

**CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, January 14**

9:00 am Adult Sunday School  
9:15 am Parish Choir  
9:30 am Children's Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship

**Monday, January 15**

Church Office Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

10:30 am Quilting Group  
6:30 pm Bible Study

**Tuesday, January 16**

6:00 pm Property Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, January 17**

6:00 pm Bella Voce Choir  
7:00 pm Parish Choir

**Thursday, January 18**

6:00 pm Handbells

**Saturday, January 20**

8:30 am Leah's Hope Trailer

**Sunday, January 21**

9:00 am Adult Sunday School  
9:15 am Parish Choir  
9:30 am Children's Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship

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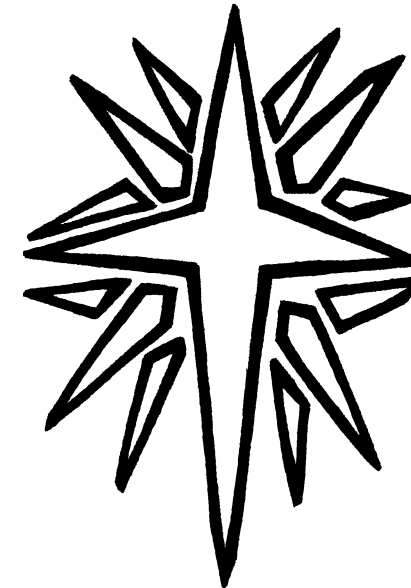
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**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**January 14, 2024**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**TEN O'CLOCK**



**ST JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**104 UNION STREET SOUTH**

**PO BOX 684**

**CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA 28026**

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## Welcome!

*St. James is a house of prayer where all people can come to know the compassionate heart of Jesus. We are a community of Christians where you can belong before you believe. At St. James the beauty of ancient worship and traditional spiritual practices transform contemporary lives. Join us as together we discover the sacred in the heart of our city. Our worship includes ancient and contemporary symbols and practices along with preaching and music to inspire you to follow Jesus in your daily life. We welcome both the spiritual seeker and seasoned disciple to find their home in God with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home or just exploring the life of faith, we hope you will walk with us on that journey of discovery.*

**Newcomers and visitors**, we hope that you will feel at home in this place and in this liturgy. Ushers are available in the Narthex during the liturgy should you have any questions or concerns. Please be sure and sign the guestbook located in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor or to an usher so that we can extend to you a warm welcome.

**Although there are customary postures** (such as standing and kneeling) in Lutheran worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.

**Children are most welcome in worship** at Saint James Church. For those who desire it, nursery care is provided on the first floor of the Education Building (ages 0-up to and including ages 5)

**First Aid Kits and the Automatic External Defibrillators (AED)** are located outside the church office door, immediately behind the Sanctuary, at the bottom of the stairs in the Portico area and in the Narthex. Fire extinguishers are located in the Sacristy and in the Narthex.

**If you are interested in membership** to this parish or desire a call from the Pastor, please indicate this to an usher or to the Pastor.

**Restrooms are available** on the first and second floors of the Education Building. **Pew Pads** are on the end of each pew (*near center aisle*), please sign and pass so that we have a record of your attendance and communion.

### **St. James Lutheran Church Facebook and Instagram groups**

Send Joseph Beasley any pictures and/or articles you would like to have posted at [joseph.f.beasley@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.f.beasley@gmail.com) @stjamesnc

### **Lector Training**

With the beginning of the new year, it seems appropriate to invite all the faithful to serve as Lectors. A second brief training session will be held today after worship. The sessions are intended for both experienced and new volunteers. Scheduling for 2024 will begin after today. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

### **Bible Study Returns – TOMORROW**

Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. (Passion Narratives)  
Requirements: Bible and a Sense of Humor  
The study is likely to last 8-9 weeks

### **Invitation to Feed your Neighbor**

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** All days are filled with folks willing to prepare meals for the Salvation Army Center at 45 Ashlyn Drive, SE (the corner of Ashlyn Drive SE and Patterson Ave SE) in Concord during the week of January 21-27. Please contact Chip Popovici (484-772-5963) with any questions.

### **Sign-Up Sheets for Communion Assistants and Videographers**

Are located on the board in the Portico Area – if you are interested in serving in one or both of these ministry areas – please sign up or call the church office.

### **From Your Social Ministry Committee**

Big Brothers/Big Sisters whose offices are in our Education Building is in need of adult mentors. They particularly need men mentors. If you are interested, please contact their Executive Director – Elizabeth Hutchins at 704-562-1144 to learn how you can help. The time you can give will be a significant blessing to a child!

### **2024 Altar Flower Chart**

The Flower Chart for 2024 is posted on the bulletin board in the portico area. If you would like to place flowers on the altar – please sign up and let the church office know how you would like them to be listed in the bulletin.

### **A Call for Annual Reports**

Leadership/Committee Chairs, etc. – it is that time of the year... Please get your 2023 annual reports into the office by January 31<sup>st</sup> to give us time to compile and have the Annual Report/Directory ready for the February 25<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting.

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

**Lector/Intercessor:** LeeAnn Miller

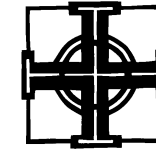
**Communion Assistant:** Kim Haberman

**Acolyte/Crucifer:** Joshua Rinker

**Ushers:** Dale Merrell, Gretchen Walker, Robert Davis, Lex Patterson,  
and Samantha Hillegass

**Videographer:** Annette Propst

**Greeter:** Barbara Albright



**THE SEASON AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OUR STEWARDSHIP**

Contributions / Receipts for January 7, 2024 - \$22,408.34

(\$7,371.00 needed weekly)

In-Person Attendance – 91

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Dale Merrell  
and in honor of the birthdays of Barbara, Bobby, and Suzanne.

