

Sunday Services

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

Services are available online through
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St. John's Episcopal Church A Parish in Southampton, NY that makes a difference





First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025 • Holy Eucharist, Rite II • 9 AM

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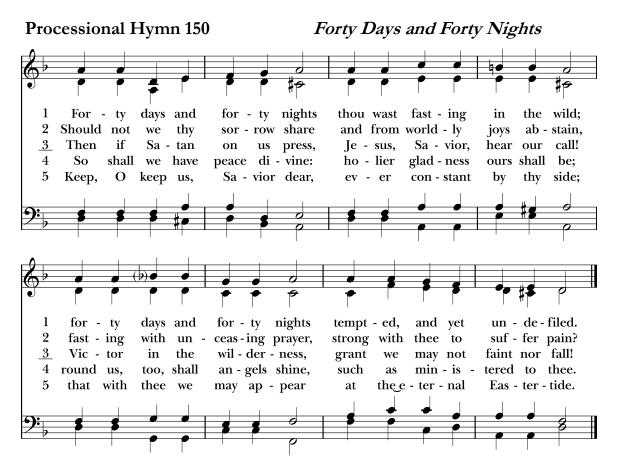
Welcome to St. John's!

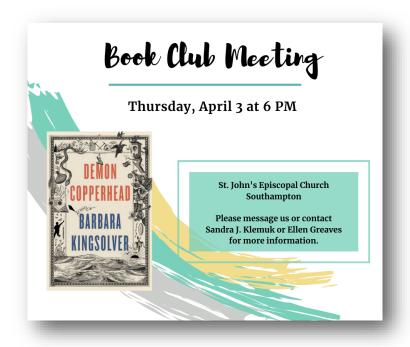
If you're visiting us today, we warmly invite you to sign our guest register at the back of the church and share your contact information. This helps us stay connected and share updates about our ministries, events, and opportunities to grow in faith.

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





COFFEE HOUR: Join us for good brews and great conversations every Sunday at 10 AM. The is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship. Visitors are always welcome to learn more about our Parish family.

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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: 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 St John's website or text "StJohnSouthampton" to 73256.

The Vestry Forms New Committees

One of the strengths of a parish is its ability to engage a wide section of its membership in ministry that supports its overall mission. Several new committees have been formed to achieve that goal. Please read about them and see if Our Lord is calling you to embrace one of them. If you feel the Lord's call, please speak with Fr. Richard or one of the Wardens.

Buildings and Grounds Committee: This group is responsible for the upkeep, maintenance, and improvements of the church building and other property belonging to the church. This encompasses the church itself, the Parish Hall, the Undercroft, the Rectory, the Columbarium, and the church grounds. As with any old historic building, there are constant things to work on. Being a part of this committee is a great way to get involved with our caring community.

Hospitality Committee: This is an organization dedicated to providing opportunities for the Church Family to draw together for a number of occasions of fun and fellowship. Dinners, brunches, and other parishioner gatherings, such as Art Shows and Lenten Soup Suppers, are just a few of the many possibilities to gather together. Of course, Coffee Hour, hosted by parishioners who volunteer each Sunday, is an integral part of the St. John's Family as we nourish and feed our spiritual and social needs after the 9:00 a.m. service in the Parish Hall. It is a time when we socialize with old friends as well as take the time to make new acquaintances. It is also the time when we welcome newcomers to our parish with warmth and extend a hand in friendship.

Historical Committee: Being a historic Christian faith community in Southampton gives us the opportunity to cherish and preserve what our ancestors entrusted to us. By preserving historic documents, photos, and other historical records, the committee will help keep St. John's present in the public eye. Special events and services could be scheduled to inform the surrounding community of the importance of St. John's Church and the relevance of its historical past. We need to keep our past alive and a living tribute to our ancestors who began this long history of worship at St. John's Church.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

All Kneel

Confession

Minister and People

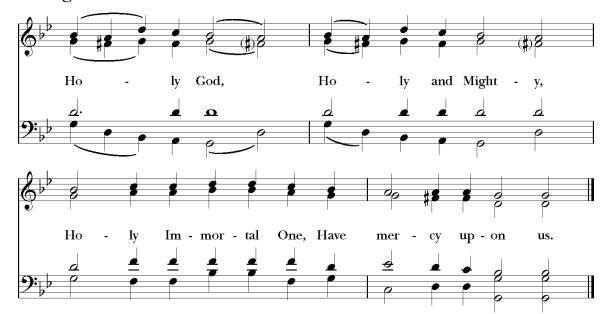
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son 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.

