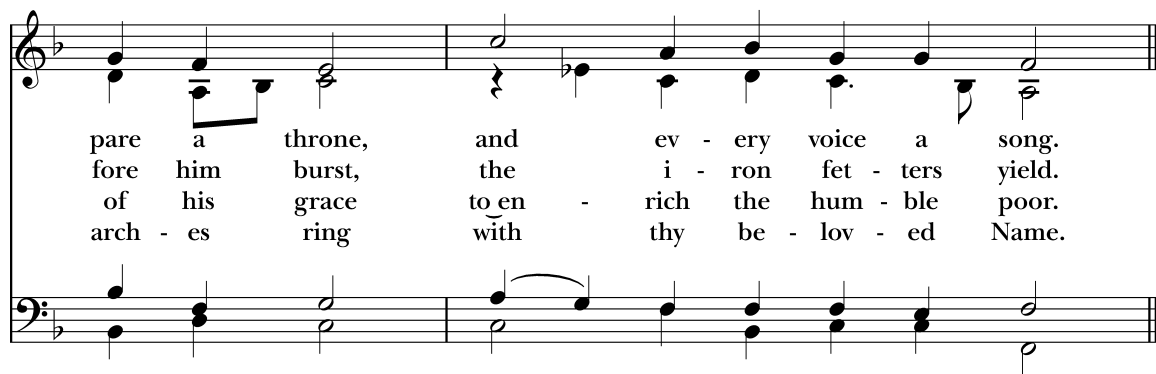
*Hark! The Glad Sound the Savior Comes*



1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior  
 2 He comes, the pri - soners to re - lease in Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come



prom - ised long: let ev - ery heart pre -  
 bond - age held; the gates of brass be -  
 soul to cure; and with the trea - sures  
 shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal



pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Gospel

*Luke 3:7-18*

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

## Advent Blessing

*Priest* May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen**

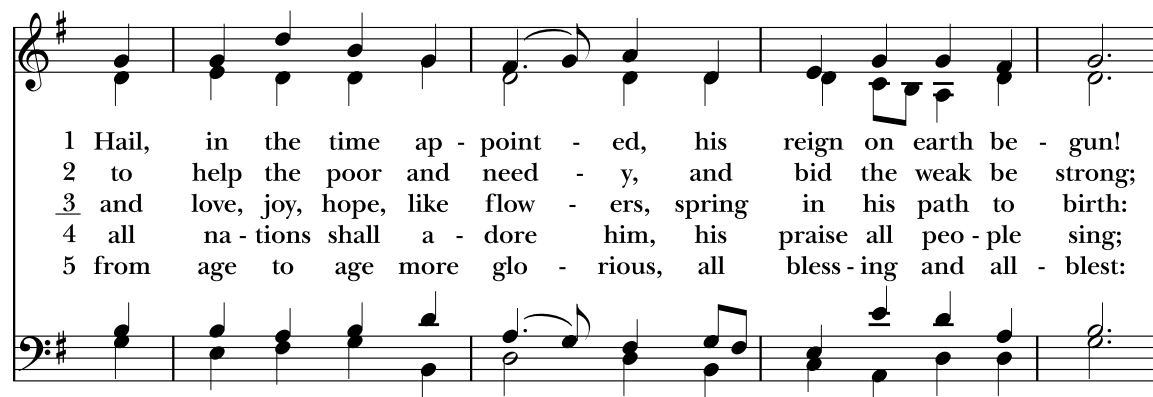
## Closing Hymn 616

## *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

*All Stand*



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth;  
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Officiant 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.

*People Stand or Kneel*

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

*All are seated*

## The Sermon

The Rev. Cn. Richard Visconti

*All Stand*

## The 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** Form VI

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

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

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

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

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

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

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Lawrence, our diocesan bishop; and for all bishops  
and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

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

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant and People*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**The Invitation to Communion (BCP 364)**

*All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive the consecrated bread and/or wine. All are welcome to come up to receive a blessing.*

*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 76**

***On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry***

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John, Mary the Mother of Jesus and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our

Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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

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*

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

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All Kneel*

*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.**

*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**  
*All Stand*

*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.*

*All are seated*

**Announcements**

**Offertory**  
*All Stand for Doxology*

**The Liturgy of the Table**

**The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B**

*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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when He shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold His appearing. 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*

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.

*The People Stand or Kneel*

*Then the Celebrant continues*  
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, 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.”