**PRAYER LIST**

Patsy Black

Tom Grady

Linda and Paul Jones (family members of Barbara & Dale Merrell)

Jerry Kiser (nephew of the Marlows)

Noah Clifton

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

**Jan 14** Kim Johnson  
Lex Patterson

**Jan 15** Craig Craver

**Jan 16** Judy Benz  
Fred Lambert  
Meredith Wyatt

**Jan 17** Mike Graham  
Becky Phillilps

**Jan 18** Sonny Pruette

**Jan 19** Carrie Craver  
Gail Johnson  
Kristin Rinker

**Gathering**



**Chimes of the Trinity and Welcome**

**Opening Voluntary** *Andante Sostenuto from Symphonie 9* Charles Marie Widor

*Please stand.*

**THE INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom  
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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Please sit or kneel as able.*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**THE ENTRANCE HYMN** *O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True*      *O Jesu Christie*

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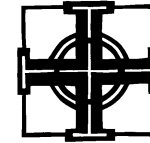
**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Voluntary**

*Rigaudon*

Andre Campra



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A Let us pray. God of Glory, in this sacrament you unite us in the body of your Son. May we who have been guests at this table grow in love for one another, that through us your light may shine in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

### THE BENEDICTION

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

### THE SENDING HYMN

*Rise Up, O Saints of God*

Festal Song

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;  
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! His king - dom's task em - brace;  
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, his word of hope pro - claim.  
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
 and quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on  
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers  
 3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -  
 4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on  
 5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,

those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -  
 lost in er - ror's maze. En - light - en those whose se - cret  
 way the child - ish fears of those who trem - ble to ex -  
 oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed  
 ev - er to re - joice with wond - 'ring grat - i - tude and

gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.  
 minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
 press the faith their se - cret hearts con - fess.  
 sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.  
 praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

### THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

### THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

**A** Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.

**B** Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- might- y God and Fa- ther:

We wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry.

Lord Je- sus Christ, on- ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a- way the sin of the world; have mer- cy on us.

You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.

For you a- lone are the Ho- ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,

you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spir- it,

in the glo- ry of God the Fa- ther. A - men

### THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen

### THE NUNC DIMMITIS

**B** Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful-

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal- va- tion which you have pre-

pared in the sight of ev- 'ry peo- ple: A light to re- veal you to the

na- tions and the glo- ry of your peo- ple Is- ra- el.

Glo- ry to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Spir- it,

as it was in the be- gin- ning, is now,

and will be for- ev- er. A - men

### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER



**C** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please sit.*

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Q: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

A: Instituted by Christ himself, it is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, given to us Christians to eat and to drink.

Q: What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?

A: We are told in the words “for you” and “for the forgiveness of sins.” By these words the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament, for where there is forgiveness of sins, there are also life and salvation.

*-Luther’s Small Catechism Part V*

*Jesus bids all the baptized to feast at his table. Please come by way of the center aisle and return by the side aisle. If you need help figuring out where to and when to go, an usher or fellow worshiper will help you. At one time we too were confused. For those unable to partake of wine, white grape juice is available. If you are unable to come to the altar, the pastor will bring communion to you at your seat. Please advise an usher.*

*Please stand.*

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray . . .

C Amen

*Please sit.*

### Word



### THE FIRST READING: I Samuel 3:1-20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ and he said, ‘Here I am!’ <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call; lie down again.’ So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, ‘Samuel!’ Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call, my son; lie down again.’ <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, ‘Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, “Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.”’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’ <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, ‘See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming

God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.'

<sup>15</sup> Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' <sup>17</sup>Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.'

<sup>19</sup> As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

#### **THE SECOND READING: I Corinthians 6:12-20**

<sup>12</sup> 'All things are lawful for me', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful for me', but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>'Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food', and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, 'The two shall be one flesh.' <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

*Please stand.*

#### **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:**

**C 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,  
forever and ever. Amen**

#### **THE AGNUS DEI**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

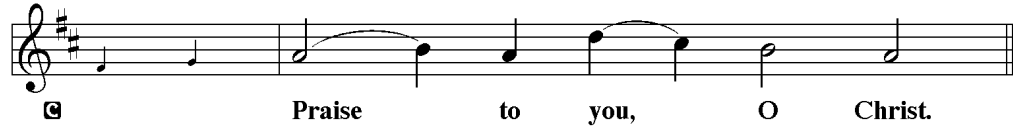
### THE HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

*The reading concludes, "The Gospel of the Lord."*



*Please sit.*

## THE SERMON

*Please stand.*

## THE HYMN OF THE DAY

*I Love to Tell the Story*

Hankey

## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

A Merciful Father,

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## THE SANCTUS

THE ANTHEM

*Jesus the Very Thought of Thee*

Glen L Randolph

THE OFFERING



*Please stand.*

THE OFFERTORY CANTICLE

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
 fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*  
 I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry

and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come 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 OF INTERCESSION

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those  
in need, and all of God's creation.

A Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
C **That we all may be one.**

A Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;  
C **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

A We pray for all bishops, pastors, and deacons;

C **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.**

A We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations  
of the world;

C **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

A Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
C **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

A Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
C **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

A Give to the departed eternal rest.  
C **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

A We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
C **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

A Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*A brief silence for reflection.*

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*Please sit.*