

Dear St. John's school community,

Gathering together for daily prayer is one of the formative pillars of the St. John's experience and an expression of our Episcopal identity. These times of worship draw from both ancient roots and more modern expressions of the Christian spirit, as does all Episcopal worship. Joyful singing, interactive reflection upon Holy Scripture, and participation in communal ritual and prayer have been shown to build character, instill good values, and even help counter anxiety, depression and malaise. Thus while conforming to the language and structure of Episcopal worship, our chapel gatherings serve all community members regardless of their faith background.

This 2020 revised Chapel Book offers a restructured daily chapel service, new options for Holy Eucharist utilizing more modern texts, and an option for Choral Morning Prayer when Holy Eucharist is not possible as the weekly central service of our community. Our revised Chapel Book also includes student art across all three divisions, left anonymous in keeping with ancient church tradition. This new edition conforms to *The 1979 Book of Common Prayer* and supplemental worship materials approved by the Episcopal Church. It highlights several aspects of our calling as children of God through baptism:

- our responsibility to care for and steward the natural world as God's creation;
- our vocation to work and pray for justice and to care for all people of the world, especially those marginalized for any reason;
- and our invitation by God to celebrate and honor the diversity of the human family in all its forms.

We pray that both the children and adults using this book may be moved by the Spirit to deepen their relationship with the Divine, live a joyful life of virtue, and take their part in building the better world our hearts know is possible.



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# Morning Prayer: Form 1



## ***The Invitatory***

*We stand to begin Morning Prayer.*

Leader Lord, open our lips,  
All **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:

All **as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen. (Alleluia.)**

## ***The Psalm***

Sing joyful songs to the LORD! \*  
Praise the mighty rock where we are safe.

Come to worship him with thankful hearts \*  
and songs of praise.

The ocean is the Lord's because he made it, \*  
and with his own hands he formed the dry land.

The LORD is our God and we are his people,  
the sheep he takes care of in his own pasture. \*  
Listen to God's voice today!

*(Psalm 95, selections)*

## The Reading (Lesson)

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Reader    The Word of the Lord.

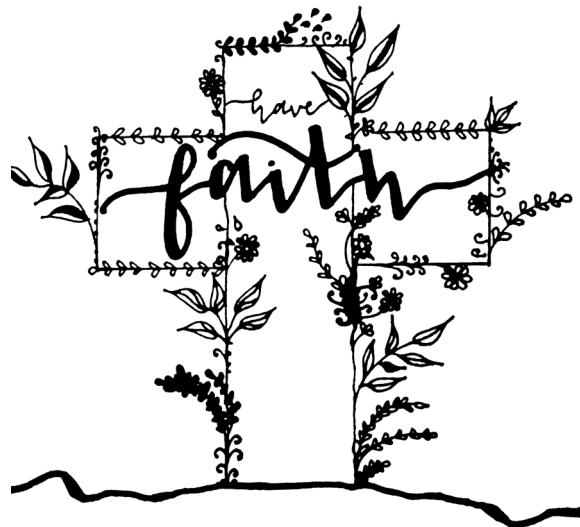
All        **Thanks be to God.**

## The Homily

*We kneel for the Prayers.*

## The Lord's Prayer

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 Litany

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth, sky and sea,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the  
image of Christ,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families and friends,  
and for all who show us your love,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For hearts to love, and minds to think, and hands to serve,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

## The Collect and NAES Cycle of Prayer

*The Collect can be selected from any of those found in the Collects section  
(pages 19 - 28) of this book.*

## Birthday Blessings

*See page 28 for the Birthday Blessing text.*

## The Final Blessing

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*or this:*

Leader: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in  
believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
*(Romans 15:13)*

**All: Amen.**

# Morning Prayer: Form 2



## ***The Invitatory***

*We stand to begin Morning Prayer.*

Leader Lord, open our lips,  
All **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,

All **as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen. (Alleluia.)**

## ***The Psalm***

You, Lord, are the light that keeps me safe. \*  
I am not afraid of anyone.  
You protect me, and I have no fears.

I ask only one thing, Lord:  
let me live in your house every day of my life \*  
to see how wonderful you are and to pray in your temple.

In times of trouble, you will protect me. \*  
You will hide me in your tent and keep me safe  
on top of a mighty rock

"Come," my heart says, "Seek his face." \*  
Your face, Lord, do I seek.

