



Rector's New Year Message

My Dear Parishioners,

This is the time when we reflect upon the past and prepare to enter a new secular year. For some, there are many uncertainties. For others, there is hope.

Many of us are accustomed to make promises - promises that will affect our personal lives. Most of us are familiar with these words "for 2007 I am going to". Some of us forget those promises not long after we enter the new year. Consequently, we end up living a life in the same "matter of fact" attitude as we did the previous year.

The promise to *CHANGE* for the new year must take into consideration our ability to bear the consequences. Too often promises are made and when the "seas are rough" we give up. Too often we give up too soon. We must be prepared to "launch out into the arena of perseverance".

I sincerely hope and pray that as we prepare to enter a new year and as we try to determine what promises we are going to make, let us be mindful that change will only take place if we are prepared to accept the consequences with perseverance and faith.

May we experience the Joy of transformation as we prepare to renew our lives to God and may 2007 be one of fulfillment and truly rewarding.

Happy New Year

Your priest and friend
John Rohim



Parish of St. George

With St. Francis & St. Mark

Service of Rededication and Mass of the Holy Name of Jesus



On Sunday 31st December, 2006
at St. George's Anglican Church - 10:30 pm

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**Hymn: Through all the changing scenes of life**

Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me,
with me exalt his Name;
when in distress to him I called,
he to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around
the dwellings of the just;
deliverance he affords to all
who on his succor trust.

O make but trial of his love;
experience will decide
how blest are they, and only they
who in his truth confide.

Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear;
make you his service your delight;
your wants shall be his care.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
The God whom we adore,
Be Glory, as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Priest: The Lord Be With You.

All: **And Also With You**

Priest: Let Us Pray (Silence)

O God our Creator, you have divided our life into days and seasons, and called us to acknowledge your providence year after year; Accept your people who come to offer their praises, and in your mercy, receive their prayers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Recessional Hymn:****Father Let me Dedicate**

Father, let me dedicate
all this year to Thee,
In whatever worldly state thou wilt have me be:
Not from sorrow, pain, or care freedom dare I claim;
This alone shall be my prayer,
Glorify Thy Name.

Can a child presume to choose
where or how to live?
Can a Father's love refuse all the best to give?
More Thou givest every day than the best can claim,
Nor withholdest aught that may,
Glorify Thy Name.

If in mercy Thou wilt spare
joys that yet are mine;
If on life, serene and fair, brighter rays may shine;
Let my glad heart, while it sings, thee in all proclaim,
And, whate'er the future brings,
Glorify Thy Name.

If Thou callest to the Cross,
and its shadow come,
Turning all my gain to loss, shrouding heart and home;
Let me think how Thy dear Son to His glory came,
And in deepest woe pray on,
"Glorify Thy name."



I Am the Bread of Life

I am the Bread of Life
 He who comes to Me shall not hunger,
 He who believes in Me shall not thirst.
 No one can come to Me unless the Father draw him.
*And I will raise him up,
 And I will raise him up
 And I will raise him up on the last day.*

The Bread that I will give
 Is My flesh for the life of the world,
 And he who eats of this Bread,
 He shall live forever, he shall live forever.
And I will raise him up

Unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of Man
 And drink of His Blood,
 And drink of His Bleed
 You shall not have life within you.
And I will raise him up

I am the Resurrection, I am the Life
 He who believes in Me,
 Even if he die,
 He shall live forever
And I will raise him up



First Lesson: Exodus 23: 9-16, 20-21

⁹"You shall not oppress a stranger; you know the heart of a stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.
¹⁰ "For six years you shall sow your land and gather in its yield;
¹¹but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the wild beasts may eat. You shall do likewise with your vineyard, and with your olive orchard. ¹²"Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; that your ox and your ass may have rest, and the son of your bondmaid, and the alien, may be refreshed. ¹³Take heed to all that I have said to you; and make no mention of the names of other gods, nor let such be heard out of your mouth. ¹⁴"Three times in the year you shall keep a feast to me. ¹⁵You shall keep the feast of unleavened bread; as I commanded you, you shall eat unleavened bread for seven days at the appointed time in the month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt. None shall appear before me empty-handed. ¹⁶You shall keep the feast of harvest, of the first fruits of your labor, of what you sow in the field. You shall keep the feast of ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labor.
²⁰"Behold, I send an angel before you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place which I have prepared.
²¹Give heed to him and hearken to his voice, do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgression; for my name is in him.

