



to a world full of hate  
**you are love that forgives,**  
to a world that denies  
**you are truth that endures.**  
To you we bring our thanks and praise,  
**God of wholeness, God of grace.**

Kyrie, S89

*The Hymnal 1982*

*Unison or harmony*

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**The Confession & Absolution**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection*

*Celebrant* O God, you search us out and know us,  
and all that we are is open to you.  
We confess that we are entangled in sin.

*People* **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

When we avoid examining ourselves  
but jump to examine our neighbors:  
**Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

When we show great discipline in pursuit of worldly wealth,  
but invest neither energy nor enthusiasm in the treasures of the Spirit:  
**Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

When we clamor for your crown,  
but refuse to shoulder your cross:  
**Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

When we confess you amongst your friends  
but deny you when your enemies close in:  
**Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

When we build our comforts and pleasures on the sacrifice of others,  
instead of sacrificing our privileges to build a world that all can share:  
**Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

When we would rather crucify the prophets  
than unweave the web of injustice.  
**Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

When we demand instant results  
and scorn those who find value in waiting,  
in yearning, even in suffering, even in dying:  
**Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

When we look for  
an easier gospel;  
a lighter cross;  
a less demanding savior:  
**Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

*Celebrant* The Lord our God is kind and full of mercy,  
always ready to forgive and not punish.  
Christ, by uniting with us and sharing in our sin,  
has enabled us to share in the righteousness of God.

*People* Beloveds of God, your sins are forgiven;  
be at peace.  
**Amen.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

**Children's Message** "All that we have is yours oh God, give us also grateful hearts."

## THE LESSONS

### First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

Jennifer Willard

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

*Lector* Holy wisdom, holy word.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm, 121 (sung)



1 I lift up my eyes to the ' hills; \*  
from where is my help to ' come?

2 My help comes from ' God, \*  
the maker of heaven and ' earth.

3 God will not let your foot be ' moved; \*  
the One who watches over you will not fall a- ' sleep.

4 Behold, the One who keeps watch over ' Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor ' sleep;

5 The Holy One watches over ' you \*  
and is your shade at your right ' hand,  
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by ' day, \*  
nor the moon by ' night.

7 God shall preserve you from all ' evil, \*  
and is the One who shall keep you ' safe.

8 God shall watch over your going out and your coming ' in, \*  
from this time forth for ever- ' more.

### Second Lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Jennifer Willard

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

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.

*Lector* Holy wisdom, holy word.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn, #771

O God of gentle strength

Wonder, Love, & Praise

1. O God of gen - tle strength, your  
 2. Your wa - ters of re - birth have  
 3. And when life's chal - leng - es e -  
 4. Where will the jour - ney lead? The

love em - bra - ces me. With - in the sure - ness  
 claimed us as your own. As mem - bers of one  
 clipse our minds with doubt, let ho - ly wis - dom  
 path may be ob - scure. But prom - ised hope of

of your care my heart rests will - ing - ly.  
 bod - y, we shall nev - er be a - lone.  
 spark a flame to drive the dark - ness out.  
 things un - seen will keep our foot - ing sure.

Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* Glory to you, O God.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the

mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of our Lord.  
*People*          **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

## Affirmation of Faith

*Celebrant*      Let us affirm our faith:  
*People*          **We believe in God  
whose love is the source of all life  
and the desire of our lives,  
whose love was given a human face  
in Jesus of Nazareth,  
whose love was crucified by the evil  
that waits to enslave us all  
and whose love, defeating even death,  
is our glorious promise of freedom.  
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful  
and full of doubt,  
in God we trust;  
and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves  
in the service of others,  
to seek justice and to live in peace,  
to care for the earth  
and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,  
to live in the freedom of forgiveness,**

and the power of the spirit of love,  
and in the company of the faithful  
so to be the church,  
for the glory of God.  
Amen.

## Prayers of the People

*Michele John*

*Leader* Let us join in prayer for the world, for the church, and for each other, knowing that God is preparing greater things for us than we can ask or imagine.

