

# **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

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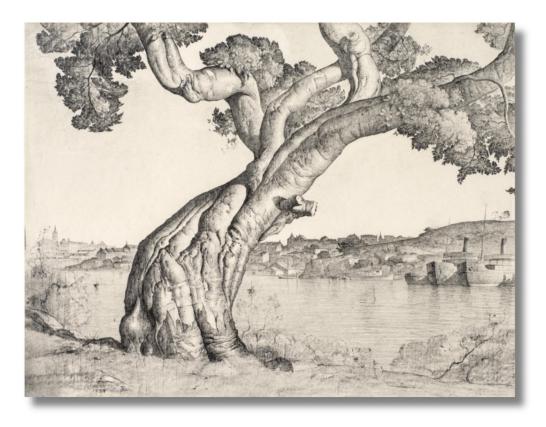
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# St. John's Episcopal Church A Parish in Southampton, NY that makes a difference





Third Sunday in Lent March 23, 2025 • Morning Prayer, Rite I • 11 AM

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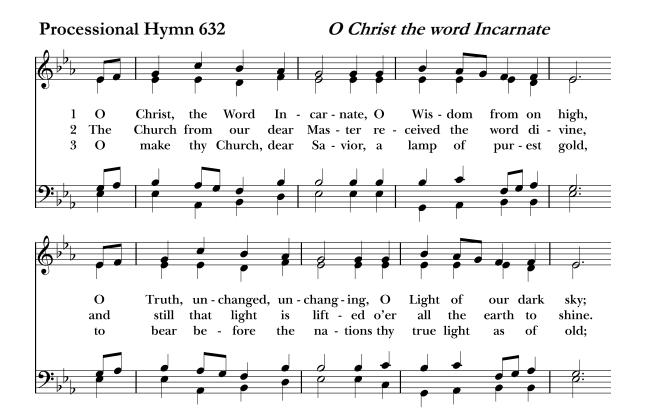
# Welcome to St. John's!

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**



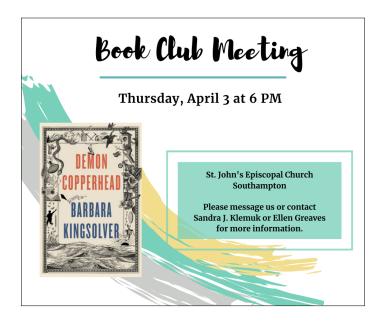


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# Help us to maintain our prayer intercession list.

The personal and collective intercessions we make asking our Lord to intercede in our lives and on behalf of others are a central aspect of our private and common worship. At St. John's we have always made an aural reading of our prayer list a part of our regular services. However, there comes with this an important responsibility to maintain it as current and accurate. To accomplish this we are asking our community to take that personal responsibility to heart in the following way: We ask everyone to please let us know when someone should be added, removed, or otherwise amended on our prayer list. This is accomplished best by either dropping a note in the collection plate or by emailing or calling the Ursula at (631) 283 -0549 or secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org.

To avoid a name being orphaned on the prayer list names will be removed after 60 days of being added, unless the parish secretary is contacted to extend that time for another 60 days. Of course, there is no limit to the number of persons we will faithfully include on our prayer list, nor a limit to the duration we will intercede on their behalf. This policy is to take special care in maintaining the names we bring before the Throne of Grace in prayer each time we gather together.



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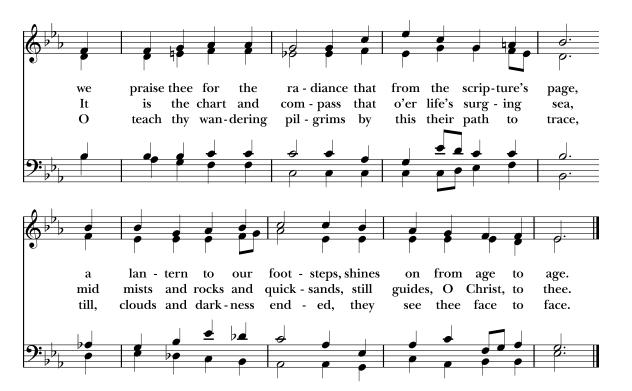
**KNITTING GROUP:** All skill levels are welcome, kits and guidance available. If you're new to knitting, join us on Wednesday afternoons from 2-4. We'd love to help!

**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.



All Stand

# **Opening Sentence and Invitatory**

Officiant

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son." *Luke 15:18,19* 

## Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,

we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,

and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

# **Invitatory and Psalter**

All stand

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;\*
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

People O come, let us adore him.

Psalm 95:1-7; 96:9,13

Venite, exultemus Domino

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \*
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.



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.

#### 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:** Cn. Richard at (631) 974-4987 or rvisconti@stjohnsouthampton.org
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# Tuesdays throughout Lent

6 PM - Evening Prayer in the Church

6:30 PM - Soup Supper in the Parish Hall (organized by Ellen Greaves)

Parishioners are invited to bring a simple side dish, bread, or salad

7 PM - Reflections on the Lectionary Readings of Holy Week by Cn. 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.





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 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

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \* and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \*
and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it, \*
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, \* and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is the Lord our God, \* and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \* let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \* and with righteousness to judge the world and the peoples with his truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;\*
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### Psalm 63:1-8

# Deus, Deus meus

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- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \* my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \* that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \* my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live \* and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \* and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, \* and meditate on you in the night watches.

