

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**

A Parish in Southampton, NY that makes a difference



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The Rev. Cn. Richard Visconti

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**The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ • Candlemas
February 2, 2025 • Holy Eucharist, Rite II • 9 AM**

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Welcome to St. John's!

If you're visiting us today, we warmly invite you to sign our guest register at the back of the church and share your contact information. This helps us stay connected and share updates about our ministries, events, and opportunities to grow in faith.

We're delighted you've joined us for worship. May the peace of Christ fill your heart and the Word of God inspire you during this time together.

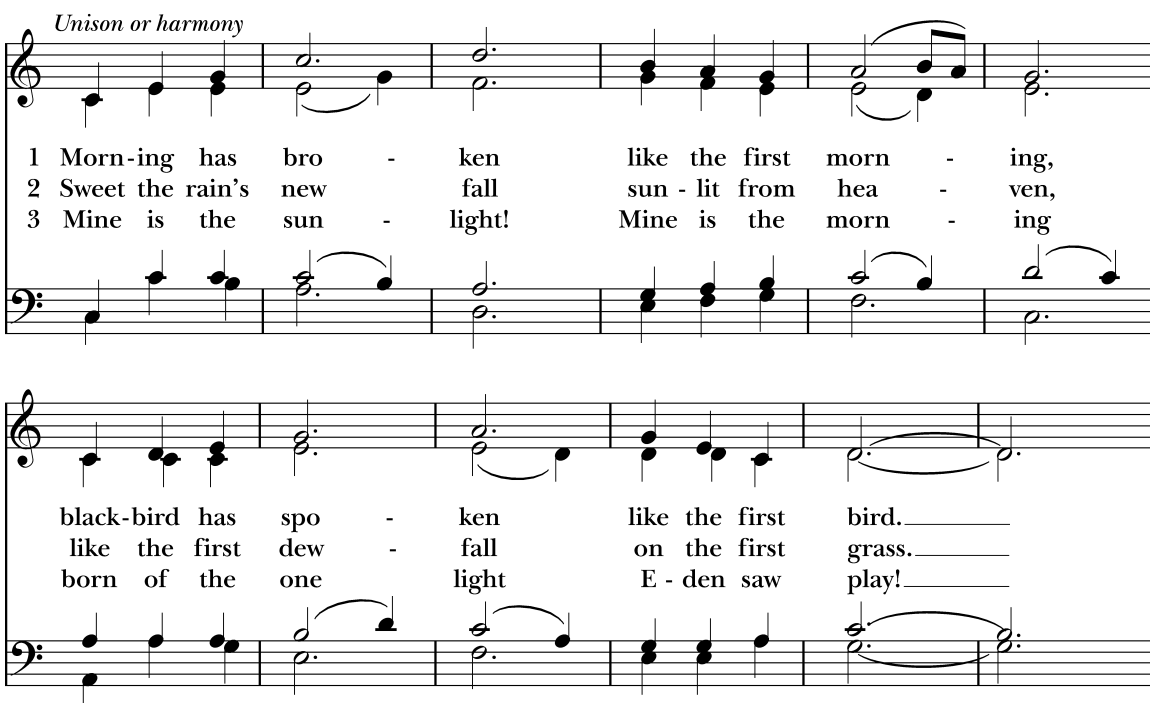
Prelude

Gathering Prayer

Processional Hymn 8

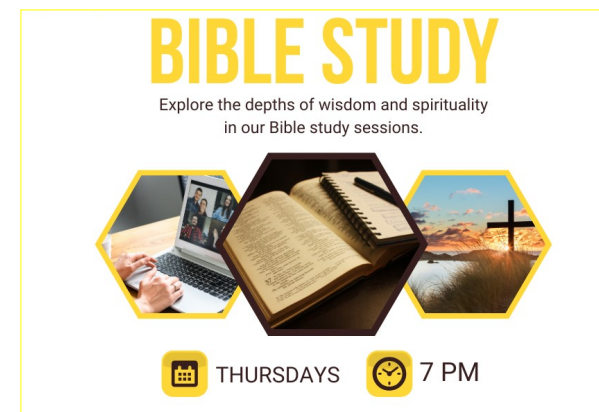
Morning Has Broken

Unison or harmony



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
born of the one light E - den saw play! _____



