



*Officiant* Most merciful God,  
*People* 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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

*People* Amen.

*Officiant* God, open our lips.  
*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*All* 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.

*Officiant* God is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore them.

**Venite Psalm 95:1-7**

*People* Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In God's hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are God's also.  
The sea is God's, for God made it,  
and God's hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For so is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to God's voice!



*Deus, Deus meus*

22. Praise the Lord, ' you that ' fear him: \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel, all ' you of ' Jacob's line give ' glory.

23. For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty,  
neither does he hide his ' face from ' them; \*  
but when they ' cry to ' them he ' hears them.

24. My praise is of him in the ' great as- ' ssembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the ' presence of ' those who ' worship him.

25. The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the ' Lord shall ' praise him; \*  
"May ' your heart ' live forever!"

26. All the ends of the earth shall remember and ' turn to the ' Lord; \*  
and all the families of the ' nations shall ' bow be- ' fore him.

27. For kingship be- ' longs to the ' Lord; \*  
he ' rules ' over the ' nations.

28. To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow ' down in ' worship; \*  
all who go ' down to the ' dust fall be- ' fore him.

29. My soul shall live for him, my des- ' cendants shall ' serve him; \*  
they shall be known ' as the ' Lord's for- ' ever.

30. They shall come and make known to a ' people yet un- ' born \*  
the saving ' deeds that ' he has ' done.

Glory to the Father, and ' to the ' Son; \*  
and ' to the ' Holy ' Spirit.

As it was in the be- ' ginning, is ' now, \*  
and ' will be for- ' ever. A- ' men.

The Lessons

## A Reading from Genesis

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

*Lector* Here ends the Lesson.

*A moment of silence is held for reflection and meditation.*

## Canticle 1: Benedicite

Hymn #412

Earth and All Stars

*The Hymnal 1982*

## Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

*Laurie Hyndman*

### A Reading from Romans

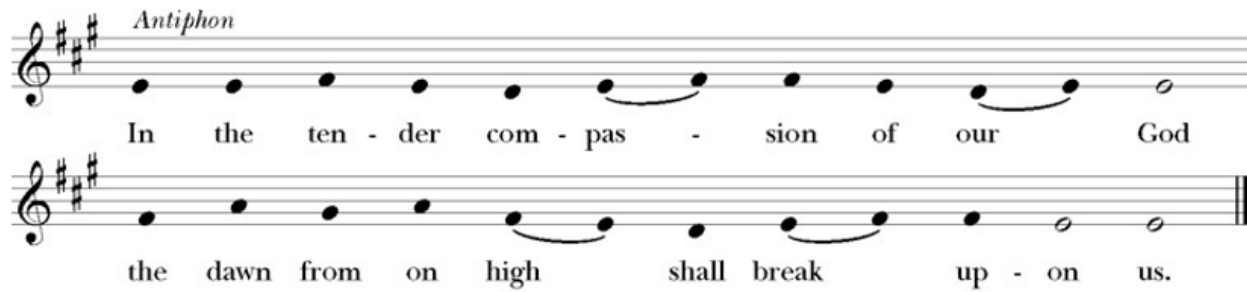
For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

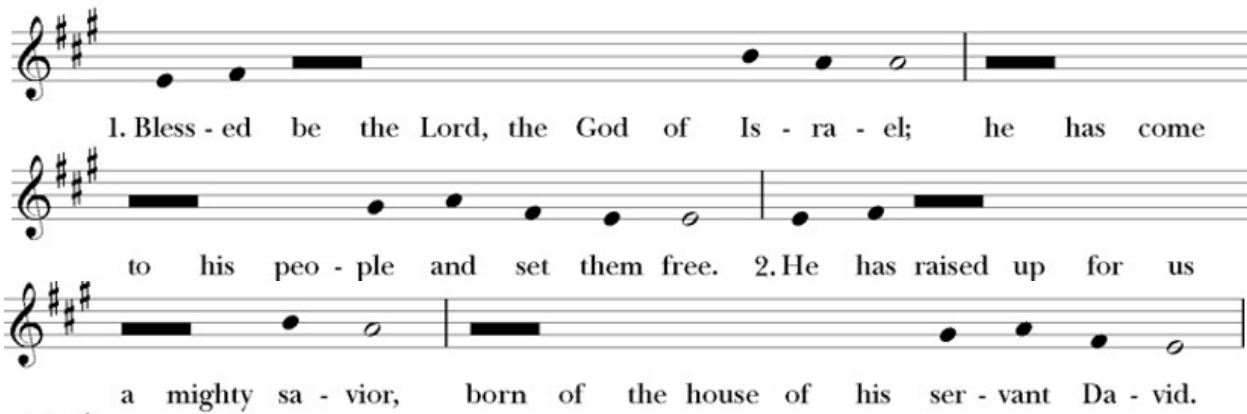
*Lector* Here ends the Lesson.