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7 For you have been my helper, \* and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; \* your right hand holds me fast.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;\* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All are Seated

#### The First Lesson

Exodus 3:1-15

A Lesson from the book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you," and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you." God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

# announcements



The last date this season for St. John's to serve our neighbors in need with Maureen's Haven is **TODAY at 5 PM**, at the Bridgehampton Child Care Center at 551 Sag Harbor Turnpike. If you would like to help serve, prepare next-day lunches, or donate a side dish, please contact Florence Rolston.





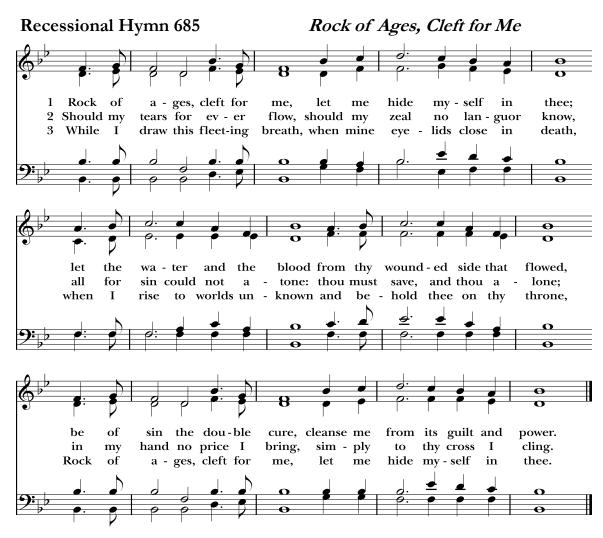
Help us adorn the church with beautiful Easter flowers in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for life's blessings. Easter Flower donation envelopes are available in the pews and at the back of the church. Dedications, due Palm Sunday (April 13), will be included in the Easter Bulletin.

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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.



All Stand

Officiant

Blessed, hallowed, worshiped, and adored be our Lord Jesus Christ on His throne in Heaven, on the altars of His churches, and in the hearts of His faithful people. And may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercies of God rest in peace.

Officiant and People

And may Light Perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

#### **Postlude**

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Here endeth the Lesson

All Stand

# Kyrie Pantokrator

Canticle 14 A Song of Penitence O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \* God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their righteous offspring: You made the heavens and the earth, \* with all their vast array. All things quake with fear at your presence; \* they tremble because of your power. But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \* it surpasses all that our minds can fathom. O Lord, you are full of compassion, \* long-suffering, and abounding in mercy. You hold back your hand; \*

you do not punish as we deserve.

In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \* that they may repent of their sin and be saved.

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \* and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \* and I know my wickedness only too well.

Therefore I make this prayer to you: \* Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.

Do not let me perish in my sin, \* nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.

For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, \* and in me you will show forth your goodness.

Unworthy as I am, you will save me,

in accordance with your great mercy, \*

and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.

For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, \* and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;\* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

All are Seated

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

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Here endeth the Lesson

All Stand

# A Song of Praise

Benedictus es, Domine

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; \*
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; \*
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; \*
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest between the Cherubim; \*
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; \*
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; \*

praised and exalted above all for ever.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

# A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen**.

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

The Officiant

Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to Him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. **Amen.** 

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# Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

# A Collect for Sundays

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### A Collect for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. **Amen.** 

All are Seated

#### **Announcements**

# Offertory 149

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

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.

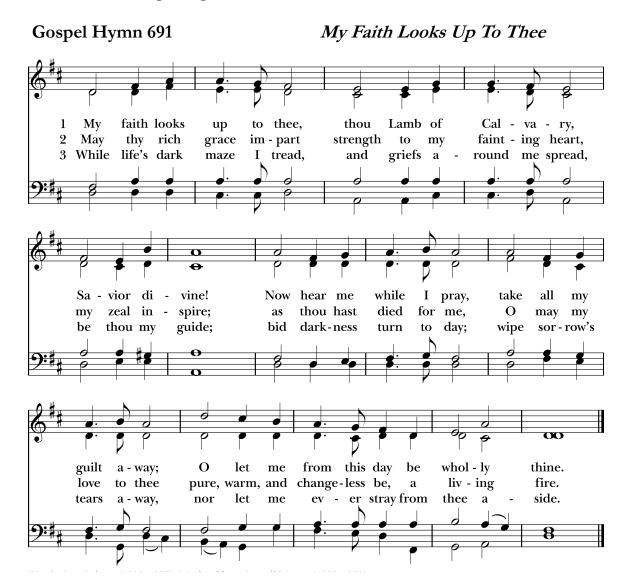
# The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.

Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \* praised and exalted above all for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;\*
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



# Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

A Lesson from the Gospel according to Saint Luke.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

The Word of the Lord.

#### Sermon

The Rev. Cn. Richard Visconti

All are Seated

# The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# The Prayers

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you. People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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,

# Suffrages B

- V. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage;
- R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.
- V. Day by day we magnify thee;

for ever and ever. Amen.

- R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.
- V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;
- R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
- V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;
- R. As our trust is in thee.
- V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;
- R. Let me never be confounded.

#### Intercessions

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