

### 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



Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 16, 2025 • Holy Eucharist, Rite II • 9 AM

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

## 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 546 *Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve*



1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor  
2 A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round hold thee in full sur -  
3 'Tis God's all - an - i - mat-ing voice that calls thee from on  
4 Then wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor



on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and  
vey; for - get the steps al - read - y trod and  
high; 'tis his own hand pre - sents the prize to  
on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and



an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.  
on - ward urge thy way, and on - ward urge thy way.  
thine as - pir - ing eye, to thine as - pir - ing eye.  
an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.



## Saint John's Episcopal Church

100 South Main Street

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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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

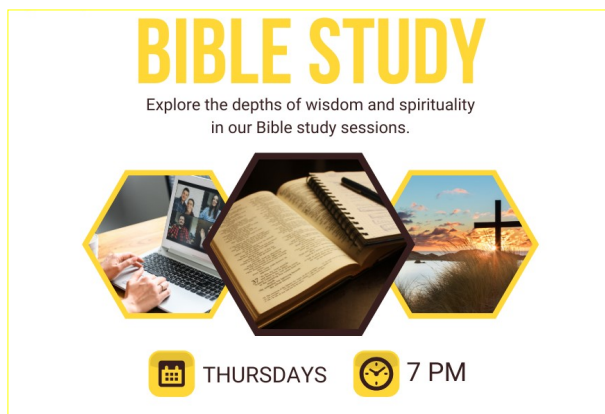
On behalf of St. John's Episcopal Church and your Altar Guild, please accept our grateful thanks for your consideration and kind support.

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



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](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 website or text “StJohnSouthampton” to 73256.

## 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

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, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# 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.

# Coffee Hour is our Happy Hour

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Join us!  
Sundays at 10 AM

Good brews.  
Great conversations.

Even better company.  
All are welcome!

## 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.**



### **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)
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## The Liturgy of the Word

*All are Seated*

### **First Reading**

*Jeremiah 17:5-10*

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse--  
who can understand it?

I the Lord test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 1

*Beatus vir qui non abiit*

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 15:12-20*

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

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Word of the Lord

*People*      **Thanks be to God**

*All Stand*



Our next outreach opportunity with Maureen's Haven will take place at the Bridgehampton Child Care Center on **Wednesday, February 26, at 5 PM.** We invite parishioners to join us in serving a meal and offering hospitality to those in our community. If you would like to help, please reach out to Florence Rolston or contact the parish office. Your support makes a meaningful difference!

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**The North Sea Maritime Center**  
presents  
**"Shinnecock Kelp Farmers Helping  
to Save the Bays"**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**  
**2 PM**  
**ST JOHN'S CHURCH'S**  
**UNDERCROFT**

## The Dismissal

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

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## Announcements

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Parish Meeting last Sunday. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a parish family, reflect on the past year, and review the work of our ministries and financial status. We also elected the slate of candidates for Vestry and Warden, ensuring strong leadership for the year ahead.

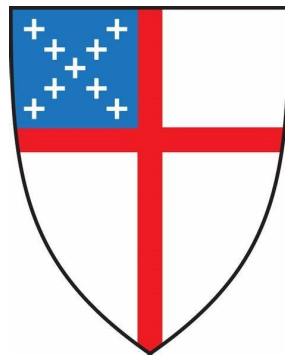
**Your presence and participation was truly appreciated!**

### Elected Members of the Vestry

Jeanne Ferrer, Lisa Gillespie, Pat Griffith, Håkan Wohlin and Kathleen Doherty

### Elected Warden

Lisa Vahradian



## Gospel Hymn 411

## *O Bless the Lord, My Soul*

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!  
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;  
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;  
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!  
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.  
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.  
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.  
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,  
whose grace hath made thee whole,  
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:  
O bless the Lord, my soul!

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

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

## The Gospel

*Luke 6:17-26*

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those

who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

“But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

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

*All are seated*

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Cn. Richard Visconti**

## Closing Hymn 376

## *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*All Stand*

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.





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 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.**

*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 III

*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;  
**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;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

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

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

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

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

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

### Intercessions

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All Kneel*

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.

### 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.

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.**

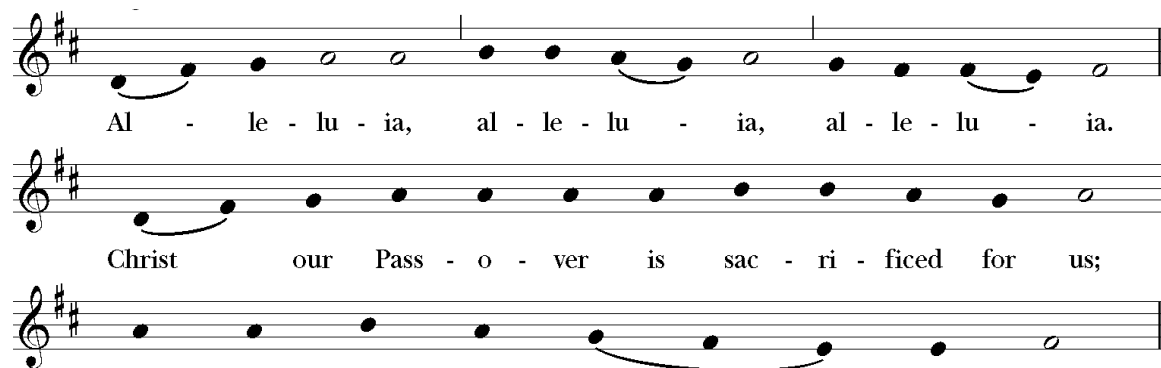
And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*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.**

## 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;

*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 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 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