*(Psalm 27, selections)*

## The Reading (Lesson)

*We are seated for the Reading. At the end of the reading the reader says,*

Reader    The Word of the Lord.

**All            Thanks be to God.**

## The Homily

*We kneel for the Prayers.*

## The Lord's Prayer

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 Litany

That the peace of God may always bloom in our world, in our school, and in our hearts, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That those in power may act in service to your dream for the earth and for the entire human family, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the sick and suffering may know your healing presence, especially those we remember now (*pause*) we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we may see Christ in all faces today, loving our neighbors as ourselves, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

## The Collect and the NAES Cycle of Prayer

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## Birthday Blessings

*See page 28 for the Birthday Blessing text.*

## The Final Blessing

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*or this:*

Leader: 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. (*Ephesians 3:20-21*)

**All: Amen.**

# Morning Prayer: Form 3



## ***The Invitatory***

*We stand to begin Morning Prayer.*

Leader Lord, open our lips,  
All **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,

All **as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be for ever. Amen. (Alleluia.)**

## ***The Psalm***

Shout praises to the Lord, \*  
everyone on this earth.

Be joyful and sing \*  
as you come in to worship the Lord!

You know the Lord is God!  
He created us, and we belong to him; \*  
We are his people, the sheep in his pasture.

The Lord is good! \*  
His love and faithfulness will last forever.

*(Psalm 100, selections)*

## The Reading (Lesson)

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Reader    The Word of the Lord.

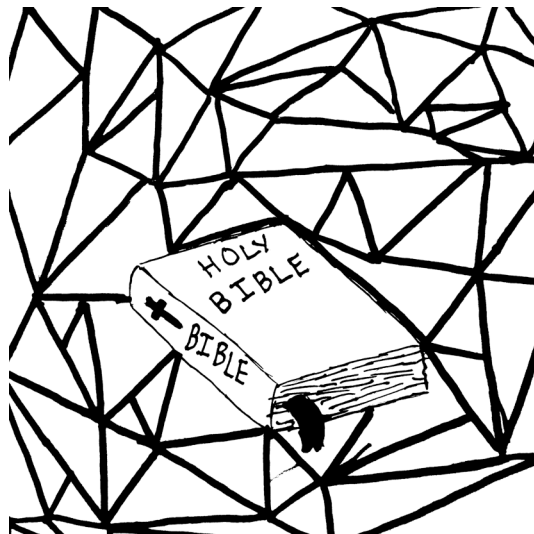
**All            Thanks be to God.**

## The Homily

*We kneel for the Prayers.*

## The Lord's Prayer

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 Litany

For your holy church, that it may always be a voice of your love and justice, we pray:

**Hear us, O Lord.**

For all communities and nations, that they may live in peace and in harmony with your earth and with each other, we pray:

**Hear us, O Lord.**

For our friends and for our enemies, and for all people, that they may be happy, joyous, and free, we pray:

**Hear us, O Lord.**

For ourselves, that we may be courageous witnesses to your ways of love, we pray:

**Hear us, O Lord.**

## The Collect and the NAES Cycle of Prayer

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## Birthday Blessings

*See page 28 for the Birthday Blessing text.*

## The Final Blessing

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*or this:*

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us evermore.

*(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

**All: Amen.**

# Morning Prayer: Form 4



## ***The Invitatory***

*We stand to begin Morning Prayer.*

Leader Lord, open our lips,  
All **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,

All **as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen. (Alleluia.)**

## ***The Psalm***

God is our mighty fortress, \*  
Always ready to help in times of trouble.

God brings wars to an end all over the world. \*  
He breaks the arrows, shatters the spears,  
and burns the shields.

Our God says, "Calm down, and learn that I am God! \*  
All nations on earth will honor me."

The Lord All-Powerful is with us. \*  
The God of Jacob is our fortress.

(Psalm 46, adapted selections)

## The Reading (Lesson)

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Reader    The Word of the Lord.

