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**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

In the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

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**VESTRY**

Sharon Hunter, *Sr. Warden* (2023)

*Open, Warden, Jr.* (2022)

Joydeth Lacey-Amos, *Clerk of the Vestry* (2024)

Barbara Taylor, *Treasurer* (2022)

Edolla Prince, (2023)

*Open, Vestryperson* (2022)

Roxann Samuel\* (2022)

*Open, Vestryperson* (2022)

*\*Filling an unexpired term(2023) until the next Annual Meeting & Elections*

**WORSHIP SERVICES - SUNDAYS AT 8:00AM**

\*NEW TEMPORARY WORSHIP HOURS [SUNDAYS AT 8:00 AM ]  
(BEGINNING 11/7 THRU 12/26/2)

**Organist**

*Ceejay Abenn*

**Sexton**

*Carl Hampden*

**Digital Media Coordinator**

*Thomas LoFasco*

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***St. John's***  
***Episcopal Church***



**First Sunday after Christmas**

**DECEMBER 26, 2021 @ 8:00AM**

**HOLY EUCHARIST**

***Disciples of Christ loving and serving God and God's people.***

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**COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES**

**Welcome to Worship at St. John's!**

*We are implementing necessary safety guidelines for in-person worship and we ask that you please:*



**Keep your mask on at all times, covering nose & mouth.**



**Maintain 6ft social distance and only sit in the designated pews.**



**Place your tithe/offering in the plate located in the rear upon entering the sanctuary or during the offering.**



**If you do not wish to keep your bulletin, kindly dispose of it in the wastebasket upon exiting the sanctuary.**



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**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**    ONCE IN DAVID'S ROYAL CITY    #102 (H)

**THE SALUTATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY**

BCP, p. 355

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:*    **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**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.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON

**Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

**Reader:** A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## WORSHIP CALENDAR



### DECEMBER 2021

12/24 – Christmas Eve Service, 7pm

12/26 – Youth Sunday

12/31 – New Year's Eve Service, 7pm

12/03 – Kenrick Tanner

12/06 – Doreen McKenzie

12/10 – Jaden Samuel

12/10 – Jean Hall

12/12 – Adesina Fadairo

12/12 – Cynthia Stephens

12/13 – Omar Cardoza

12/13 – Ann Brown

12/13 – Sharon Hunter

12/19 – Yolande Medford

12/23 – Donna Russell

12/26 – Osaheni Gbinigie

12/27 – Latoya Warren

12/28 – Tinuke Fadairo

12/28 – Margaret Awe

### JANUARY 2022

1/23 – Annual Parish Meeting  
& Elections

1/30 – Youth Sunday

### MARCH 2022

3/02 – Ash Wednesday

3/13 – Women's Day

3/27 – Youth Sunday

### APRIL 2022

4/10 – Palm Sunday

4/14 – Maundy Thursday

4/15 – Good Friday

4/16 – Easter Vigil

4/17 – Easter Sunday

**ALTAR MEMORIALS SUBMISSION FORM**

*Please use only this form and space provided for all Altar Memorials and submit to the Altar Guild Directors. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.*

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

**MONTH IN WHICH MEMORIAL SHOULD APPEAR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE ITEM:**

Altar Flowers Weekly: \$60.00 (\$30.00/vase) Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Sanctuary Lights for the month: \$20.00 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Bread and Wine for the month: \$20.00 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GIVEN BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ENVELOPE#:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Psalm 147**

*Laudate Dominum*

**The psalm is read responsively by whole verse, pausing after the asterisk\***

[1 Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.

*Cont'd...*

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.]

13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

## ANNUAL PARISH ELECTIONS

### 5. Wardens in particular

- a. Meet regularly with clergy to review the life/work of the congregation, plan ahead and anticipate problems.
- b. Provide leadership in the congregation by demonstrating a consistently positive attitude that seeks to resolve problems, recognize achievements and give thanks for what builds community.
- c. Accountable to the clergy and vestry.

6. Someone who is willing to trust God with a tithe of his/her income, and if he/she is not already tithing is willing to begin today.

“Leadership is not being in charge, it is about taking care of people in your charge.”

- *Simon Sinek*



## ANNUAL PARISH ELECTIONS

Please be advised that our Annual Parish Elections will be held on Sunday, January 23, 2022, we will elect one (1) Warden, Jr. and five (5) Vestrypersons. We are also looking for a Clerk of the Vestry and a Treasurer.

