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### The Confession & Absolution

*Celebrant* God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

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

*Silence for reflection*

*Celebrant* Gracious God,

*People* **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you  
 and given ourselves into the power of sin.  
 We are truly sorry and humbly repent.  
 In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
 known and unknown,  
 things we have done  
 and things we have failed to do.  
 Turn us again to you,  
 and uphold us by your Spirit,  
 so that we may live and serve you in newness of life  
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
 Amen.**

*Celebrant* As tender as parent to child,  
 so deep is God's compassion for you.  
 As high as heaven is above earth,  
 so vast is God's love for you.  
 As far as east is from west,

so far God removes your sin from you,  
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.  
Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.  
**Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

*People*

### 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

*Mary Curlew*

## The Lessons

### First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

*Linda Perkins*

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

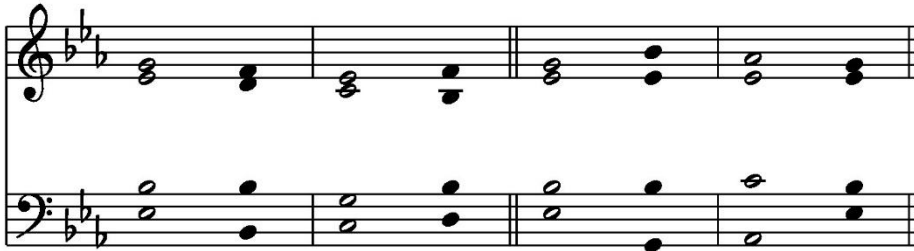
When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

*Lector* Holy wisdom, holy word.

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

Psalm, 27 (sung)

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



1. The Lord is my light and my sal-' vation;  
whom then shall I ' fear? \*

1a. The Lord is the strength of my ' life;  
of whom then shall I be a- ' fraid?

2. When evildoers came upon me to eat up my ' flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and ' fell.

3. Though an army should encamp a- ' gainst me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be a- ' fraid;

4. And though war should rise up a- ' gainst me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in ' him.

5. One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I ' seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my ' life;

15. Show me your way, O ' Lord; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my ' enemies.

16. Deliver me not into the hand of my ' adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak ' malice.

17. What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the ' Lord; \*  
in the land of the ' living!

18. O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong and he shall comfort your ' heart; \*  
wait patiently for the ' Lord.

**Second Lesson: Philippians 3:17-4:1**

*Linda Perkins*

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from

there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

**Gospel Hymn, #590**

O Jesus Christ

*The Hymnal 1982*

**Holy Gospel: Luke 13:31-35**

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel, according to Luke  
*People* **Glory to you, O God.**

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

**Sermon**

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

**Hymn, #585**

Morning glory, starlit sky

*The Hymnal 1982*

**The Nicene Creed**

*Intern* Joining the faithful witness of those who have spoken these words for centuries before us, let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

*People* **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven,  
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
 and became truly human.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father,  
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Michele Johns

*Leader* During this Lenten season of centering down, we offer our prayers to the One who leads us to a place of renewed and deeper life.

*Refrain*

*Wonder, Love & Praise #825*

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

*Leader* Gracious God, who nourishes us with the bread of life and sends us out to serve the world, grant that by our prayers and actions we may be bearers of your peace and heralds of your Spirit.

We pray for the church in all its diversity and for all who journey in the name of truth. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa. In the Diocese of Maine we pray for the ministry of St. Luke's in Wilton, St. Anne's in Calais, and for parishes in transition.

We pray for all those searching for their daily bread, the homeless, the hungry, and the unemployed, those who are vulnerable because of age, infirmity, or economic condition. We pray for those in our own communities who bring relief to the needy and hope to those who have none. Make us ministers of your peace.

***Refrain***

We pray for the sick and for all who are ill or with special needs on our parish prayer list:

**Pat; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Perry; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Nathaniel; Will; Karen; Debra; Haskell; Don; Matilda; Gregory; Andy; Molly; Wes; Alison; Alice; Patrick, Jessie; Nova; Nate; Richard; Dave & Judy; Steven; Jen; Heather; Vance; Gary; Ernie; Charlotte; Jennifer; Ted; Matt; Vanya; Penny N; Matt & Shannon; Lem; and Hartley.**

God of peace, we pray for all victims of war. We pray for families and communities torn by violence and civil unrest. Bless the people of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, and Sudan. May we hear your call to us to work for reconciliation and peace.

