

Confession of Sin

Officiant Dear friends, we have come together in the presence of God to set forth our praise, to hear God's holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our wholeness. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship without reservation, let us take a moment in silence, and with honesty and vulnerability confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant God of all mercy,
People **we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
Through our Savior Jesus Christ,
That we may abide in your love
And serve only your will. 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.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

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.

Jubilate, Psalm 100

Officiant Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
People **serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

Officiant Know this: The Lord himself is God;
People **he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Officiant Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
People **go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

Officiant For the Lord is good;
People **his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Jan Burson

Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.

18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.

19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.

20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.

21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

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

The Lessons

First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9

Laurie Hyndman

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no

water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Lector Here ends the Lesson.

Hymn, #686 Come thou fount of every blessing *The Hymnal 1982*

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10 *Laurie Hyndman*

A Reading from Ephesians

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Lector Here ends the Lesson.

Hymn, #685 Rock of Ages *The Hymnal 1982*

Gospel: John 3:14-21 *Mary Curlew*

Jesus said, “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. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Officiant The Word of God.
People Thanks be to God

Anthem

“Lord, Have Mercy” (traditional plainchant)

Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us

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 Help us, O God our Savior;
People **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**
Look upon your congregation;
Give to your people the blessing of peace.
Declare your glory among the nations;

Jan Burson

And your wonders among all peoples.

Do not let the oppressed be ashamed and turned away;

Never forget the lives of your poor.

Continue your loving kindness to those that know you;

And your favor of those who are true of heart.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collect of the Day

Jan Burson

Leader

Gracious God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for Sundays (said together)

People

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us thisday such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for the Sick

Jan Burson

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; Curt; Bethany; and Zach.

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

Jan Burson

Leader

God of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer, especially Gwen Klevitch and Charles Hunnewell, friends of Sheri and Arthur Woolverton: 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 of our life and labor to the God.

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

Offertory Hymn, #620

Jerusalem, my happy home

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.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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.**

Closing Hymn, #691

My faith looks up to thee

The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

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.

People **Amen, Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Sinfonia #10 in G Major" by JS Bach

Serving in Worship Today

Officiant	Mary Curlew
Music	Sarah Covie
Musicians	The St. Bart's Choir
Worship Leader	Jan Burson
Lector	Laurie Hyndman
Ushers	Tom Hyndman, Pam Hobson
Altar Guild	Beth LaSalle
A/V	Dan Hudkins
Bread Baker	John Perkins
Counters	Tom Hyndman, Pam Hobson
Snow Removal	Joe Michaud
VPOW	Joe Michaud
Coffee Hour	Michele Johns + Peter Sillin

Orange Candle for Gun Violence Victims

The Worship & Music Committee decided at their spring retreat 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/>