Psalm 36 verse 5-10 or Take my Life and Let it Be

Psalm 36 vs. 5-10

5 Thy steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, thy faithfulness to the clouds.



- 6 Thy righteousness is like the mountains of God, thy judgments are like the great deep; man and beast thou savest, O LORD.
- 7 How precious is thy steadfast love, O God! The children of men take refuge in the shadow of thy wings.
- 8 They feast on the abundance of thy house, and thou givest them drink from the river of thy delights.
- 9 For with thee is the fountain of life; in thy light do we see light.
- 10 O continue thy steadfast love to those who know thee, and thy salvation to the upright of heart!

Hymn: **Take My Life and Let It Be**

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold:
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be,
Ever, only, all for Thee.



The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love He sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

**How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds**

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace!

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy Name
refresh my soul in death!

**Priest: Let Us Pray (Silence)**

O God our Creator, you have divided our life into days and seasons, and called us to acknowledge your providence year after year; Accept your people who come to offer their praises, and in your mercy, receive their prayers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Second Lesson: Deuteronomy 11: 8-12, 26-28

⁸"You shall therefore keep all the commandment which I command you this day, that you may be strong, and go in and take possession of the land which you are going over to possess, ⁹and that you may live long in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give to them and to their descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ For the land which you are entering to take possession of it is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it with your feet, like a garden of vegetables; ¹¹ but the land which you are going over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water by the rain from heaven, ¹² a land which the LORD your God cares for; the eyes of the LORD your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

²⁶ "Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse:

²⁷ the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day, ²⁸and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods which you have not known.

Priest: Let Us Pray (Silence)

In your wisdom, O Lord our God, you have made all things, and have allotted to each of us the days of our life: Grant that we may live in your presence, be guided by your Holy Spirit,



and offer all our works to your honour and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Third Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 12: 1-8

¹ If thou do good, know to whom thou dost it, and there shall be much thanks for thy good deeds. ² Do good to the just, and thou shalt find great recompense: and if not of him, assuredly of the Lord. ³ For there is no good for him that is always occupied in evil, and that giveth no alms: for the Highest hateth sinners, and hath mercy on the penitent. ⁴ Give to the merciful and uphold not the sinner: God will repay vengeance to the ungodly and to sinners, and keep them against the day of vengeance. ⁵ Give to the good, and receive not a sinner. ⁶ Do good to the humble, and give not to the ungodly: hold back thy bread, and give it not to him, lest thereby he overmaster thee. ⁷ For thou shalt receive twice as much evil for all the good thou shalt have done to him: for the Highest also hateth sinners, and will repay vengeance to the ungodly. ⁸ A friend shall not be known in prosperity, and an enemy shall not be hidden in adversity.

Psalm 130 or O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

Hymn: O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.



All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven-
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Just as I Am

Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy Blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I Come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Hath broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



Forgive this nation's many sins,
the growth of vice restrain;
and help us all with sin to strive,
and crowns of life to gain.

From evil deeds that stain the past
we now desire to flee;
and pray that future years may all
be spent, good Lord, for thee.

O Father, let thy watchful eye
still look on us in love,
that we may praise thee, year by year,
with angel hosts above.

All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.

Now thank we all our God

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.



Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong;

In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

Priest: Let Us Pray (Silence)

Immortal Lord God, you inhabit eternity, and have brought us your unworthy servants to the close of another year. Pardon, we entreat you, our transgressions of the past, and graciously abide with us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Fourth Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 43: 1-22

¹The pride of the height, the clear firmament, the beauty of heaven, with his glorious shew; ² The sun when it appeareth, declaring at his rising a marvellous instrument, the work of the most High: ³ At noon it parcheth the country, and who can abide the burning heat thereof? ⁴ A man blowing a furnace is in works of heat, but the sun burneth the mountains three times more; breathing out fiery vapours, and sending forth bright beams, it dimmeth the eyes. ⁵ Great is the Lord that made it; and at his commandment runneth hastily. ⁶ He made the moon also to serve in her season for a declaration of times, and a sign of the world. ⁷ From the moon is the sign of feasts, a light that decreaseth in her perfection. ⁸ The month is called after her name, increasing wonderfully in her changing, being an instrument of the armies above, shining in the firmament of heaven; ⁹ The beauty of heaven, the glory of the stars, an ornament giving light in the highest places of the Lord.



