

Sunday Services

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

Services are available online through
Facebook Live:
[Facebook.com/StJohnSouthampton](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnSouthampton)

For Pastoral emergencies, please contact Cn. Richard at (631) 974-4987 or
rvisconti@stjohnsouthampton.org

Interim Priest-in-Charge

The Rev. Cn. Richard Visconti

The Vestry

Bill McCoy – Senior Warden
Lisa Vahradian - Junior Warden
Sandra Klemuk - Vestry Secretary/Clerk
Kathleen Doherty - Treasurer
Jeanne Ferrer
Lisa Gillespie
Pat Griffith
Florence Rolston
Håkan Wohlin

Senior & Junior Wardens of the Vestry

warden@stjohnsouthampton.org

Bill McCoy - Senior Warden

(718) 762-6683 or wemccoy@aol.com

Lisa Vahradian - Junior Warden

(917) 509-2513 or lisa_vahradian@yahoo.com

St. John's Office

Ursula Anderson

(631) 283-0549 or secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org



St. John's Episcopal Church

A Parish in Southampton, NY that makes a difference



Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
February 23, 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 574 *Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel*

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

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: 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](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.

+++

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 through Ash Wednesday. Each session concludes with Compline at 8 PM. 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!



Saint John's Episcopal Church

100 South Main Street

P.O. Box 5068

Southampton, New York 11969



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

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
 sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
 catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
 God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

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

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.

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

+++

Coffee Hour is our Happy Hour

Join us!
 Sundays at 10 AM

Good brews.
 Great conversations.

Even better company.
 All are welcome!



Lent is a sacred season of reflection, repentance, and renewal, inviting us to draw closer to God and Jesus through prayer, worship, and intentional practice. All are welcome to join us for the following opportunities to deepen our faith:

Ash Wednesday – March 5

- Holy Eucharist Rite II with Imposition of Ashes
- Services at Noon and 6 PM

Lenten Soup Suppers – Begin March 11 at 6 PM

- Evening Prayer in the Church
- Soup Supper in the Parish Hall (organized by Ellen Greaves)
- Reflections on the Lectionary Readings of Holy Week – 7 PM
 - Presented by Canon Richard
 - Exploring the Episcopal Church’s understanding of *The Way of Love* and practices for a Jesus-centered life

Join us in this season of spiritual growth as we commit to following Jesus more intentionally through learning, prayer, and worship.



The Collect

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

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing; Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, 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

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says

your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.”

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

Noli aemulari

**1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.**

**2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.**

**3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.**

**4 Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.**

**5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.**

**6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.**

**7 Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.**

**8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

**9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.**

Announcements



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!

+++

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 as you prayerfully consider your pledge for the year.

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

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
 3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -
 4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
 5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
 2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.
 3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.
 4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;
 5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

All Stand

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

+++



The candles at the Altar this month are given in the Glory of God and in honor of Frederick Rolston and in loving memory of Florence Van Nooten by Florence Rolston.

**10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
 but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.**

**11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
 you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.**

**12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *
 they will delight in abundance of peace.**

**41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; *
 he is their stronghold in time of trouble.**

**42 The Lord will help them and rescue them; *
 he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
 because they seek refuge in him.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

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

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

All Stand

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.**

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.

Closing Hymn 609

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

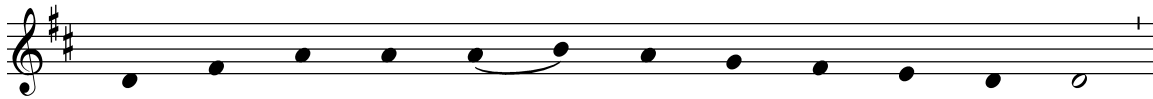
1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed
 3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the
 4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
 5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

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.

