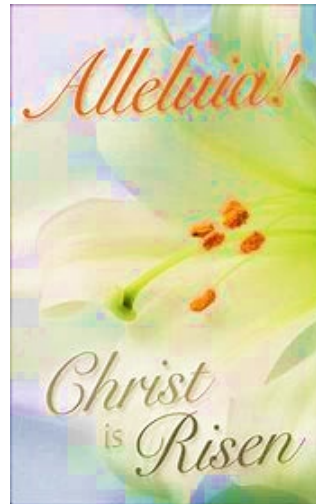


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***THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EASTER***

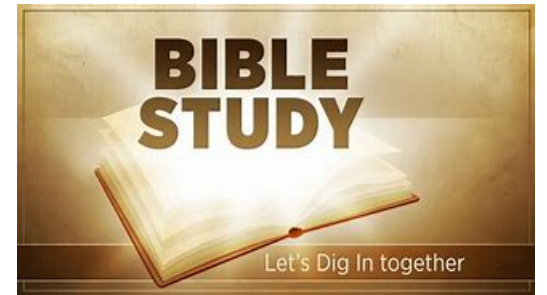
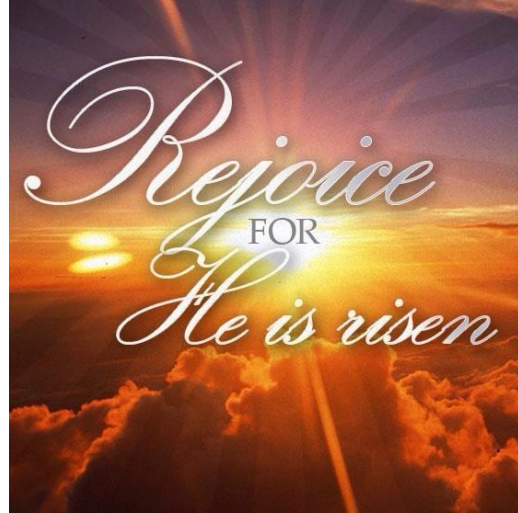


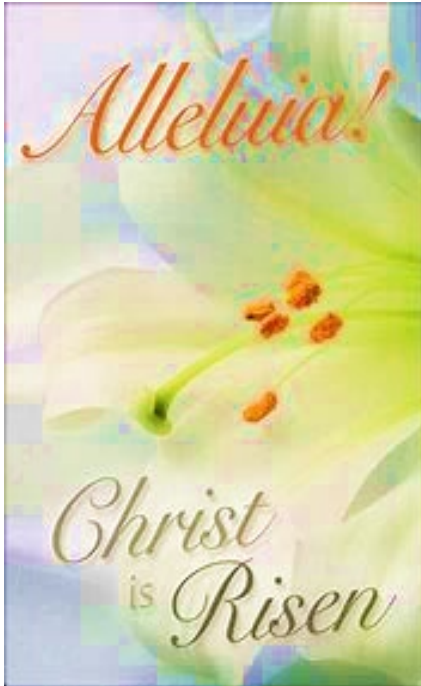
*Wednesday, April 14, 2021*

*7:30pm*

The Very Rev. Gilberto A. Hinds

*Priest-in-Charge*





*Officiant*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Lector 1**

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. *Hebrews 9:24*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

### *The Officiant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

### *Silence Officiant and People in silence*

**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.**

### *Officiant*

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.**





INVITATION  
TO THE PSALMS

*Officiant*

O God, make speed to save us.

**Lector 1**

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Officiant and Lector (People in silence)*

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.**

O Gracious  
Light  
(Phos hilaron)

*Officiant*

**O gracious light, pure brightness of the ever-loving  
Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes  
behold the vesper light, we sing your praises,**

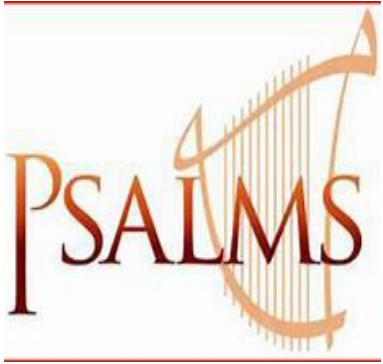
**O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at  
all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O  
Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