¹⁰ At the commandment of the Holy One they will stand in their order, and never faint in their watches. ¹¹ Look upon the rainbow, and praise him that made it; very beautiful it is in the brightness thereof. ¹² It compasseth the heaven about with a glorious circle, and the hands of the most High have bended it. ¹³ By his commandment he maketh the snow to fall apace, and sendeth swiftly the lightnings of his judgment. ¹⁴ Through this the treasures are opened: and clouds fly forth as fowls. ¹⁵ By his great power he maketh the clouds firm, and the hailstones are broken small. ¹⁶ At his sight the mountains are shaken, and at his will the south wind bloweth. ¹⁷ The noise of the thunder maketh the earth to tremble: so doth the northern storm and the whirlwind: as birds flying he scattereth the snow, and the falling down thereof is as the lighting of grasshoppers: ¹⁸ The eye marvelleth at the beauty of the whiteness thereof, and the heart is astonished at the raining of it. ¹⁹ The hoarfrost also as salt he poureth on the earth, and being congealed, it lieth on the top of sharp stakes. ²⁰ When the cold north wind bloweth, and the water is congealed into ice, it abideth upon every gathering together of water, and clotheth the water as with a breastplate. ²¹ It devoureth the mountains, and burneth the wilderness, and consumeth the grass as fire. ²² A present remedy of all is a mist coming speedily, a dew coming after heat refresheth.

Psalm 19, or 148 or Psalm 74: 11-22

Priest: Let Us Pray (Silence)

Almighty Father, you give the sun a light by day, and the moon and the stars by night: Graciously receive us, this night and always, into your favour and protection, defending us from all harm and governing us with your Holy Spirit, that every shadow of ignorance, every failure of faith or weakness of heart, every evil or wrong desire may be removed far from us;



When you look at others with their lands and gold,
 Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;
 Count your many blessings. Wealth can never buy
 Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

Count your blessings, name them one by one,.....

So, amid the conflict whether great or small,
 Do not be disheartened, God is over all;
 Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
 Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

Count your blessings, name them one by one,.....

NOTICES

OFFERTORY HYMNS

The Year is Gone Beyond Recall

The year is gone, beyond recall,
 with all its hopes and fears,
 with all its bright and gladdening smiles,
 with all its mourners' tears.

Thy thankful people praise thee, Lord,
 for countless gifts received;
 and pray for grace to keep the faith
 which saints of old believed.

To thee we come, O gracious Lord,
 the newborn year to bless;
 defend our land from pestilence,
 give peace and plenteousness.



made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. ²¹ And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

SERMON

Hymn - Count Your Blessings

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
 When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
 Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
 And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.
*Count your blessings, name them one by one,
 Count your blessings, see what God hath done!
 Count your blessings, name them one by one,
 And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.*

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
 Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
 Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
 And you will keep singing as the days go by.
Count your blessings, name them one by one,.....



so that we, being justified in our Lord Jesus Christ, may be sanctified by your Spirit, appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Fifth Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5: 17 - 6:2

¹⁷ Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
⁶ ¹ Working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. ² For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Psalms 63: 1-8 or Canticle 5 or 17

Priest: Let Us Pray (Silence)
 Most gracious and merciful God, you have reconciled us to yourself through Jesus Christ your Son, and called us to new life in him: Grant that we, who begin this year in his Name may complete it to his honour and glory, who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.