Absolution

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.**

Trisagion





St. John's invites dedicated parishioners to join our mission of fostering a welcoming and supportive community. Heed the call of Our Lord to serve God's people through these vital ministries:

- Proclaim the Word as a Reader
- Extend Christ's welcome as a Greeter
- Prepare the Lord's table with the Altar Guild
- Nurture fellowship as a Coffee Hour Host

If you feel called to share God's love through service, connect with others, and enrich our parish life, we invite you to answer this sacred call. Your participation in these ministries is a testament to your faith and commitment to our community.

Please contact the following:

- Altar Guild: Ellen Greaves at greavese631@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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Finding Life in the Midst of Death Reflecting on the Scriptures of Resurrection Thursdays in Lent: 7-8 PM, on Zoom

Christian faith is based on the promise of life in the midst of death, of hope in the midst of suffering, and of resurrection and new life both in the future and in the here and now. The Book of Common Prayer and Enriching Our Worship suggest wonderful scriptures for funeral services that fit these themes and the hope and promise of Easter. The goal of this class is to dig into these texts and apply their meaning to our own lives. The classes will be led by the clergy of the Peconic Deanery.

March 13 - Week One: Funeral recommendations From the Old Testament:

March 20 - Week Two: Funeral recommendations from the New Testament:

March 27 - Week Three: Funeral recommendations from the Gospels

April 3 - Week Four: Funeral recommendations from Enriching our Worship

April 10 - Week Five: The Easter Lessons, Resurrection Revealed

Zoom link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82253212322?pwd=KA60Pp39DqaNSBGPAXLxYqDkUZSUaY.1

The Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son 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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

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1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, * abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, * my God in whom I put my trust."

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, * and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, * neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, * to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, * lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; * you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; * I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; * I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

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

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all



Lenten Soup Suppers - Starts March 11 at 6 PM

- Evening Prayer in the Church
- Soup Supper in the Parish Hall (organized by Ellen Greaves)
 - Parishioners are invited to bring a simple side dish, bread, or salad
- 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.

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2025 Stewardship Campaign

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.

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Dear St. John's Family,

It is with great joy that the Vestry of St. John's announces the calling of Fr. Jeremy L. Carlson as the 8th rector in our 113-year history. Fr. Jeremy comes to us from St Mary's on the Highlands in Birmingham, Alabama where he is the associate rector. He will begin his ministry with us on May 1 and his first Sunday will be May 4. We are confident that Fr. Jeremy will lead us in exciting new directions, building upon our strong foundation of faith and love.

Fr. Jeremy will be joined in Southampton by his lovely wife Laura and his daughters Ann Wright and Alice as soon as the school year ends for the girls. See below for Fr. Jeremy's biography and photos of his family. Please join us in welcoming the Carlson family to St. John's. We look forward to getting to know them and embarking on this new chapter together.

With blessings, Lisa Gillespie & Bill McCoy Search Committee Co-Chairs



The Rev. Jeremy L. Carlson joins St. John's as its new rector from the Diocese of Alabama, where he has served as Assistant to the Rector at St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church in Birmingham since his ordination in 2018. His ministry focuses on adult education, Christian formation, and family ministries, alongside service on the Diocesan Council and as Chaplain to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Rescue Dive Team.

Before ordination, Jeremy was a lawyer specializing in business litigation and a public-school teacher. He holds degrees from Sewanee, The University of the South, and The University of Alabama. Jeremy and his wife, Laura, are celebrating 25 years of marriage and have two daughters, Ann Wright and Alice. In his free time, he enjoys fly fishing, the outdoors, and playing the trombone. The Carlson family is excited to join St. John's and looks forward to serving the community.