Thanks to everyone who submitted their names to be on the vestry:

### **Warden, Jr (1):**

1. Joydeth Lacey-Amos

### **Vestry Persons (5):**

1. Veronica Williams
2. Jennifer Weekes
3. Stanley Hall
4. Marcel Roberts
5. Roxann Samuel

As we pray and discern about persons who can help our church move forward, listed are some essential qualities and responsibilities of a Vestry person and Warden:

1. Love God and demonstrate a commitment to following the way of Christ.
2. Involved in (or actively seeking) some form of Christian ministry by which he/she will give his/her time and talents to or through the church.
3. Committed to partnership between vestry and clergy, recognizing the success of an inclusive model of leadership relies on everyone's participation.
4. Is fair, interacts well with people and strives to earn the respect of the congregation.

## THE SECOND LESSON

**Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

### **Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

*People: Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN

The First Nowell

#109 (H)

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

## John 1:1-18

**Gospeller** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## PRAYER LIST

*We remember in prayer:*

Jennifer Weekes, Ann Brown, Mavis Rayside, Gwen Cardoza, Gloria Rose, Eutrice Belfon, Marie Guillaume, Rita Michel, Sybil Jeffrey, Uriel Adams, Rupert Babb, Ghislaine Rousseau, Douglas Clinton, Gloria Whittaker, Shannon Thomas, Sharita Marks, Ira Morris, Roy Joshua Howard, Corleigh Williams, Sandra Harding, Patsy Stephenson, Adrienne Harris, Taylor Brown, Lyle Thomas, Sandi Moyler, Jada China, James Cyrus, Dawn Williams, Eleanor Lewis, Yolette Jessie Rousseau, Cesroe Jones, Rudolph McDonald, Deborah Burrows, Damita, Joseph, Yolita, Brent Hamlet, Patricia Worthy, Nicola, Mary, Damiya, Damond Bostic, Heather Willens, Kerry Hinds, Tannoy Hinds, Jhene Hinds, Antonique Hinds, Jahaire Hinds, Elaine Atkinson, William Ponder, Delwin Manning, Rosemarie, Donnica Hamlet, Gregory, Chade, Julia, Harold, Julian, Victor Arthur, Ann, Reuben Bostic, Idris Webster, Mary Gumbs, Andrew Gumbs, Ahmaud, Jackie, Everton Lewis, Betty Cargile, Ann Coy, Dolly Straun, Rosemarie, Fritz, Wendy and Steve Williams, Canon Glenworth Miles

### TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

**LECTORS:** Edolla Prince (OT/Ps) & Andrea Dacres (NT)

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Sharon Hunter (LEM) & Ariel Amos (Crucifer)

### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR 1/2//22

Jeremiah 31:7-14  
Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a  
Matthew 2:13-15,19-23  
or Luke 2:41-52  
or Matthew 2:1-12  
Psalm 84 or 84:1-8

The lectionary calendar can also be found at [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)

We are following Track 1.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**2021 Committee/Organization & Ministry Reports** – Brief Summary reports of committees/organizations and ministries for 2021 to be included in the Annual Parish Meeting journal must be submitted to the church office no later than January 8th. The journal will be distributed on January 16th, a week prior to the annual meeting. Please email all reports in Word format to: [info@stjohns-springfieldgardensny.org](mailto:info@stjohns-springfieldgardensny.org). Hand-written reports will not be accepted.

**Stewardship Season**—Is upon us, please see newsletter at the back of the sanctuary, "Every Perfect Gift"

**Worship Calendar:** See page 25 in your bulletin

## DISCIPLESHIP ENGAGEMENT

**Realm Online Tool** – Reminder to review our new online tool; login to get setup and ready to use.

**Acolytes & LEMs Needed:** Youth Acolytes & LEMs are needed to serve – please contact **Sharon Hunter at (347) 306-9129**.

**Sunday School:** St. John's is considering participating in the collaborative virtual Sunday School ministry between St. Stephen's, St. Alban's and St. Joseph's. If you are interested in helping to lead classes, be a zoom host, or develop and/or research virtual friendly curriculum please **contact: Sharon Hunter at (347) 306-9129**

**Church School Open House Zoom** – Meeting ID: 898 7499 6223  
Password: N7AMd8

## SERMON

The Rev. Canon Cecily Broderick-Guerra

## THE NICENE CREED

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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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Litanist:* Let us pray to God who has given us the revelation of divine grace and truth through the birth of Jesus, the Messiah, responding, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

*Litanist:* For hearts and minds open to accepting God’s gift of the Word, allowing the light of Christ to enkindle our hearts with love, and to bear its message to one another; let us pray.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Litanist:* For faith, that the garments of salvation and righteousness may clothe us, and bring to our outward actions the inner workings of God’s joy in our lives; let us pray.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Litanist:* For the leaders of our country and our state, that the light of Christ may illumine their hearts, empowering them to boldly proclaim the truth without fear or deception; let us pray.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Litanist:* For the victims of war, political upheaval, and economic uncertainty, that we may not forget their needs but continually seek ways to offer the assistance that Christ would have us bring; let us pray.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

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**Special Thanks!** - Thanks to Mo. Broderick for worshipping with us for the last two months! We appreciate her ministry to our parish and her memorable sermons. Mo. Broderick, we promise to sing louder and more emphatically!

