

Sunday Services

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

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St. John's Episcopal Church

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Adoration of the Magi by Leonardo da Vinci (unrestored)

Second Sunday after Christmas
January 5, 2025 • Holy Eucharist, Rite II • 9 AM

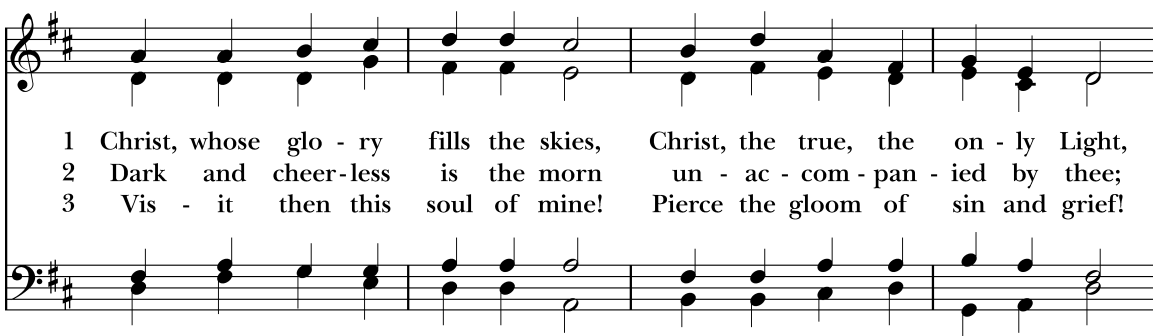
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*Welcome! May the peace of Christ fill your heart as you join us in worship today.
We invite you to open your heart and mind to the Word of God.*

Gathering Prayer

Processional Hymn 7

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-ous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

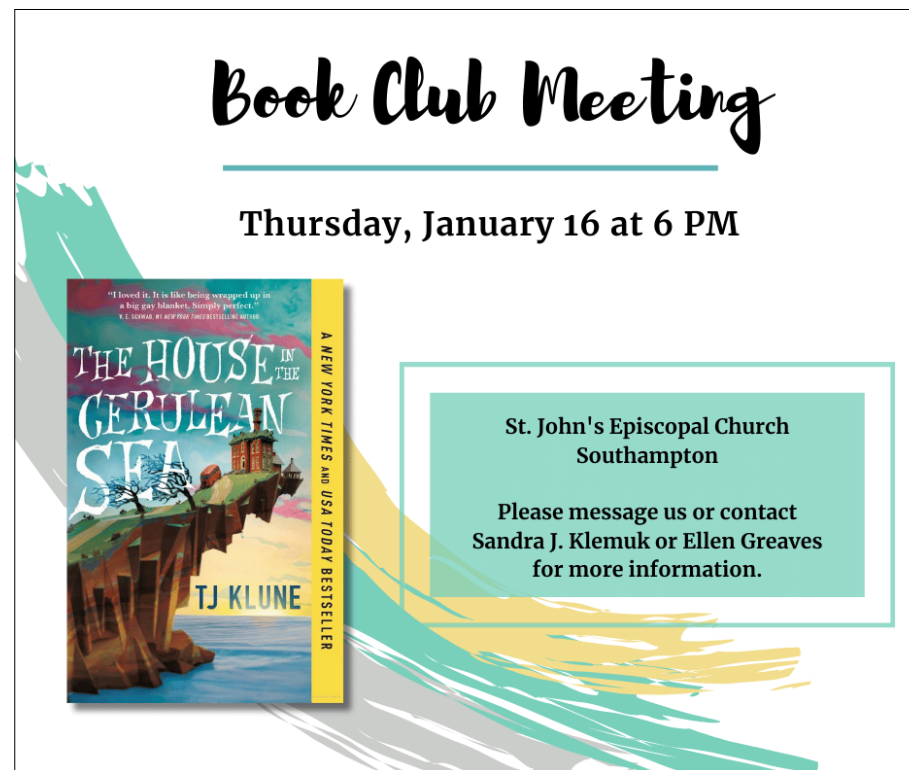


Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

2025 Stewardship Campaign

As we enter this season of reflection and renewal, we invite you to join us in considering the vital role of stewardship in sustaining our church and supporting its mission. This year, as we navigate a time of transition, your commitment is more crucial than ever to maintaining both the physical foundation of our church and the spiritual vibrancy of our congregation. Stewardship at St. John's goes beyond financial giving; it encompasses the time, talent, and service that each of you brings to our shared community. Your generosity supports essential repairs to our facilities, vital outreach programs, and the welcoming atmosphere that makes St. John's a sanctuary for all. We thank you for your continued support and invite you to read the attached letter from our Senior Warden, Lisa Gillespie, as you prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming year.

If you are able to support St. John's, please go to our
2025 Stewardship Drive webpage.