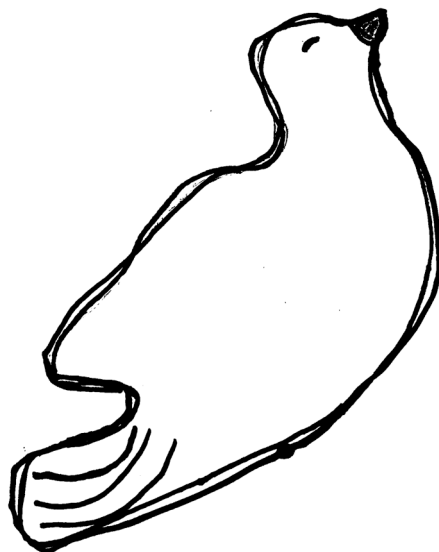
**All            Thanks be to God.**

## The Homily

*We kneel for the Prayers.*

## The Lord's Prayer

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 Litany

For the church of God and for all those who work for peace, justice,  
and the world you dream for us,

**We bless you, Lord.**

For our families, teachers, coaches, religious leaders, and friends,  
and all those who are channels of your love for us,

**We bless you, Lord.**

For the privilege to learn and play in a safe and happy place,

**We bless you, Lord.**

For the ability to learn and laugh and love,

**We bless you, Lord.**

## The Collect and the NAES Cycle of Prayer

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(pages 19 - 28) of this book.*

## Birthday Blessings

*See page 28 for the Birthday Blessing text.*

## The Final Blessing

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*or this:*

Leader: May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy  
Spirit, be with you (us) now and forever more.

**All: Amen.**

# Morning Prayer: Form 5



## ***The Invitatory***

*We stand to begin Morning Prayer.*

Leader Lord, open our lips,  
All **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,

All **as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen. (Alleluia.)**

## ***The Psalm***

**As a deer gets thirsty for streams of water, \*  
I truly am thirsty for you, my God.**

**In my heart, I am thirsty for you, the living God. \*  
When will I see your face?**

**Every day you are kind, and at night \*  
You give me a song as my prayer to you,  
the living Lord God.**

**Why am I discouraged and restless? I trust in you. \*  
And I will praise you again because you help me,  
and you are my God.**

(Psalm 42, adapted selections)

## The Reading (Lesson)

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Reader    The Word of the Lord.

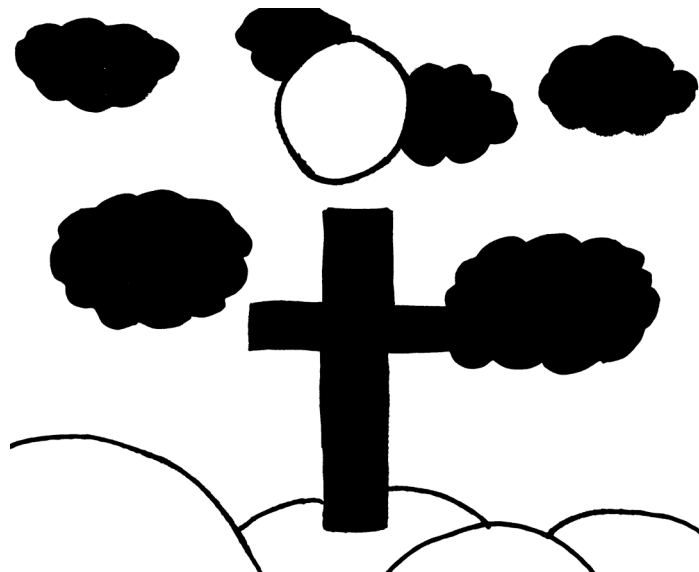
**All            Thanks be to God.**

## The Homily

*We kneel for the Prayers.*

## The Lord's Prayer

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 Litany

That those in power may follow your gospel of justice, peace,  
and care for those in greatest need,

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we ourselves, and we as a human family, may care for the  
earth and honor it as the work of your hands,

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may be forgiven, and forgive ourselves, when we do  
wrong, always turning back to your loving arms,