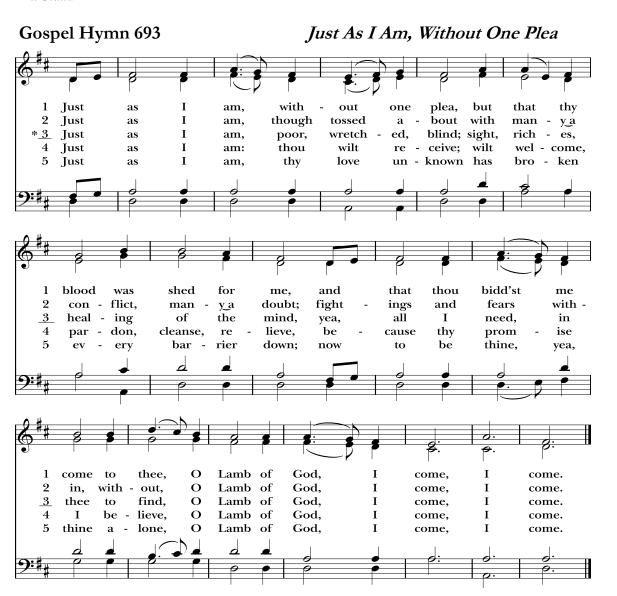


who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

All Stand



6 Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, here for a season, then above:O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone."

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

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'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him."
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Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

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'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'
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and

'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test." When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

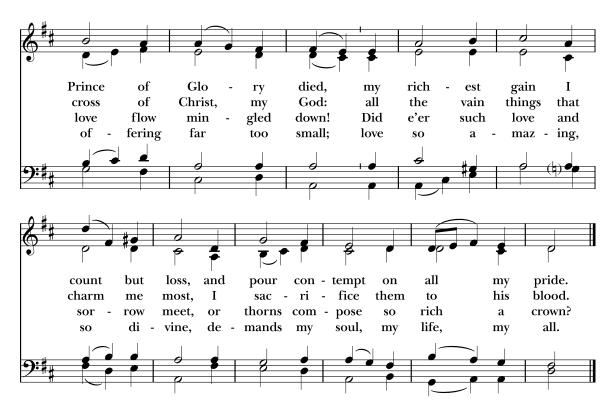
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Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.
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All are seated

Sermon

The Rev. Cn. Richard Visconti

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All Stand

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

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announcements

We sincerely thank Tom White for stepping in as our organist and sharing his wonderful talent with us. We truly appreciate his time and dedication in filling in for Peter!

The Annual Parish Meeting Booklet of reports is available for those who were not at the meeting. You can pick up your copy on the right shelf in the back of the church.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Officiant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

People Stand or Kneel

Prayer over the People

Celebrant

Bow down before the Lord.

The People kneel or stand, and the Celebrant says:

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Closing Hymn 474

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



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 IV

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Intercessions

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

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.

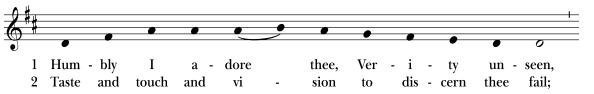
The Priest invites the people to Communion

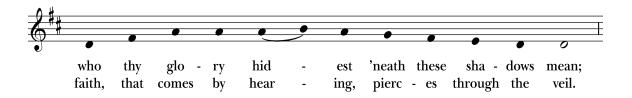
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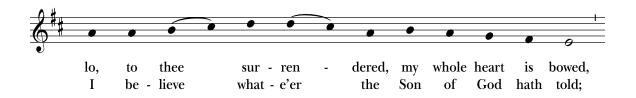
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

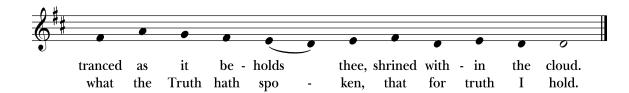
Postcommunion Hymn 314

Humbly I Adore Thee Verity Unseen









The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant and People



Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

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 A

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.

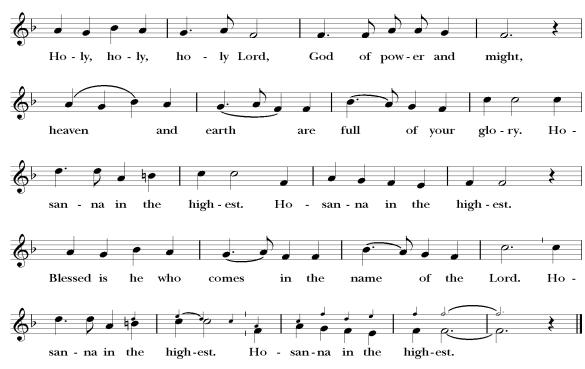
The Celebrant proceeds

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may Faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.