*Officiant and Lector 1      (People in silence)*

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.**

*We will say the Psalm alternating by whole verse.*

- 1 Help me, Lord, for there is no godly one left; \*  
the faithful have vanished from among us.
- 2 **Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor; \*  
with a smooth tongue they speak from a double  
heart.**
- 3 Oh, that the Lord would cut off all smooth tongues, \*  
and close the lips that utter proud boasts!
- 4 **Those who say, “With our tongue will we prevail; \*  
our lips are our own; who is lord over us?”**
- 4 “Because the needy are oppressed, and the poor cry out in  
misery, \*  
I will rise up,” says the Lord,  
“and give them the help they long for.”
- 6 **The words of the Lord are pure words, \*  
like silver refined from ore and purified  
seven times in the fire.**







- 7 O Lord, watch over us \*  
and save us from this generation for ever.
- 8 The wicked prowl on every side, \*  
and that which is worthless is highly  
prized by everyone.**

**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 READING**     *1 John 2:12-17*

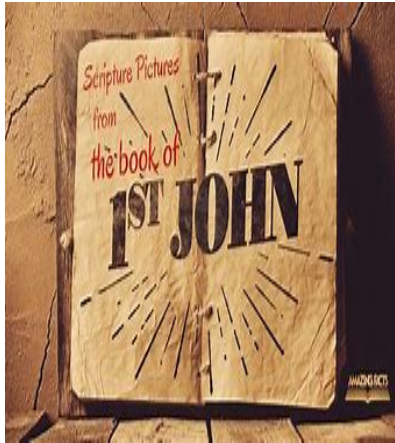
*Lector 3*

Lector    A Reading from the Book of the First John.

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of his name. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young people, because you have conquered the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young people, because you are strong and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever.

Lector 2        The Word of the Lord.

**Lector 1        Thanks be to God.**



## CHRIST OUR PASSEOVER

*Lector 4*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

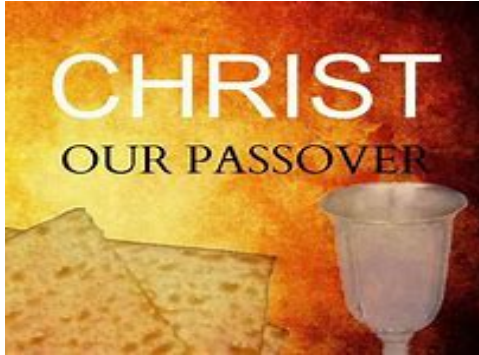
Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, \*

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

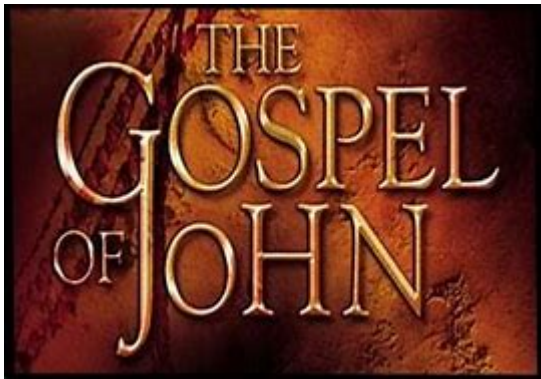
For as in Adam all die, \*

so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.



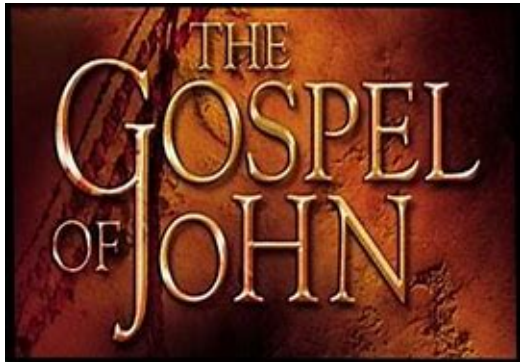
John 17:20-26

*Lector 5*



Lector            A Reading from the Gospel of John.

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.



Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Lector            The Word of the Lord  
**Lector            Thanks be to God.**

**THE SONG OF SIMEON** *Luke 2:29-32*

*Lector # 1 (People together in silence)*

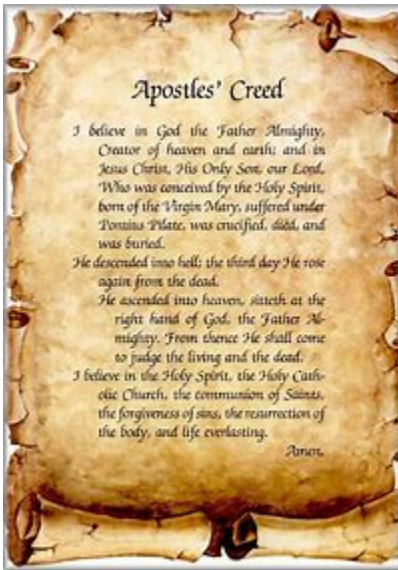


**Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised.  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,  
whom you have prepared for all the world  
to see: A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.**

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

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant and People together in silence*



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

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only son, our Lord.**

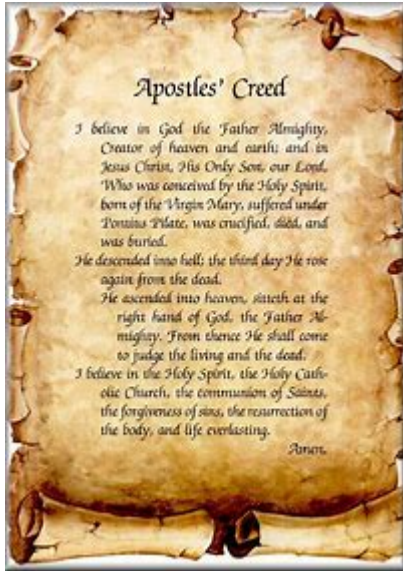
**He was conceived by the power of the  
Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**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

*Officiant and People together in silence*

**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.**

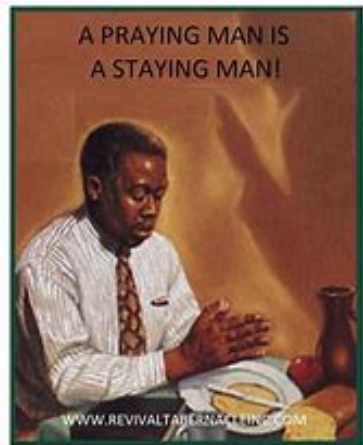
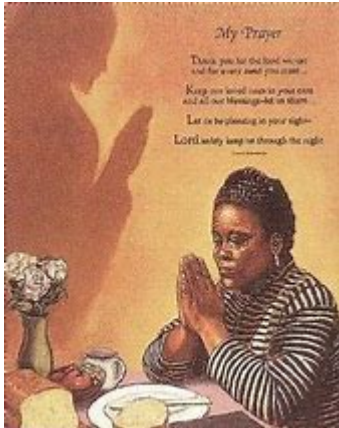
**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**



**SUFFRAGES**     *Lectors 1 & 2*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

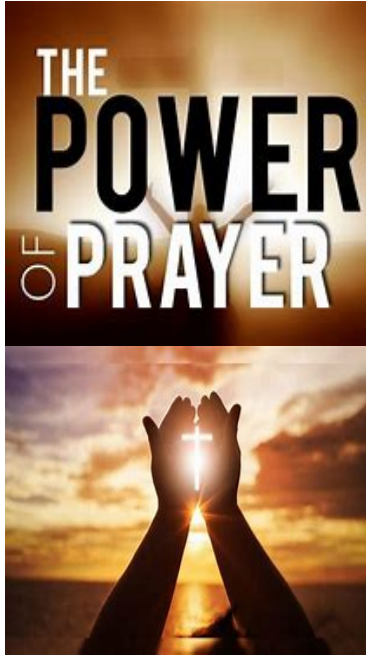
That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be  
condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the  
communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our  
life to Christ,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**



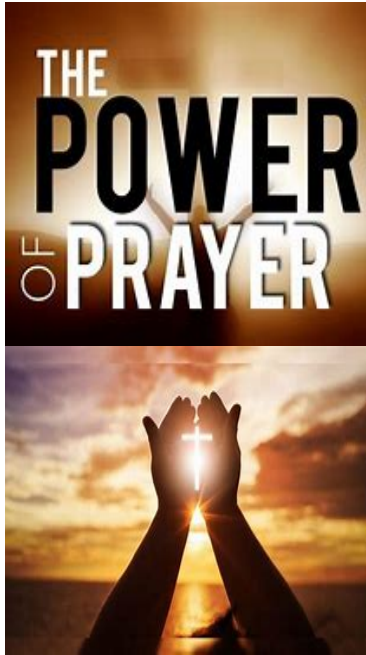
*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects*