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

THURSDAYS 7 PM

Join us for our weekly Bible Study series, led by The Reverend Dr. Cecily Broderick -Guerra, every Thursday at 7 PM via Zoom! This engaging study brings together participants from various congregations across the Diocese. This season, we will explore the minor prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures—Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, and Haggai—continuing until Ash Wednesday. Each session concludes with Compline at 8 PM.

Meeting ID: 837 6688 5713

Passcode: ChChBible

Everyone is welcome to join as we come together in faith, fellowship, and the study of God's word. Visit our website for more information. See you online!

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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: BULLETINS: The weekly Bulletins, uploaded every Saturday, can be found on our website 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 Ursula at 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 the website or text "StJohnSouthampton" to 73256.

Coffee Hour is our Happy Hour

Join us!
Sundays at 10 AM

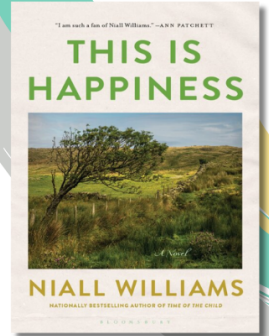
Good brews.
Great conversations.

Even better company.
All are welcome!



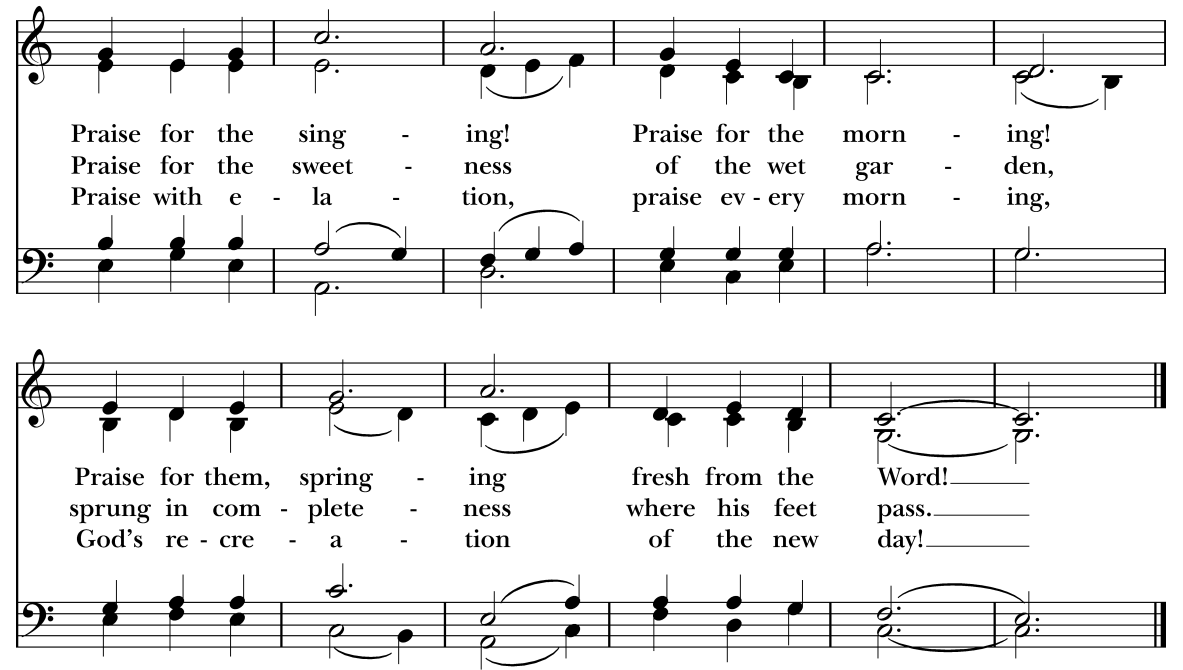
Book Club Meeting

Thursday, February 20 at 6 PM



St. John's Episcopal Church
Southampton

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



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Opening Acclamation

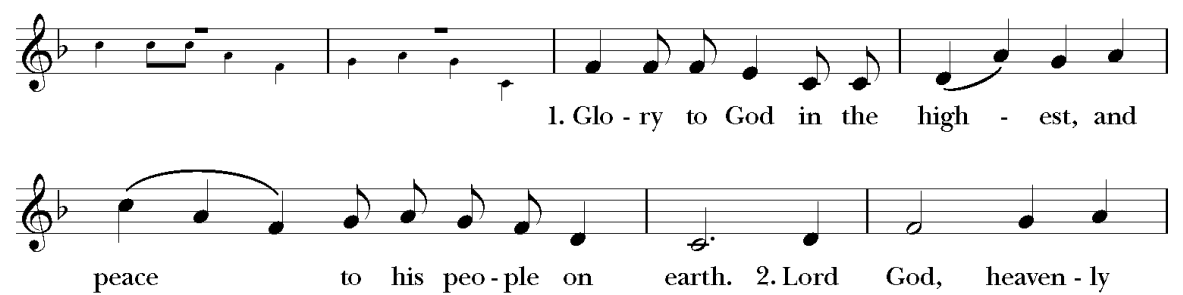
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
 READERS - GREETERS
 ALTAR GUILD - COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

St. John's is looking for dedicated parishioners to join us in our mission 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.

Please contact the following:

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



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January 16, 2025

Dear Friends:

The Altar Guild of St. John's Episcopal Church is planning the schedule of flowers and candles for the altar during the year (**Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2025**). Traditionally, these have been given in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for the life of someone still living.