*Silence for reflection.*

*People* Let your loving-kindness, O God, be upon us,  
**As we put our trust in you.**

Loving God, we come to you with joy and awe, for we are inheritors of your gospel and we share with Abraham and Sarah in your abundant promises. Let your loving-kindness, O God, be upon us,  
**As we put our trust in you.**

Guide and protect your church, O God. We pray that it may stand against corruption and bigotry and seek the good of all. May we make this Lent a time of dedication and renewal. In the Anglican Communion we pray today for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai, and within our Diocese, we pray for St. Martin's in Palmyra, and for the staff and volunteers who attend to the administrative needs of our churches. Let your loving-kindness be upon us,  
**As we put our trust in you.**

O God, the hope of the world, we pray for more peaceful relationships between nations and peoples, that we all may share a sense of belonging one to another. We pray today for the United Nations, for all who work for peace, and for greater understanding and compassion among all peoples. Let your loving-kindness be upon us,  
**As we put our trust in you.**

O God, we give thanks for all who demonstrate your love through selfless giving and creative energy in our homes and communities. We pray for all whom we love and especially for those whom we find difficult to love. We give thanks for healthy relationships and for all those who are struggling to find wholeness and love. Let your loving-kindness be upon us,  
**As we put our trust in you.**

We offer our thanksgivings for the countless blessings that we have received, mindful of the opportunities we have in this holy season to draw closer to Christ through our pilgrimage to Easter.

Let your loving-kindness be upon us,

**As we put our trust in you.**

We pledge our solidarity with all who have suffered at the hands of others, with refugees and the homeless, with the dispossessed and distraught, and with those who no longer find it easy to trust. We pray for those who are ill or who have special needs:

**Virginia & Jamil; Jenny & Matt; Sasha; Paige; Nathaniel; Haskell; Don; Gregory; Andy; Molly; Nova; Steven; Jenn; Vance; Ted; Matt & Shannon; Lem; Carol; Beverly; Ben; Morgan; Benson; Hana; Celeste; Hans; Pam; Hurshell; Melanie; Susan; Sue; Brooke; Elizabeth; Danny; and the Ryan family.**

And, we pray for those we name before you now, aloud or silently (*pause for intercessions*).

Let your loving-kindness be upon us,

**As we put our trust in you.**

As Jesus underwent great suffering, even unto death, we are mindful of all who are near death and pray for those who have recently died, knowing that they rest in God's continuing love and care. We remember today Pat Ryan, friend of Paule French, and those we name before you now, aloud or silently (*pause for intercessions*).

Let your loving-kindness be upon us,

**As we put our trust in you.**

*Celebrant* Ever-loving God, as you inspired the faith of Abraham and Sarah, so increase our faith and inspire us with hope, that the church may continually witness to your love with integrity and truth. We pray in Christ's name.

*People* **Amen.**

### **Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors**

*Celebrant* Siblings in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the Spirit into one Body and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose this morning is to commission these members in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which they are called: the ministry of Eucharistic Visitation.

As Eucharistic Visitors, these commissioned lay members of our congregation are entrusted with the ministry of administering Holy Communion in the name of God and of this congregation to those who are unable to be present at Celebrations of the Eucharist.

Having been duly trained and prepared in the knowledge of their duties and sharing a commitment to Christ as Lord, I declare that Barbara Barhydt, Paule French, Pam Hobson, Susan Peixiotto, John Perkins, Imelda Schaefer, and Susannah White are prepared to exercise their ministry to the honor of God and the well-being of his Church.

Barbara, Paule, Pam, Susie, John, Imelda, and Susannah, you have been called to the ministry of Eucharistic Visitation in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

*Candidates*    *I will.*

*Celebrant*    Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God and to the benefit of the members of this congregation?

*Candidates*    *I will.*

*The celebrant addresses the congregation.*

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

*People*        **There are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit, and there are varieties of service, but the same LORD; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone.**

*Celebrant*    Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;  
*People*        **Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

*Celebrant*    Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O Lord, to be Eucharistic Visitors in your Church; and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit that, seeking your glory and the salvation of souls, they may minister your Word with steadfast devotion, and by the constancy of their faith and the innocence of their lives may adorn in all things the doctrine of Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**People**        **Amen.**

*Celebrant*    In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you Barbara Barhydt, Paule French, Pam Hobson, Susan Peixiotto, John Perkins, Imelda Schaefer, and Susannah White as Licensed Eucharistic Visitors and give you this certificate as a token of your ministry.