*The Collect of the Day*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The Collect for Peace*

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

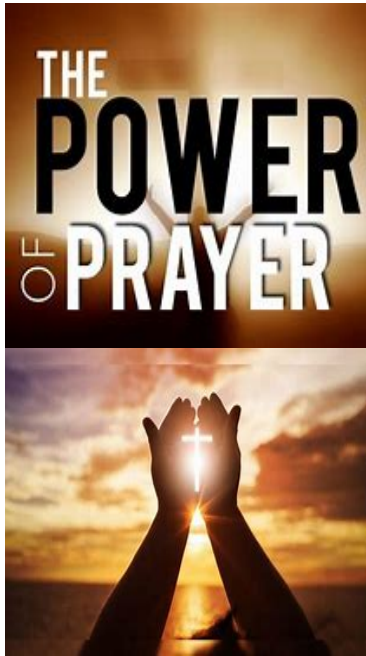


*For a Sick Person*

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servant N. for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon him with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort him with a sense of thy goodness; preserve him from the temptations of the enemy; and give him patience under his affliction. In thy good time, restore him to health, and enable him to lead the residue of his life in thy fear, and to thy glory; and grant that finally he may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for the Deceased.*

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



*A Collect for the Presence of Christ*

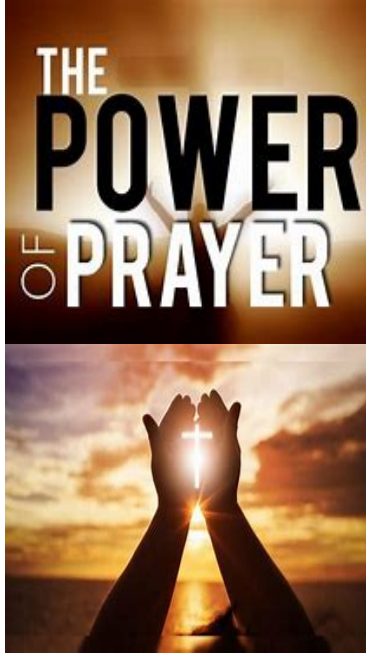
Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

*The Officiant says,*

I invite your intercessions, petitions, and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

*The Officiant says the Concluding Prayer.*

O Lord our God, accept the heartfelt prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us, and all who turn to you for help: Tend the sick, Lord Christ, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted and shield the joyous; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**





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# Holy Scriptures



## *Proper 28*

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



## 1 John 1:1-2:2

## New Revised Standard Version

### The Word of Life

**1** We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— **2** this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— **3** we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. **4** We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

### God Is Light

**5** This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. **6** If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; **7** but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. **8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

### Christ Our Advocate

**2 1** My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

## 1 John 1:1-2:2

## The Message

**1-2** From the very first day, we were there, taking it all in—we heard it with our own ears, saw it with our own eyes, verified it with our own hands. The Word of Life appeared right before our eyes; we saw it happen! And now we're telling you in most sober prose that what we witnessed was, incredibly, this: The infinite Life of God himself took shape before us. **3-4** We saw it, we heard it, and now we're telling you so you can experience it along with us, this experience of communion with the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ. Our motive for writing is simply this: We want you to enjoy this, too. Your joy will double our joy!

### Walk in the Light

**5** This, in essence, is the message we heard from Christ and are passing on to you: God is light, pure light; there's not a trace of darkness in him. **6-7** If we claim that we experience a shared life with him and continue to stumble around in the dark, we're obviously lying through our teeth—we're not *living* what we claim. But if we walk in the light, God himself being the light, we also experience a shared life with one another, as the sacrificed blood of Jesus, God's Son, purges all our sin.

**8-10** If we claim that we're free of sin, we're only fooling ourselves. A claim like that is errant nonsense. On the other hand, if we admit our sins—simply come clean about them—he won't let us down; he'll be true to himself. He'll forgive our sins and purge us of all wrongdoing. If we claim that we've never sinned, we out-and-out contradict God—make a liar out of him. A claim like that only shows off our ignorance of God. **2 1-2** I write this, dear children, to guide you out of sin. But if anyone does sin, we have a Priest-Friend in the presence of the Father: Jesus Christ, righteous Jesus.

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

### *Officiant and People in silence*



*I just  
WANT TO  
thank you  
Lord*

**ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

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.**



*A Collect for Aid against Perils*

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***



*The Officiant concludes with one of the following*

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

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