Sixth Lesson: Hebrews 3: 1-15

¹ Therefore, holy brethren, who share in a heavenly call, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession. ² He was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in God's house. ³ Yet Jesus has been counted worthy of as much more glory than Moses as the builder of a house has more honor than the house. ⁴ (For every house is built by some one, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵ Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶ but Christ was faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if we hold fast our confidence and pride in our hope. ⁷ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, when you hear his voice, ⁸ do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, ⁹ where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years. ¹⁰ Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their hearts; they have not known my ways.' ¹¹ As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall never enter my rest.'" ¹² Take care, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we share in Christ, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end, ¹⁵ while it is said, "Today, when you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

Psalm 95 or How Many Times Must Christ Call to Us

Hymn: How Many Times Must Christ Call to Us

How many times must Christ call to us,
 Before His message is heard?
 How many times must He knock at our door,
 Before we answer His word?



Hymn - All to Jesus I Surrender

All to Jesus, I surrender;
 All to Him I freely give;
 I will ever love and trust Him,
 In His presence daily live.
*I surrender all, I surrender all,
 All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
 I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender;
 Humbly at His feet I bow,
 Worldly pleasures all forsaken;
 Take me, Jesus, take me now.
*I surrender all, I surrender all,
 All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
 I surrender all.*

All to Jesus, I surrender;
 Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
 Let me feel the Holy Spirit,
 Truly know that Thou art mine.
I surrender all, I surrender all,.....

All to Jesus, I surrender;
 Lord, I give myself to Thee;
 Fill me with Thy love and power;
 Let Thy blessing fall on me.
I surrender all, I surrender all,.....

All to Jesus I surrender;
 Now I feel the sacred flame.
 O the joy of full salvation!
 Glory, glory, to His Name!
I surrender all, I surrender all,.....

The Gospel - Luke 2: 15-21

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has



When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:

*Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.*

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand:

*Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.*

The Epistle - Romans I: 1-7

¹ Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³ the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and designated Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶ including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; ⁷ To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

SILENCE



How many times must His grace be poured out,
Before our response will be heard?

*The answer, my friends,
must come from within;
The answer must come from within.*

Lord, we know that you're calling to us
In every person we meet.
Lord, we know that you're challenging us
In every cross that we bear.
Lord, we know that your love will be there,
To bring our response from within.

*The answer, my friends,
must come from within;
The answer must come from within.*

Priest: Let Us Pray (Silence)

O God, through your Son you have taught us to be watchful, and to await the sudden day of judgement: Strengthen us against Satan and his forces of wickedness, the evil powers of this world, and the sinful desires within us; and grant that, having served you all the days of our life, we may finally come to the dwelling place your Son has prepared for us; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Seventh Lesson: Revelation 21: 1-14, 22-24

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; ³ and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away."



away." ⁵ And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the fountain of the water of life without payment. ⁷ He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be his God and he shall be my son. ⁸ But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, as for murderers, fornicators, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their lot shall be in the lake that burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death." ⁹ Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues, and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." ¹⁰ And in the Spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed; ¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light shall the nations walk; and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it.

Hymn: I am Thine, O Lord

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith
And be closer drawn to Thee.



the first tables, which you broke. ² Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. ³ No man shall come up with you, and let no man be seen throughout all the mountain; let no flocks or herds feed before that mountain." ⁴ So Moses cut two tables of stone like the first; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tables of stone. ⁵ And the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. ⁶ The LORD passed before him, and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." ⁸ And Moses made haste to bow his head toward the earth, and worshiped.

Hymn - Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:

*Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.*

**Hymn - Glory to Thee My God This Night.**

Glory to thee, my God, this night,
for all the blessings of the light:
keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
beneath thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
the ill that I this day have done;
that with the world, myself, and thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread
the grave as little as my bed;
teach me to die, that so I may
rise glorious at the awful day.

O may my soul on thee repose,
and with sweet sleep mine eyelids close;
sleep that shall me more vigorous make
to serve my God when I awake.

When in the night I sleepless lie,
my soul with heavenly thoughts supply;
let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
no powers of darkness me molest.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Old Testament Lesson - Exodus 34: 1-8

¹ The LORD said to Moses, "Cut two tables of stone like the first; and I will write upon the tables the words that were on



*Draw me nearer, nearer blessèd Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessèd Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine.
Draw me nearer, nearer blessèd Lord

O the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God
I commune as friend with friend!
Draw me nearer, nearer blessèd Lord

There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with Thee.
Draw me nearer, nearer blessèd Lord

Priest: Let Us Pray (Silence)

Almighty and merciful God, through your well beloved Son Jesus Christ the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, you have willed to make all things new: Grant that we may be renewed by your Holy Spirit, and come at last to that heavenly country where your people hunger and thirst no more, and the tears are wiped away from every eye; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn: All People that on earth do dwell

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.



Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why! the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

Then shall the minister say:

Dearly beloved, the Christian life to which we are called is a life of Christ, redeemed from sin by him, and through him, consecrated to God. Upon this life we have entered having been admitted into that New Covenant of which our Lord Jesus Christ is mediator, and which he sealed with His own blood that it might stand forever.

On one side the Covenant is God's promise that He will fulfill in and through us all that He declared in Jesus Christ, who is the Author and Protector of our faith. That His promise still stands we are sure, for we have known His goodness and proved His grace in our lives day by day.

From time to time we renew our vows of consecration, especially when we gather at the table of our Lord; but on this day we meet expressly, as generation of our fathers have met, that we may joyfully and solemnly renew the Covenant and that we, may give ourselves anew to God.

Let us then, remembering the mercies of God and the hope of His calling, examine ourselves by the light of His Spirit that we may see wherein we have failed or fallen short in faith and practice, and considering all that this Covenant means, may give ourselves anew to God.



THE COVENANT

Here the people standing the minister shall say:

And now, Beloved let us bind ourselves with willing bonds to our covenant to God, and take the yoke of Christ upon us. This taking of his yoke upon us means that we are heartily content that he appoint us our place and work and that he alone be our reward. Christ has many services to be done and some are easy others are difficult, some bring honour, others bring reproach that are suitable to our natural inclinations and temporary interest, others are contrary to both. In some we may please Christ and ourselves. Yet power to do all these things is absurdly given us in Christ who strengthened us. Therefore let us make the covenants of God our own. Let us engage our hearts to the Lord and resolve in strength never to go back. Being thus prepared let us now in sincere dependence on his grace and trusting his promises, yield ourselves anew to him meekly kneeling upon our knees.

Here all the people shall join:

I am no longer my own but Thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt, put me to doing. Put me to suffering, let them be employed for thee, laid aside for thee, let me be exalted for thee or brought low for thee, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things, let to thy pleasure and disposal. And now O gracious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit thou art mine and I am thine so be it, and the covenant which I made on earth let it be rectified in heaven.



darkness at all. If we walk in the light as he is in the light we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus his son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not within us, if we confess our sins he is faithful and righteous to forgive us in our sins.

Hymn - The radiant morn has pass'd away.

The radiant morn hath pass'd away,
And spent too soon her golden store;
The shadows of departing day
Creep on once more.

Our life is but a fading dawn,
Its glorious noon, how quickly past;
Lead us, O Christ, our lifework done,
Safe home at last.

O by thy soul-inspiring grace,
Uplift our hearts to realms on high;
Help us to look to that bright place
Beyond the sky,

Where light, and life, and joy, and peace
In undivided empire reign,
And thronging angels never cease
Their deathless strain;

Where saints are clothed in spotless white.
And evening shadows never fall,
Where thou, eternal Light of Light,
Art Lord of all.



ADORATION

Hymn: Father we Adore You

Father we adore you
Lay our lives before you
How we love You

Jesus we adore you
Lay our lives before you
How we love You

Spirit we adore you
Lay our lives before you
How we love You

Minister: Let Us Pray (Silence)

Let us adore the Father the God of love who created us, who every moment preserves and sustains us; who has loved us with an everlasting love, and given us the light of the knowledge of His glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

People:

We praise Thee, O God, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

Minister:

Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: who though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor; who went about doing good and preaching the Gospel of our Kingdom; who was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin; who became obedient unto death, and liveth for evermore, who opened the kingdom of Heaven to all believers; who sitteth at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

People:

Thou art the King of God, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.



Minister:

Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life by whom we are born into the family of God, and made members of the Body of Christ; whose witness confirms us; whose wisdom teaches us, whose power enables us, who waits to do for us exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

People:

All Praise to Thee, O Holy Spirit.