If you wish to participate in this ministry, please fill out the enclosed form(s) and return them to the Parish office. **Please make all checks payable to: St. John's Altar Guild.**

Please be aware, as has been customary, that **NO FLOWERS** will be in the Church during the season of Lent, **March 5 through April 6, 2025**. Please do not request flowers during this time. Candles may be requested for the months of March and April.

Palms will be on the altar on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025. Easter flowers stay on the altar for two weeks (April 20 and April 27, 2025), and Christmas flowers stay on the altar from December 24th through January 4, 2026. No further requests are necessary for these dates as St. John's Episcopal Church provides specific envelopes found in the pews at St. John's beginning a few weeks prior to both Easter and Christmas.

If possible, the Altar Guild requests that you designate a particular month for your gift of flowers rather than a particular Sunday. This will allow flexibility and assure that memorial flowers are present each week.

Each Sunday's bulletin will note the designation of that morning's flowers, and candles will be acknowledged at the beginning of each month. Following the last service on Sunday you are welcome to pick up the flowers you donated.

On behalf of St. John's Episcopal Church and your Altar Guild, please accept our grateful thanks for your consideration and kind support.

Please note that the actual cost of flowers is \$75 per week, so please be generous in giving.

Yours truly,

Ellen Greaves
St. John's Altar Guild

The Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

All are Seated

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

A Reading from the book of Malachi.

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24:7-10

Domini est terra

**7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.**

**8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle."**

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

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

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

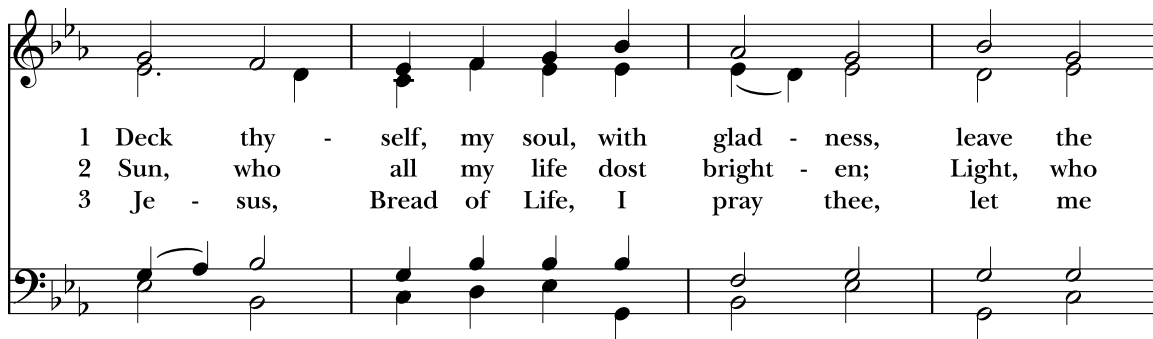
The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