Book Club Meeting

Thursday, January 16 at 6 PM

**St. John's Episcopal Church
Southampton**

Please message us or contact
Sandra J. Klemuk or Ellen Greaves
for more information.

St. John's Episcopal Church Christmas Dedications

The Christmas Flowers at the Altar were given in the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory Of

John L Griffin given by Carol Lee Griffin

The Loved Ones of the Lord & Gillespie Family given by Lisa & David Gillespie

The Loved Ones of the Rolston Family given by Florence Rolston

The Loved Ones of the Holme Family given by The Holme Family

Josephine & Warren Johnson and Linda & Barry Van Name given by Judy Johnson

Alex & Zella Hawke, Hobart Gary, and Peter Larsen given by John McGuire

Colleen Frankenbach & William A. Frankenbach given by Lisa McWilliams

William F McCoy & Kyoko Sato given by The McCoy Family

Ladd Willis given by Cindy Willis

The Loved Ones of the Ficara & Ireton Families given by The Ficara & Ireton Family

James C. Ferrer given by Jeanne Ferrer

Ben Griffith, Fred & Ora Kelling, Rick Kelling, and Genevieve & Arthur Penny
given by Pat Griffith

The Loved Ones of the Grimm & Rogers Families given by Ann Grimm
given by Ann Grimm

Laine Maria Wayne & Dorothy Sheldon Gordon given by Gloria Meyers

Butch Fitch, Bill Greaves, and Greg Dimijian given by Ellen Greaves

Their Son, Sam Price, given by Robert & Susan Price

Mr. & Mrs. William Bunter given by Robert & Susan Price

Fred Kollhopp given by Pat Kollhopp

Richard & Nancy Butler, Laura Belle Shaffer, and George & Mildred Butler
given by Lynn, Pearce & Gigi Butler

The Loved Ones of the Klemuk & Braun Families given by Sandra Klemuk

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.**

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



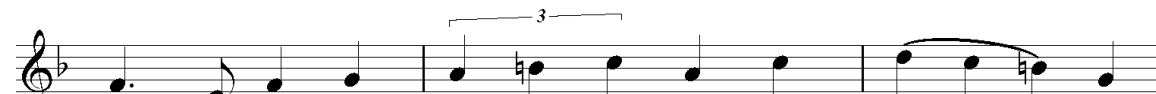
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



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, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

St. John's 2024 Outreach Recipients

In 2024, St. John's Outreach touched countless lives through the generosity of those who gave their time, prayers, and financial support. Your contributions made it possible to extend compassion and resources to individuals and communities in need, reflecting the true spirit of our mission. Below is a list of the recipients whose lives were impacted by your kindness and dedication.

- ARF
- SH Town Animal Rescue
- Fighting Chance
- K.I.N.D (Kids in Need of Desks)
- 3-Year school sponsorship for one child
- Open Arms Care Center
- Food Distribution Center in Riverhead
- East End Hospice Bridgehampton Childcare Center
- Heart of the Hamptons
- I TRI
- Island Gift of Life
- Julie Kremborg Scholarship Fund
- Paul Koster Memorial Fund
- Tunnel 2 Towers
- Time for Teens
- Samaritan's Purse
- World Central Kitchen
- Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry
- Heifer International

The Liturgy of the Word

1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
 2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,
 4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,
 5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,

1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
 3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
 4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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All are Seated

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
 and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,
 "Save, O Lord, your people,
 the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
 and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,

among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
 those in labor, together;
 a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
 and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,
 in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,
 and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
 and declare it in the coastlands far away;

say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
 and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
 and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
 and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,

over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;

their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,

says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84

Quam dilecta!

**1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

**2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**

**3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.**

**4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

**5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

**6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

**with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

People Stand or Kneel

Christmastide Blessing

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 117

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

All Stand

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,
4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,
5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;

Postcommunion Hymn 314

Humbly I Adore Thee Verity Unseen



1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;



who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.



lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;



tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.

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**

**7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.**

**8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

**9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

**10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;**

**11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.**

**12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

All Stand

Gospel Hymn 128

We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

O ——— star of won - der, star of night,

star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,

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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
 have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
 have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
 grant us peace.

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.

Remember our Diocesan Bishop Lawrence and all who minister in your Church.
Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.
Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

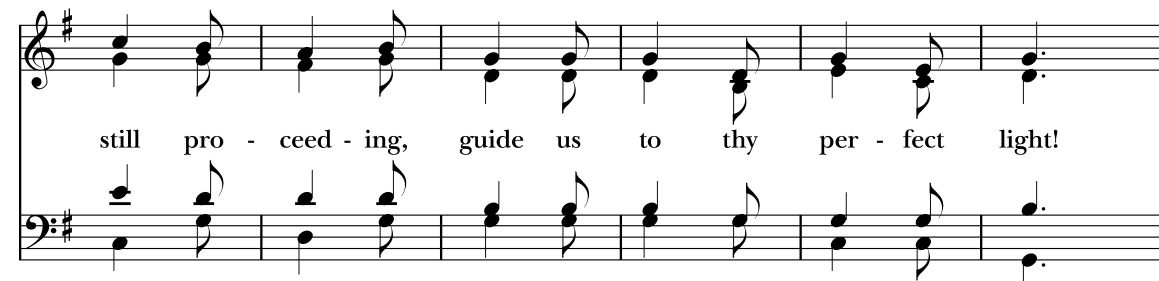
And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, Saint John, Saint Andrew and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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 Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

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

The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

All are seated

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.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or 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.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you,

we give thanks to you,

and we pray to you, Lord our God.