Here shall follow a period of Silent Prayer / Thanksgiving

Hymn: Give Thanks (ALL KNEEL)

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.

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And now let the weak say , 'I am strong',
Let the poor say, 'I am rich',
Because of what the Lord has done for us;

And now let the weak say , 'I am strong',
Let the poor say, 'I am rich',
Because of what the Lord has done for us;

Give thanks ...



By my sins I have deserved
Death and endless misery,
Hell with all its pains and torments,
And for all eternity.

*Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;
Let me not implore in vain;
All my sins, I now detest them,
Never will I sin again.*

By my sins I have abandoned
Right and claim to heav'n above.
Where the saints rejoice forever
In a boundless sea of love.

Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;

See our Savior, bleeding, dying,
On the cross of Calvary;
To that cross my sins have nail'd Him,
Yet He bleeds and dies for me.

Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;

After a period of silent prayer the minister and people shall say:

Have mercy upon me, O Lord according to thy loving kindness, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions, wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Then the people still kneeling the Minister shall rise and say:

This is the message which we have heard from him and declare unto you, that God is light and in him is no



A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sins away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

CONFESSION - The Great Litany

Minister:

If we have made no ventures in fellowship; if we have kept in our hearts a grievance against another, if we have been eager for the punishment of wrong doers, and slow to seek their redemption.

People:

Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.

Minister:

Let each of us in silence make confession to God.

Hymn - God of Mercy and Compassion

God of mercy and compassion,
Look with pity upon me,
Father, let me call Thee Father,
'Tis Thy child returns to Thee.
*Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;
Let me not implore in vain;
All my sins, I now detest them,
Never will I sin again.*



Minister:

Let us rise and give thanks to God for his manifold mercies.

Minister:

Let us examine ourselves before God, humbly confessing our sins and watching our hearts, lest by self deceit we shut ourselves out from his presence.

Minister: Let us Pray:

O God our Father who hast set forth the way of life for us in thy beloved son, we confess with the shame and slowness to learn of him, our reluctance to follow him, thou hast spoken and called and we have not given heed, thy beauty has shone forth and we have been blind. Thou has stretched out thy hands to us through our fellows as we have passed by. We have taken great benefit with little thanks, we have been unworthy of thy changeless love.

People:

Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.

Minister:

Forgive us, we beseech thee, the poverty of our worship, the formality and selfishness of our prayers our inconstancy and unbelief, our neglect of fellowship and of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our false pretences and our willful ignorance of thy ways.

People:

Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.

Minister:

Forgive us wherein we have wasted our time or misused our gifts. Forgive us within we have excused our wrong-doing or evaded our responsibilities. Forgive us that we have been unwilling to overcome evil with good that we have drawn back from the cross.

People:

Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.



Minister:

Forgive us that so little of thy love has reached others through us, and that we have borne so lightly wrongs and sufferings that were not our own, forgive us wherein we have cherished the things that divide us from others and wherein we have made it hard for them to live with us, and wherein we have been thoughtless in our judgements, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness.

People:

Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.

Minister:

O God our Father, the fountain of all goodness, who hast been gracious to us not only in the year that is past, but through all the years of our life; we give thee thanks for thy loving kindness which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place.

People:

We praise thy holy name, O Lord.

Minister:

Thou hast given us life and reason, and hast set us in the world which is full of thy glory. Thou has comforted us with kindred and friends and minister to us through the hands and minds of our fellows.

People:

We praise thy holy name, O Lord.

Minister:

Thou hast set in our hearts a hunger for thee, and given us thy peace. Thou hast redeemed us and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus. Thou hast given us a place - the fellowship of thy spirit and the witness of thy Church.

People:

We praise thy holy name, O Lord.



Minister:

In darkness thou hast been our light in adversity and temptation, a rock of strength in our joys and the very spirit of joy, in our labours the all sufficient reward.

People:

We praise thy holy name, O Lord.

Minister:

Thou hast remembered us when we have forgotten thee, followed us when we fled from thee, met us with forgiveness when we turned back to thee. For all thy long suffering and the abundance of thy grace.

People:

We praise thy holy name, O Lord.

Here shall follow a period of Silent Prayer / Thanksgiving

Hymn: O God our help in ages past

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.