All Stand

Gospel Hymn 339

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness



1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

Friends, our Annual Parish Meeting will be held **NEXT SUNDAY, February 9** after our 10 AM service. This will be the only service for the day. We invite you to join us for brunch in the Parish Hall afterwards. The meeting will include the election of Vestry members and a warden. We pray that you will attend our important event.



Nominees for Vestry for another three-year term:

Jeanne Ferrer, Lisa Gillespie, Pat Griffith

Nominees to complete unexpired terms:

Håkan Wohlin and Kathleen Doherty

Nominee for Warden two-year term:

Lisa Vahradian

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won - drous ban - quet found - ed— high o'er all the heavens he
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
 according to your word;
 for my eyes have seen your salvation,
 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
 a light for revelation to the Gentiles
 and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling

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.

People Stand or Kneel

Epiphany Season Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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 436

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

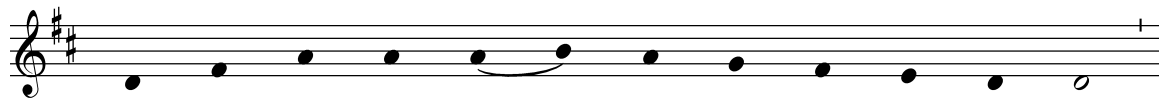
All Stand

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 *4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

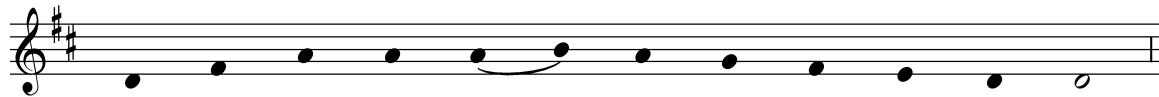
1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

Postcommunion Hymn 314

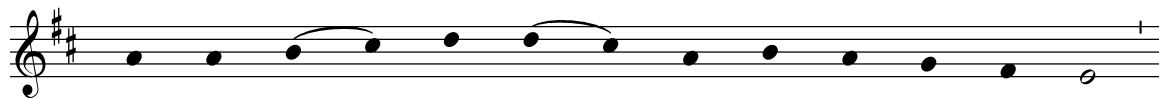
Humbly I Adore Thee Verity Unseen



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

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Officiant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,

and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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.

The Prayers of the People for Candlemas

The Leader and People pray responsively

Celebrant

We long for the promise of God to be fulfilled. Standing with Anna and Simeon, praying for the redemption of the world, saying. "Let our eyes see your salvation."

Intercessor

For the Church and our call to work for reconciliation in Christ's name, we pray,
Let our eyes see your salvation.

Put those in civil authority, our President Donald, our Governor Kathy and our Mayor William, that they make decisions for the common good, we pray,
Let our eyes see your salvation.

For all those in places of strife, war and conflict, for those who suffer from systems of oppression and injustice; embolden us to respond with your love. Justice, and mercy, we pray,
Let our eyes see your salvation.

For those who are without shelter, for those who hunger, for victims of inclement and violent weather; and for all those who are sick and suffering; open our hearts to respond in Christ's name, we pray,
Let our eyes see your salvation.

For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory
 for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

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 Saint John 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 all those who have died and know already the salvation that Christ promises; for all those who mourn, we pray,

Let our eyes see your salvation.

For the many blessings of our lives, for ourselves and all those we love, we pray,

Let our eyes see your salvation.

Intercessions

Celebrant

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Silence

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 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 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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

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