Canticle 2: Benedictus, S248

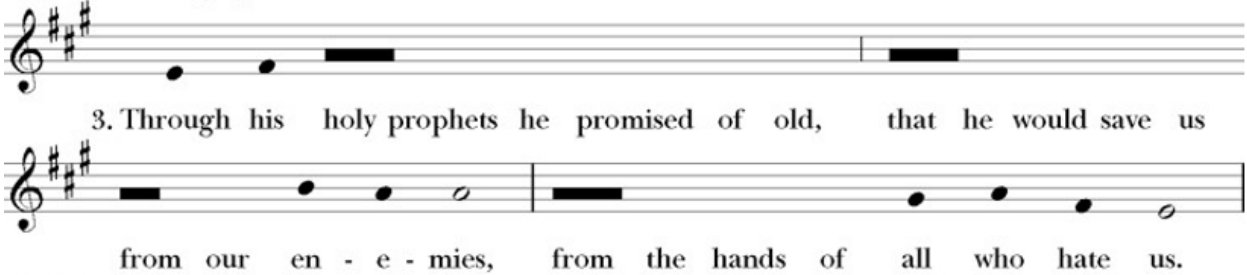
*Antiphon*



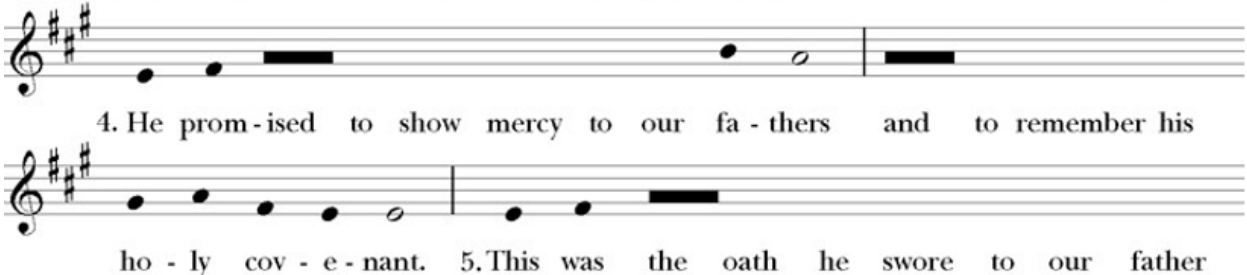
In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break up - on us.



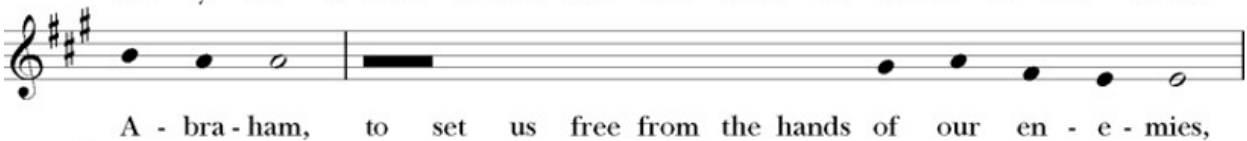
1. Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el; he has come  
to his peo - ple and set them free. 2. He has raised up for us  
a mighty sa - vior, born of the house of his ser - vant Da - vid.



3. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us  
from our en - e - mies, from the hands of all who hate us.