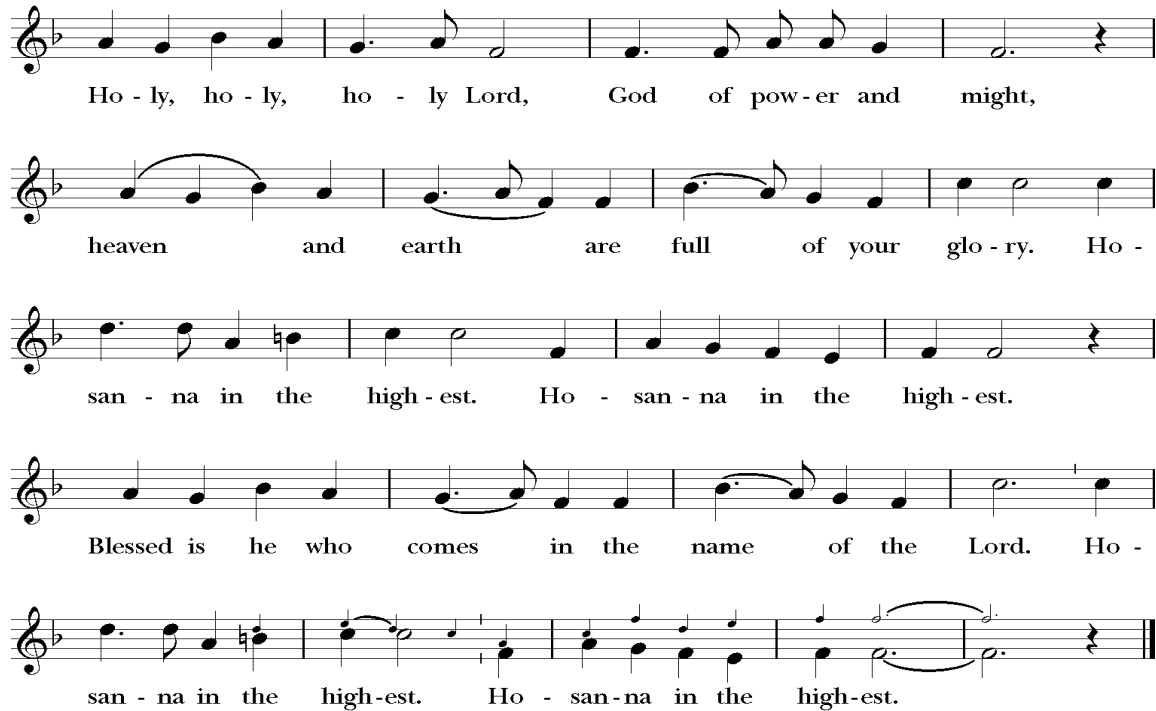
The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

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

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Celebrant: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. We pray as pilgrims, "Lead us to your presence; Let us see your glory!"

Intercessor: Almighty God, grant to your Church wisdom. Work through us that we might lead many to the knowledge and love of You.

Silence

Lead us to your presence.

People: **Let us see your glory.**

Defend the needy, Lord Christ. Rescue the poor, and thwart all the ways of oppression.

Lead us to your presence.

People: **Let us see your glory.**

The heavens reveal your wonders, O God. Give us eyes to see, hearts to follow, and lives that pay you homage.

Lead us to your presence.

People: **Let us see your glory.**

Bless all students as they return to school and university. May they find wisdom as well as knowledge; give them a hunger for your truth.

Lead us to your presence.

People: **Let us see your glory.**

Loving God, you are the help of the helpless and the deliverer of those in distress; bless and heal all those in need.

Intercessions

Lead us to your presence.

People: **Let us see your glory.**

Great redeemer, you have guided us to your presence, you have shown us your glory. Grant us, that we might at last, see you face to face.

Lead us to your presence.

People: **Let us see your glory.**

Celebrant: Gracious and loving God, we come before you with no gifts but ourselves. Accept and receive our lives that we may be manifestations of your presence; let the light of your Spirit shine within and among us, so we may share in the mystery of your purpose of blessing for all creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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.

Offertory Sentence

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.
Psalm 50:14

Offertory Hymn or Instrumental

All Stand for Doxology

Doxology

**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.**

The Liturgy of the Table

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer D

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,