**Lord, have mercy.**

That those who have died may now live in the fullness of your  
love,

**Lord, have mercy.**

## The Collect and the NAES Cycle of Prayer

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## The Final Blessing

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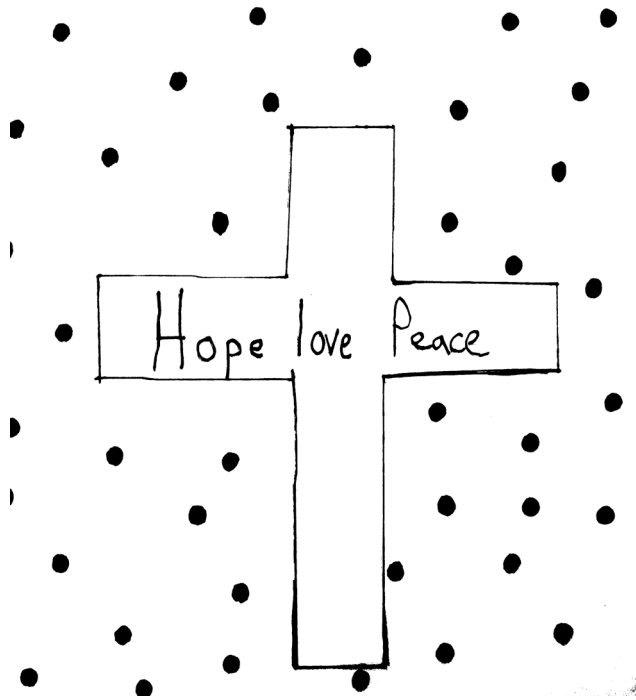
**All: Thanks be to God.**

*or this:*

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

# The Collects



## St. John's Collects

### **A Prayer for a Great School**

God, you are great and wonderful. We love our school and our teachers. Help us to be cheerful and kind to everyone. Give us lots of energy and lots of gratitude, and make sure we are curious and ask good questions. Amen.

### **A Prayer for a Beautiful Day**

We thank you God for this beautiful day and all the beauty in the world. Help us be free to enjoy our lives today, sharing your love and your grace with other people and with your whole creation. Amen.

### **Prayer for Our Friends and Families**

Lord God, we thank you for our families and friends, and for all those who show us loving-kindness and help us through our days. We ask you to bless them and to bless us, that we may always be grateful for their love and support, and treat them with love, too. Amen.

### **A Prayer for Field Trips**

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation; make your presence known to those who travel today. Surround them with your loving care, protect them from every danger, and bring them safely to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **A Prayer for our School Community**

Dear God, give us the grace to support one another and treat each person with kindness and respect. Give us the courage and self-confidence to stand for your gospel of love, and the wisdom to learn that it is by serving and supporting others that we find happiness. Help us make our school a happy, healthy, and holy place to be. Amen.

### **A Prayer for Exam Time**

Support me, O Lord, in my examinations. Help me to do my best but never value myself on my achievements alone. Help me to make the most of the knowledge I possess, and grant me confidence, steadiness, honesty, and a quiet mind. Amen.

### **A Prayer for Athletic or Academic Competition**

Dear God, be with those who will represent St. John's School in competition. Give them the courage and wisdom to do their best. Grant that should we win, we may accept our victory humbly; or that should we lose, we may take our loss graciously. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **A Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Holy One, Giver of all good things, we thank you for your presence in all that life brings. Help us to be grateful always for all that happens, remembering that your vision for us sees farther than our own. Give us grace to seek your face in the things and events of life that both please and displease us. Keep us ever peaceful, trusting in you, and never losing our center when life seems hard. Keep us grateful to you and trusting in your divine providence. Amen.

### **A Prayer for the Earth and its Creatures**

Lord God, creator of all that was, is, and will be: We thank you for this world you have fashioned, and for the web of life which we share with so many creatures. Help us share in the work of your creation by caring for the systems and creatures of the earth, and remembering that we, too, are part of the beautiful natural world you have made. Amen.

### **A Prayer for Renewal and Forgiveness**

O God, who is always making all things new, help us this day to make a new start in those areas of our lives where we are not aligned with your will. Increase our kindness, our patience, and our peacefulness; help us be of service to others; and help us to know that you forgive our faults and failings and that with your grace we too can be among your saints and holy ones. Amen.

### **A Young Person's Prayer**

God our Father, you see us growing up in an unsteady and confusing world; Show us that your ways give more life than the self-seeking ways of the world. Help us to take neither failure nor success as a measure of our worth, but to see opportunity in all that comes to us and always remember you love us deeply. Give us strength to hold our faith in you, and to keep alive our joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



# Collects from Christian Tradition

## **A Collect for Grace**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father,  
you have brought us in safety to this new day:  
Preserve us with your mighty power,  
that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity;  
and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(The Book of Common Prayer, 1979)*

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hate, may I sow love.  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sorrow, joy.  
O Divine Master,  
May I not so much try to be understood as to understand;  
To be comforted, as to comfort others;  
To be loved, as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in forgiving that we are forgiven;  
And it is in dying to self that we are born into eternal life.