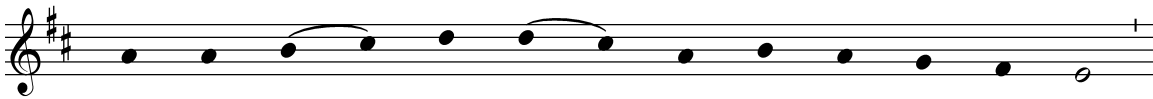
Postcommunion Hymn 314 *Humbly I Adore Thee Verity Unseen*



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.



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.

The Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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 - 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.

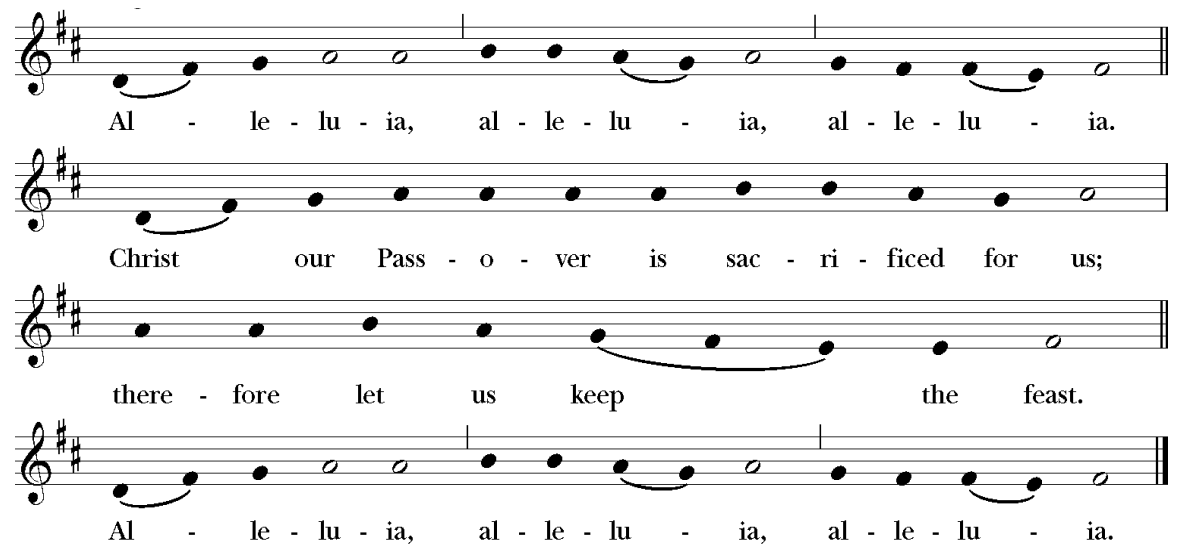
We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

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;
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.

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

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.**

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

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.

Psalms 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.**

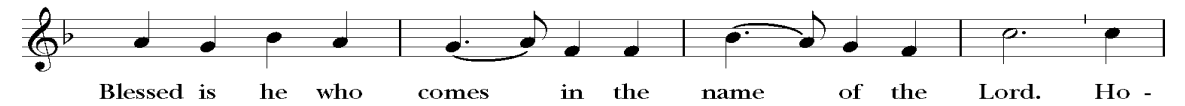
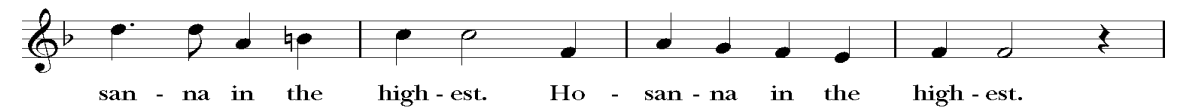
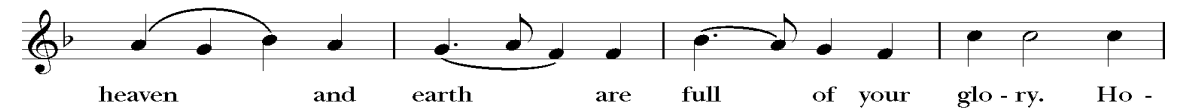
The Celebrant proceeds

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



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.