*The congregation responds with acclamation*

## **The Peace**

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

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

*Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.*

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Offertory Sentence**

*Celebrant*    Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.



## Eucharistic Prayer

*Celebrant*

Redeeming God, over forty days you flooded the earth, over forty years you led your people through the wilderness, and over forty days your Spirit led Jesus through the desert. Bless us through the sustenance of this food and drink to profess your Son's death and resurrection.

Send down your Holy Spirit, that we may come to resemble and follow our crucified and risen Savior, and that this bread and this cup may become for us our everlasting banquet, the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again, he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

*Celebrant*

Great is the mystery of faith.

*People*

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*

Sanctifying God, where your children are in the wilderness, lead them to your heart. Where your people are hungry for you, give them practices of fasting and Scripture-reading and alms-giving and repentance and prayer. Where your followers know hardships and sorrow visit them with the comforting power of your presence.

Raise up the glory of your resurrection from the ashes of our pride and sloth and greed, that all your church and the whole creation may celebrate the wonders of your love, until the day when everyone shall perceive you and praise you, you are all in all, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God, Mother of us all.

*People*

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer, #864

*Wonder, Love, and Praise*

*Celebrant*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
(*Congregation and Choir will chant on a monotone G throughout*)

*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 forever. Amen.

### The Fraction

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.  
*People* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

### The Invitation

*Celebrant* Come, for all is now ready. The gifts of God for the people of God.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### The Communion

*Everyone is welcome to receive communion at St. Bart's! The ushers will invite you to come forward through the center aisle, individuals and families are invited to stand along the rounded edge of the chancel to receive the bread, hands facing upward for bread with gluten, hands facing down will indicate you'd like gluten free bread. The Chalice Bearer will follow the Priest with the cup of wine. You are invited to sip from the cup. If you would prefer not to sip from the cup, you may place your hands across your chest to receive the blessing of the words. If you would prefer to receive neither the bread nor the wine but would like to come forward for a blessing, please come forward as described above and simply cross your arms at your chest and the Priest will offer a blessing. Hand sanitizer is available in the aisle. Please use the side aisles to return to your seat once you have received.*

***During Communion, healing prayers will be offered in the Chapel by a member of the Pastoral Care Committee.***

**Music at Communion** Organ music

### Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* God of the feast,  
we thank you for satisfying us at your table  
with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.  
*People* **In the strength of this meal,  
refreshed by your Holy Spirit,  
send us into a hungry world  
with food and love and Good News to share. Amen.**

### Blessing

*Celebrant* The God of peace,  
who gives food to every living creature,  
give you your daily bread,  
and make you hungry and thirsty for justice.  
*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Lord Jesus Christ,  
who feeds us in this sacrament,  
give you strength for work and witness,  
and bring you to the wedding banquet of heaven and earth.  
*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Spirit of grace,  
who nourishes hearts and minds with saving truth,  
give you joyful companions at Wisdom's feast,  
and send you to feed the hungry and bring good news to the poor.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And the blessing of God,  
holy eternal Majesty,  
holy incarnate Word,  
holy abiding Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn, #379**

God is Love, let heaven adore him

*The Hymnal 1982*

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

Toccatà, by J. Pachelbel

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
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<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Michele Johns
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<b>Ushers</b>	Nick Desiderio, Pam Hobson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Beth LaSalle
<b>Flower Arranger</b>	Barbara Barhydt (Green Plant)
<b>A/V</b>	Laurie Hyndman
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Peter Sillin
<b>Counters</b>	Pam Hobson, Tom Hyndman
<b>Snow Removal</b>	John Duncan
<b>VPOW</b>	Jim Berg
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Pam Waite & Kathleen Damon
<b>Prayers in the Chapel</b>	Imelda Schaefer

## WORSHIP RESOURCES

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