**New Interim Priest-in-Charge** - The Rev. Dr. Joshua Samuel will begin worshipping with us on Sunday, January 2, 2022 through June 2022, Service will resume at 9 :00 AM on Jan.2.

**Christmas Poinsettias** - Thanks to everyone who donated towards our beautiful Christmas poinsettias decorations! See Page 24.

**2022 Pledge Cards & Offering Books** - New 2022 pledge cards are available now, please stop by at the end of service to pickup your pledge cards & books located at the back of the sanctuary.

**New Year’s Eve Worship** - New Year’s Eve Supply Priest will be The Reverend Darryl James @ 7:00 PM.

**Warden/Vestry Members Needed** - 1 warden and 5 vestry members. Elections will take place on January 23, 2022. Treasurer and Clerk of the Vestry positions are also on the ballot. You must reside within the Diocesan limits: Queens, Brooklyn, Nassau & Suffolk. Please see pages 22 & 23 of your bulletin for more details.

**Vestry Applicants** - Please email Sharon Hunter at shunter13@nyc.rr.com with a Bio picture and brief writeup.

**95th Church Anniversary Celebrations** - We ask that you celebrate with us by offering a special donation of \$95 to the church. We would like to receive this special giving by the end of the year, December 2021.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

BCP 366

*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.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**      GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS REJOICE      #107 (H)

**THE DISMISSAL**

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**



*Welcome to St. John's! We thank you for joining us both in-person and virtually for our service today. To access the livestream link, visit our website:*

***www.stjohns-springfieldgardensny.org***

*where you'll find the YouTube link on the homepage, please subscribe and share with your friends and family. Zoom audio is also available for persons without video-viewing capability. Church Warden—Please contact our church warden, Sharon Hunter (347) 306-9129, with any questions, concerns or urgent issues pertaining*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Litanist:* For those who are limited by illness, living with the uncertainty of debilitating diseases or the darkness of mental despair, that they may continue to call upon the hope of God; let us pray.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Litanist:* For all who have died and for all who are lonely or grieving, that they may remain close to the heart of the Risen One, whose presence knows no end; let us pray.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Litanist:* For the Church as we move toward the challenges of the future, that we rejoice in the faith of our ancestors and in the ever-present support of our sisters and brothers in this household; let us pray.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Litanist:* For each of us, that as we enjoy the material blessings of this season, the light and love of Jesus may continually transform us into a spiritual people through whom the Word of God is revealed; let us pray.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant:* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS**  
*(congregation come forward)*

*Litanist:* It is impossible to number the blessings we have received, the many gifts that we have been given and those we share with the world. For what are you thankful today? [*silence may be kept for a time*] May we who witness our gifts at work in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

**People:** *Which comes from God above.*

*Celebrant:* *With grateful hearts we thank you, Abundant God for hearing the faithful prayers of your people, granting them grace and love and blessings for Every Perfect Gift. Amen.*



*All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion*

*Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, communion will be received in one kind (bread) only. Please sanitize your hands before coming up to receive the bread. As you approach the Celebrant to receive the bread please ensure that your face is covered. The celebrant will place the bread in your hand, you may consume the bread only upon returning to your pew.*

*If you need to receive Holy Communion in your pew, please notify one of the ushers.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**      AS WITH GLADNESS, MEN OF OLD      #119 (H)

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ St. John's and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*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.

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

***Due to COVID-19, we ask that you please remain in the pews and refrain from physically touching others. You may nod, bow or wave in the direction of your neighbor as a sign of peace.***

**THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS - Sharon Hunter, Sr. Warden**



**The Offertory Invitation (said by ALL)**

Every generous act, with every perfect gift is from above and God we thank you for all the gifts you have given to us. As we share our time, talent, and treasure, with our church and with the world, we unleash those same gifts in our community and participate with God in an abundant vision for the world.

**Celebrant:** My sisters and brothers in Christ, I invite you to generously offer your gifts to God with hearts of gladness, faith and trust.

**OFFERTORY HYMN**      We Three Kings      #128(H)

**DOXOLOGY**

*At the presentation of the gifts, the people stand.*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B BCP 361**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

*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.*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, 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.

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 stand or kneel.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."