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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 Gracious Father, 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.

People **Amen.**

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

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Siobhan Byrns and Aoife Furlow

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from
being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the

Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Psalm, 23 (sung)

Setting by C. Edelen



1 O God, you are my ' shepherd; *
I shall not be in ' want.

2 You make me lie down in green ' pastures *
and lead me beside still ' waters.

3 You revive my ' soul *
and guide me along right pathways
for the sake of your ' Name.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no ' evil, *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they ' comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who ' trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running ' over.
6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my ' life, *
and I will dwell in the house of God for ' ever.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14

Siobhan Byrns and Aoife Furlow

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

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

Gospel Hymn, #490

I want to walk

The Hymnal 1982

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

The Rev. David Heald

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.

Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.”

The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

Sermon

The Rev. David Heald

Hymn, #469

There's a wideness in God's mercy

The Hymnal 1982

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

Nancy Gunzelmann

Leader As we join in prayer, let us ask for enlightenment for ourselves, for the church, and for the world, that we may walk in the light of Christ.

Silence for reflection.

People Jesus, light of the world;
Scatter the darkness from our hearts.

O God, creator of the light, we remember all who walk in darkness, all who are unaware of your light. We pray that your church may shine as a light in the world. In the Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya, and in the Diocese of Maine we pray for St. Brendan the Navigator in Deer Isle, St. Andrew's in Newcastle, for parishes in transition, and we pray for each of us as bearers of the light of Christ.

Jesus, light of the world;
Scatter the darkness from our hearts.

We pray for all who are caught up in works of darkness, those who misuse your world, who have no respect for other people or their feelings, those who deal in addiction, vice, and crime, that a new awareness may illumine their blindness, and a new vision dispel their darkness.

Jesus, light of the world;
Scatter the darkness from our hearts.

O God, forgive the hurt we cause by our own blindness. May the brightness of your light bring joy to our homes, new love to our relationships, deep peace and energy to our communities.

Jesus, light of the world;
Scatter the darkness from our hearts.

We pray for all who are blind because of circumstances, and for all whose sight is failing. We remember all whose minds are darkened by fear or sin, all who are haunted by deeds of the past. We pray for healing in our lives and in our communities. We remember especially those on our parish prayer list:

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; Peter; and the Gerken family.

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

Jesus, light of the world;
Scatter the darkness from our hearts.

We praise you, loving God, for all who have entered into a fuller vision both here and beyond the grave. We pray that those who grieve for the departed may

rejoice that the light now shines upon them. We remember those who have died, especially John Gerken, uncle of Tasha Gerken-Nelson and those we name before you now, aloud or silently (*pause for intercessions*).

Jesus, light of the world;

Scatter the darkness from our hearts.

Celebrant Gracious God, open our eyes to your presence, open our ears to your call, open our hearts to your love; that we may give ourselves to you and walk before you as children of light; through him who is the Light of the World, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

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.

Our offerings of bread and wine are brought forward at this time.

Offertory Anthem

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" by Virgil Thomson

*My Shepherd will supply my need,
Jehovah is his Name;
in pastures fresh he makes me feed
beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death,
thy presence is my stay;
one word of thy supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
doth still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows,
thy oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;*

*oh, may thy house be mine abode
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger or a guest,
but like a child at home.*

The offering is now brought forward.

Offertory Prayer

Intern Let us pray,
People **All that we have is yours, O God, give us also grateful hearts. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to our God.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Holy One.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out of the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus, #736

Hymnal 1940

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and
earth are full of thy glo-ry: Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. A - men.

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.

People 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.
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.

Communion Hymns 339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness & 440 Blessed Jesus *The Hymnal 1982*

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

"O God, Beyond All Praising"



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
2. The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-ery gift you send,
but hid-den from all na-ture th'e-ter-nal seed is sown-
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at— bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end.
though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still,



We lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word;
for Christ, the Man from heav-en, from death has set us free,
to mar-vel at your beau-ty, and glo-ry in your ways,



we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.
and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise!

The Dismissal

Celebrant
People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Herzliebster Jesu" by Johannes Brahms

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Preacher	The Rev. David Heald
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Nonvested Chalice Bearer	Anne Jacobs
Lector	Siobhan Byrns and Aoife Furlow
Ushers	Kathleen Damon, Pam Waite
Altar Guild	Beth LaSalle
Flower Arranger	Barbara Barhydt (Green Plant)
A/V	Joe Michaud
Bread Baker	Sukie Curtis
Counters	Marcia Sharp, Pamela Trudo
Snow Removal	Tom Hyndman
VPOW	Jordan Henshaw
Coffee Hour	Nancy Gunzelmann & Jamie Michaud

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WEDNESDAYS in LENT – JOIN US!

Lenten Midweek Worship and Adult Formation Offering

Join us on Wednesdays in Lent for a midweek Evening Prayer service (5:30pm) followed by an Adult Formation forum (6:15pm) entitled "Living Water: Baptism as a way of life."

The midweek Evening Prayer service is a contemplative service of prayer, songs, contemplation, and candle lighting. The service starts at 5:30pm.

For the past few years, the Adult Formation Committee has focused our programming in Lent on the foundations of our faith. Lent was historically a time of formation and preparation for those new to the faith and often included classes on the basics of faith. We continue in this way by offering a class this year that looks at our sacrament of baptism and how the covenants made at our baptism actually form the ways we live our lives and not just the ways we think about faith.

Join us and feel free to bring some dinner to munch on while we gather.



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