*(Anonymous)*

## **The Breastplate**

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit, Christ where I arise,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks to me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.

Salvation is of the Lord.

Salvation is of the Christ.

May your salvation, Lord, be ever with us. Amen.

(Attributed to St. Patrick, 5<sup>th</sup> century)

## **Receiving Grace**

O God, in Christ Jesus there is an infinite fullness  
of all that we can want or desire.

May we all receive from him, grace upon grace;  
Grace to pardon our sins, and overcome our weaknesses;  
Grace to make us whole and to sanctify our souls;  
And grace to complete that holy change,  
That renewal of our hearts, which will enable us  
to be transformed into the blessed image in which  
You created us. Help us all take part in the inheritance  
of your saints in light. Amen.

(John Wesley, 18<sup>th</sup> century)

### **The Serenity Prayer**

God, grant me the serenity to accept what I cannot change,  
Courage to change the things I can,  
And Wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

(Reinhold Niebuhr, 20<sup>th</sup> century)

### **The Prayer of St. Richard**

We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the blessings you have  
given us, and for all that you suffered for our sake.

Most merciful savior, our friend and brother,

May we know you more clearly,

love you more dearly,

and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

(St. Richard of Chichester, 13<sup>th</sup> century)

### **A Prayer of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Eternal God, out of whose mind this great cosmic universe  
comes, we bless you. Help us to seek that which is high, noble  
and good. Help us in the moment of difficult decision. Help us  
to work with renewed vigor for a warless world, a better  
distribution of wealth, and a brother/sisterhood that transcends  
race or color. Amen.

(Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 20<sup>th</sup> century)

*choose* 

  
*Love* 



# Collects from Other Traditions

## **A Prayer for Truth**

Dear God,

Lead us from what is false to your truth in our hearts;

Lead us from darkness into the light of your love;

Lead us from ways that hurt ourselves, others, and our planet

Into the everlasting path of your grace.

(The Pavamana Mantra, adapted)

## **A Prayer for God's Light**

O God,

Give me light in my heart, and light in my tongue

And light in my hearing, and light in my sight

And light in my feeling, and light in all my body

And light before me, and light behind me...

O Lord, increase light within me; share with me your light

And illuminate me.

(A prayer of Muhammad)

## **Draw Us Close to You**

O true King! O loved Father! In these sweet hours  
of the morning we come to you with a song in our hearts.

We have heard your life-giving Word

and have reflected on your many blessings given to us.

May these things find a loving place in our hearts

and serve to draw us closer to you this day. Amen.

(Excerpt from a Sikh prayer, adapted)

### **A Prayer for Centering**

Holy God, Great Mystery,  
Teach me how to trust my heart, my mind, my inner knowing,  
The senses of my body, the blessings of my spirit.  
Teach me to trust these things  
So that I may enter my Sacred Space  
And love beyond my fear, and so walk in balance  
with the passing of each glorious Sun. Amen.

(A Lakota Sioux prayer, adapted)

### **A Prayer for Wakefulness**

Dear God,  
With every breath I take today,  
I vow to be awake;  
And every step I take,  
I vow to take with a grateful heart.  
So I may see with eyes of love  
Into the hearts of all I meet,  
To ease their burden when I can  
And touch them with a smile of peace. Amen.

(Traditional Buddhist prayer, adapted)

### **A Prayer for Blessing**

Grant O God, peace, goodness and blessing, life and grace,  
kindness and mercy, upon us and upon all your people.  
Bless us, our Father, all of us as one,  
with the light of Your face. For by the light of your face  
You gave us, Lord our God, the law of life and loving-kindness,  
righteousness, blessing, mercy, life and peace. Amen.

(Excerpted and adapted from the Jewish Amidah)

## A Prayer for Wisdom

Holy God, great Divine One!

I give thanks to you:

You, the one near as my heartbeat,

You, the one more welcomed than my next breath.