4. He prom - ised to show mercy to our fa - thers and to remember his  
ho - ly cov - e - nant. 5. This was the oath he swore to our father



A - bra - ham, to set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,

6. Free to worship him with - out fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the  
 days of our life. 7. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
 for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare his way, 8. To give  
 his people knowledge of sal - va - tion by the for - give - ness of their sins.  
 9. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall  
 break up - on us, 10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
 shadow of death, and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace. [Ant.]  
*(Gloria Patri may be omitted)*  
 11. Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:  
 12. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this

adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

*Deacon*        The Word of God.  
*People*         **Thanks be to God**

## Sermon

Mary Curlew

## Choir Anthem

"Take Up Thy Cross" by Ronald Corp

*Take up your cross, the Saviour said, "if you want to follow me."  
I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.  
Take up your cross, the Saviour said, "if you want to follow me."  
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out my wicked transgressions.  
Take up your cross, the Saviour said, "if you want to follow me."*

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant*     Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed

*People*         **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*     God be with you.

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

*Officiant*     Let us pray.

*People*         **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins**

as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

*Leader*  
*People*

Show us your mercy, O God;  
**And grant us your salvation.**

*Anne Jacobs*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**Let your people sing with joy.**

Give peace, O God, in all the world;  
**For only in you can we live in safety.**

God, keep this nation under your care;  
**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth;  
**Your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten;  
**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Leader*

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### A Collect for Grace (said together)

*People*

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

### Prayers for the Sick

*Leader*

Gracious God; we commend those on our St. Bart's prayer list who are in need of healing, strength or comfort:

*People*

Charles; Pat; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Hannah; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Perry; Jim; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Diane; Karl; Nathaniel; Will; Tom &



Laurel; Nancy A.; Dennis; Robert & Mary; Karen; Debra; Haskell; Sue; Deb; Don; Hazel; Matilda; Gregory; Mary Jane; Michael Curry; Beth; and Curt.

I invite you to offer your own intercessions, either silently or aloud. (*pause for congregational intercessions*). May they find holy consolation through your abiding presence. **Amen.**

### Prayers for Those who have Died

*Leader* God of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer, especially DeLancey Moser Converse, sister-in-law of Christina Jackson and distant cousin of Liza Chandler: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will. I invite your intercessions for those who have died, either silently or aloud. (*pause for intercessions*). We pray in the name of Jesus, our hope. **Amen.**

### Concluding Collect

*Officiant* Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### The Peace

*Officiant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us show to each other a sign of Christ's Peace.

### Offertory Sentence

*Officiant* "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father in heaven." *Matthew 5:16*

Let us, then, with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*The people are seated. At this time, the ushers will collect the offering.*

### Offertory Hymn, #707

Take my life and let it be

*The Hymnal 1982*

### Offertory Prayer

*Officiant* Let us pray,

*People* **All things come of thee, O Lord; And of thine own have we given thee.  
Amen.**

### The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant* Having been gathered by the Spirit, fed by the Word, and transformed by God's vast grace, let us pray together:

*People* 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 our selves 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.

*Officiant* 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 God, 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.

*People* **Amen.**

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

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

*People* **Amen**

**Closing Hymn, #675**

Take Up Your Cross

*The Hymnal 1982*

**The Dismissal**

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

Deacon: 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**

**Postlude**

“Offertoire Gravement” by J-F Dandrieu

### Orange Candle for Gun Violence Victims

The Worship & Music Committee decided to light the orange candle in remembrance of victims of gun violence each week as a prayerful vigil rather than lighting the candle only at the 5th Sunday Healing Services. The Worship & Music Committee hopes that by lighting this candle each week, our community will not allow itself to forget about the severity of this issue and of our need as a community to remember and to engage in meaningful change. For more information about the Orange Candle and the "Wear Orange" movement, visit <https://wearorange.org/>

### Serving in Worship Today

<b>Celebrant</b>	Mary Curlew
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<b>Music</b>	Christina Edelen
<b>Musicians</b>	The St. Bart's Choir
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Anne Jacobs
<b>Lector</b>	Laurie Hyndman
<b>Ushers</b>	Dennis & Lisa Fitzgibbons
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jan Burson, Mary Louise Chin
<b>A/V</b>	Pal Covie
<b>Counters</b>	Susie Soule, Dennis Fitzgibbons
<b>Snow Removal</b>	David Heald
<b>VPOW</b>	Pal Covie
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Nancy Gunzelmann + Pam Hobson
<b>Nursery Care</b>	Jennifer Weiderman



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