Let your wisdom become one with my heart and mind

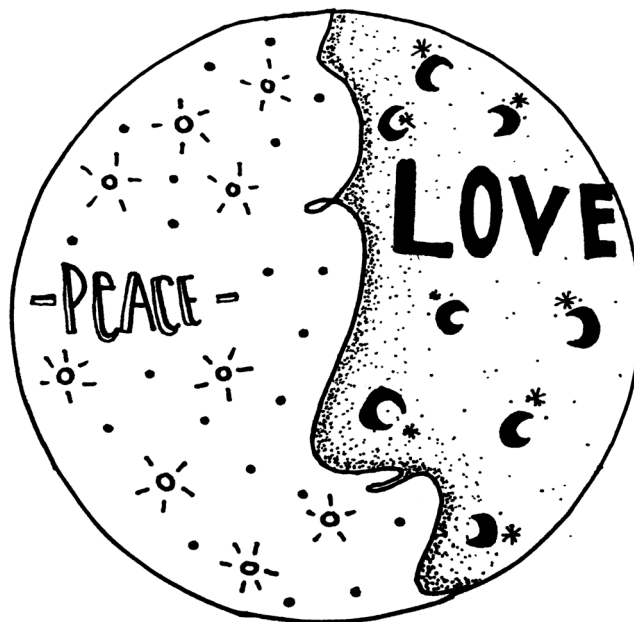
As I lift my voice in thanks for your love. Amen.

(Traditional Yoruban prayer, adapted)

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## A Birthday Blessing

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) [Names] as they begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



# The Holy Eucharist (BCP)

*We stand as the Holy Eucharist begins.*

## **Opening Hymn**

## **Proper Acclamation**

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

*In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost*

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
<i>People</i>	<b>The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.</b>

*In Lent and on other penitential occasions*

<i>Celebrant</i>	Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
<i>People</i>	<b>His mercy endures forever.</b>

## **The Collect for 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.**

## **The Hymn of Praise**

*On other occasions the following is used.*

Lord, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.

or  
Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

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

*The Celebrant prays the Collect.*  
People          **Amen.**

**The Lessons**      *We are seated.*

**The Sequence Hymn**      *We stand.*

## **The Gospel**

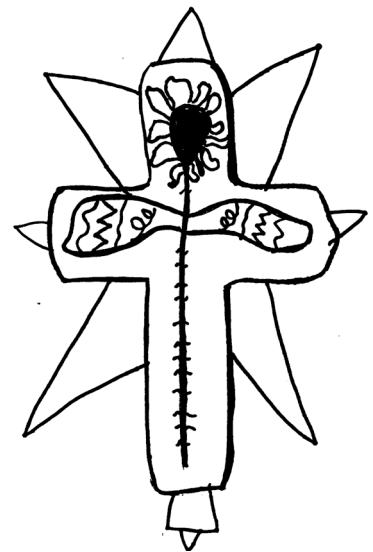
Gospeller      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to \_\_\_\_\_.

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

*After the Gospel the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



## ***The Homily***

*All are seated.*

## ***The Prayers of the People***

*All kneel as they are able.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors,  
and for those who are alone.**

For St. John's School, our community, the nation, and the world:

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless,  
and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For N. Archbishop of Canterbury, N. our Presiding Bishop, and  
N. our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation  
*(The People may add their own petitions.)*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you Lord for the blessings of this life.

*(The People may add their own thanksgivings.)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in  
your eternal kingdom.

*(The People may add their own petitions.)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                **And also with you.**

***Birthday Blessings***            *See page 28 for this text.*

## **Offertory Hymn**

## **The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)**

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*                **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*            Lift up your hearts.  
*People*                **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*                **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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

*Here, when appointed, a Proper Preface is said.*

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*

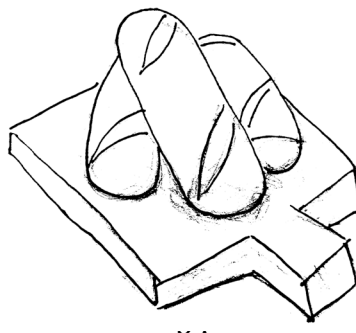
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel as able and 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.**

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

*Celebrant*

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

*Celebrant 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## ***The Breaking of the Bread***

*Celebrant*

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People*

**Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]**

*After communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant 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.**

## ***The Blessing***

*The Celebrant may bless the people. The People respond, **Amen.***

## ***The Dismissal***

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## ***Closing Hymn***

# The Holy Eucharist (EOW)

*We stand as the Holy Eucharist begins.*

## **Opening Hymn**

## **Proper Acclamation**

<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
<i>People</i>	<b>Glory to God, for ever and ever. Amen.</b>

*During Advent*

<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed are you, holy and living One.
<i>People</i>	<b>You come to your people and set them free.</b>

*In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost*

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
<i>People</i>	<b>The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.</b>

*In Lent and on other penitential occasions*

<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be the God of our salvation:
<i>People</i>	<b>Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.</b>

## **The Song of Praise**

*On other occasions the following is used.*

Lord, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.

or  
Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant      God be with you.  
People        **And also with you.**  
Celebrant      Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect.*

People        **Amen.**

**The Lessons**      *We are seated.*

**The Sequence Hymn**      *We stand.*

## **The Gospel**

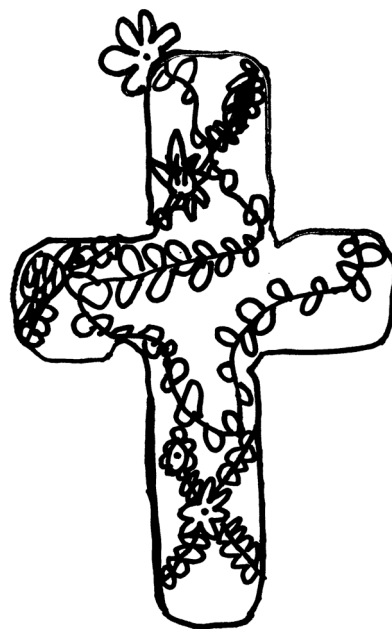
Gospeller      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to \_\_\_\_\_.

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

*After the Gospel the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



## ***The Homily***

*All are seated.*

## ***The Prayers of the People***

*All kneel as they are able.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors,  
and for those who are alone.**

For St. John's School, our community, the nation, and the world:

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

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**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in  
your eternal kingdom.

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**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*            The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People*                **And also with you.**

***Birthday Blessings***        *See page 28 for this text.*

## **Offertory Hymn**

## **The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer 2)**

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*                **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*            Lift up your hearts.  
*People*                **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*                **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,  
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things  
into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters;  
and every living thing. You made us in your image,  
and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;  
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,  
you would not forget us. Time and again you called us  
to live in the fullness of your love.  
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels  
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,  
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel and the Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.  
To deliver us from the power of sin and death  
and to reveal the riches of your grace,  
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,  
that she might conceive and bear a son,  
Jesus the holy child of God.  
Living among us, Jesus loved us.  
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick,  
and proclaimed good news to the poor.  
He yearned to draw all the world to himself  
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.  
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross  
the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,  
Jesus was at table with his friends.  
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it,  
and gave it to them, and said:  
"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:  
"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,  
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,  
who was and is and is to come,  
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,  
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.  
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth  
and make us your new creation,  
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.  
In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints,  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.  
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

*Celebrant*

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

*Celebrant and People*

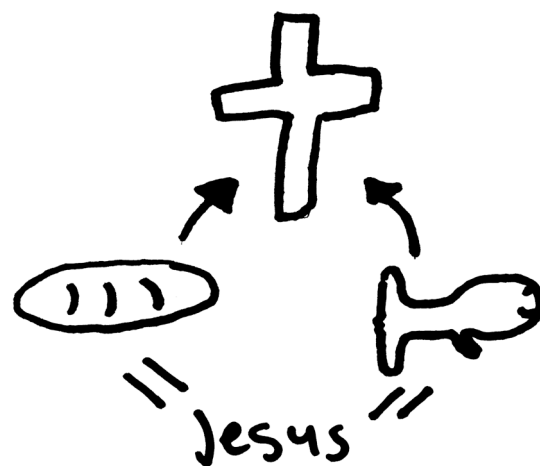
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**



## ***The Breaking of the Bread***

*Celebrant*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

*People*

**We who are many are one body,  
For we all share in the one bread.**

*After communion, the Celebrant says, Let us pray.*

*Celebrant and People*

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## ***The Blessing***

*The Celebrant may bless the people. The People respond, **Amen.***

## ***The Dismissal***

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## ***Closing Hymn***

# Morning Prayer (Full Form, BCP)

*We stand as Morning Prayer begins.*

## **Opening Hymn**

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips,

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.**

**Amen. (Alleluia.)**

## **The Jubilate**

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

## ***The Psalm or Psalms Appointed***

*At the end of the Psalm(s) is sung or said*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit \*  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

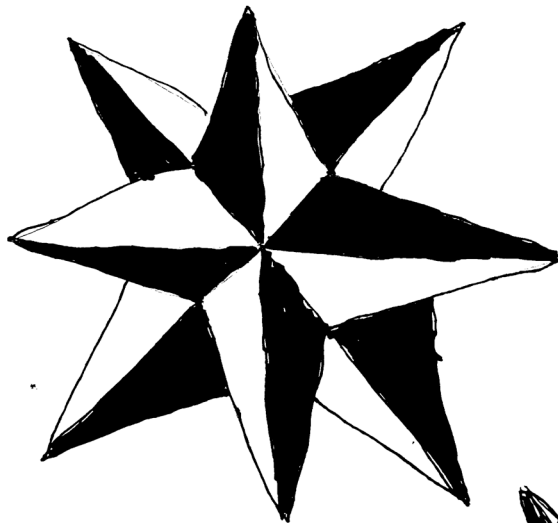
## ***The Lessons***

### ***The First Lesson***

*We are seated for the Lesson. At the end of the Lesson the reader says,*

*Reader*      **The Word of the Lord.**

*Answer*     **Thanks be to God.**



## ***The First Canticle***

*One of the following canticles, or another appropriate canticle,  
is sung or said:*

### **Glory to God**      *Gloria in excelsis*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**A Song of Praise**      *Benedictus es, Domine*  
*Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
    you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
    we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
    on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
    we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
    in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
    we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

***The Second Lesson***

*We are seated for the Lesson. At the end of the Lesson the reader says,*

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*Answer*      **Thanks be to God.**

## ***The Second Canticle***

*One of the following two canticles, or another appropriate piece, is sung or said:*

### **The Song of Zechariah**

*Benedictus Dominus Deus*

*Luke 1: 68-7*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
    he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
    born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
    from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
    and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
    to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
    holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
    for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
    by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
    the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
    and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The First Song of Isaiah**

*Ecce, Deus*

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Third Lesson**

*We are seated for the Lesson. At the end of the Lesson the reader says,*

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*Answer*     **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Homily**

## ***The Apostles' Creed***

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

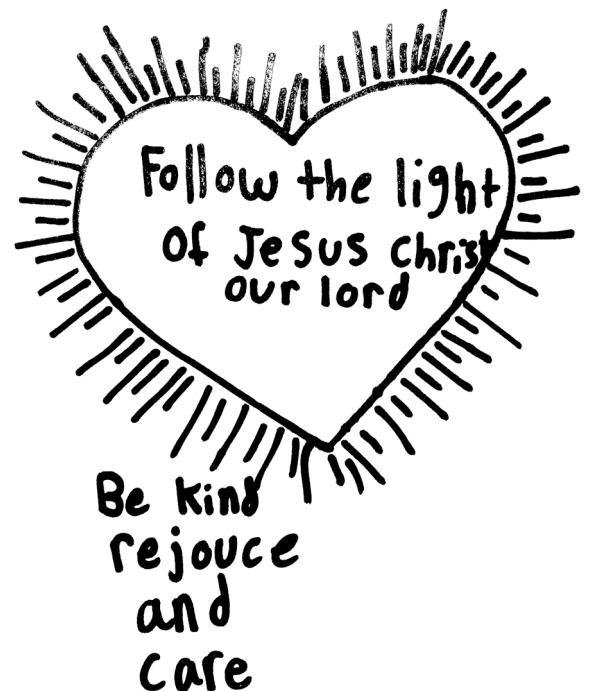
He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.



# ***The Prayers***

*We kneel for the Prayers.*

*Officiant*            The Lord be with you.

*People*              **And also with you.**

*Officiant*            Let us pray.

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

*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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## ***The Suffrages***

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. **And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## ***The Collects***

*Two Collects are selected from those found on pages 98 – 101 of The Book of Common Prayer, the second being a prayer for mission.*

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**    *Officiant and People*

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

## **Birthday Blessings**

See page 28 for this text.

### **The Grace**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Hymn**

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

*People* **Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

*Officiant* The Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