***Refrain***

We give thanks, O God, for moments of quiet during this season of Lent, that we may find ways to release, receive, and rest from the flurry and cares of the world and find the power and promise of God in our lives.

We pray for those who have died, those who are dying, and those who are isolated and afraid, that the God of life may be present to all in need, remembering that we are not alone, but are one in the communion of saints and the household of faith.

***Celebrant***

Grant, O God, that in turning to you this Lent, we may find a new centering place and learn to walk as children of the light; through Jesus Christ, our friend and guide. Amen.

***Refrain***

**The Peace**

***Celebrant***

Jesus said to the disciples: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.' (John 14:27)

***People***

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**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

Pray that Jerusalem May Have Peace, by Bob Chilcott

*1 Pray that Jerusalem may have  
peace and felicity:  
let them that love you and your peace  
still have prosperity.*

*2 Therefore I wish that peace may still  
within your walls remain,  
and ever may your palaces  
prosperity retain.*

*3 Now, for my friends' and family's sakes,  
peace be in you, I'll say.  
And for the house of God our Lord  
I'll seek your good always.*

*The offering is now brought forward.*

### Offertory Prayer

*Intern* Let us pray,  
*People* **All things come of Thee, O God, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* 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 Christ our Savior.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

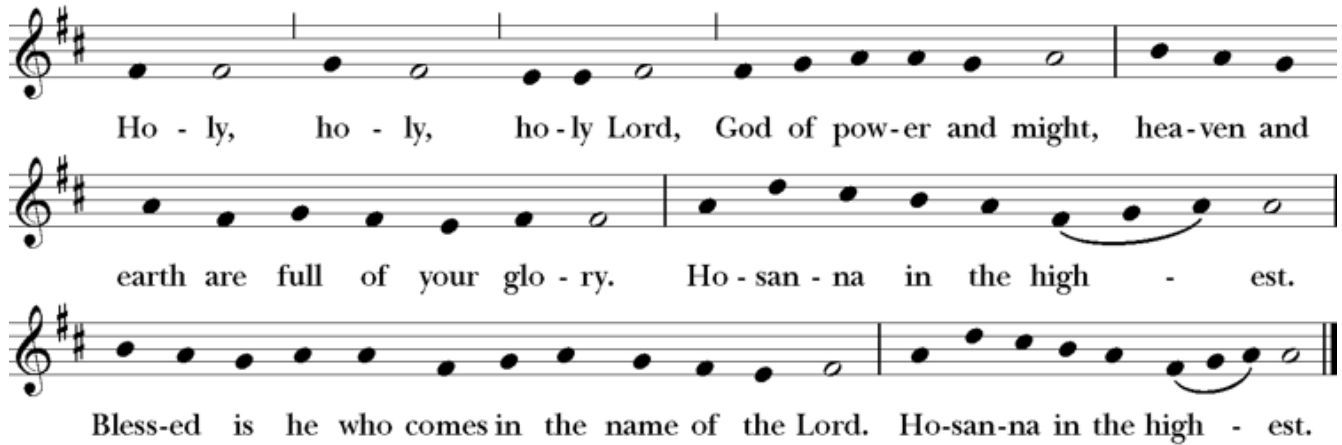
*Celebrant* Creating God,  
we lift our hearts to you  
because you made the universe from nothing  
and formed human beings in your image  
from the dust of the earth.  
In Adam and Eve,  
you saw your hopes for creation turn to ashes,  
and yet in Abraham and Sarah and Moses and his sister Miriam  
you called your people out of wilderness and slavery.



You showed your face to your people in exile,  
 and in Christ you raised your children to new life  
 out of the ashes of sin and death.  
 And so, we gladly praise and thank you,  
 with angels and archangels  
 and the company of heaven,  
 singing your unending praise:

Sanctus, S124

*The Hymnal 1982*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*  
*People*

Great is the mystery of faith.  
**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 beatings, imprisonments, hardships, and calamities, 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

*Celebrant*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily  
bread.  
And forgive us our  
trespasses,**

**as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into  
temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
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.*

**Music at Communion, #148** Creator of the earth and skies

*The Hymnal 1982*

### Post Communion Prayer

*Intern*

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, 455

O love of God

*The Hymnal 1982*

## The Dismissal

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

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

## Postlude

Romance, by G. Faure

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
<b>Pastoral Intern</b>	Mary Curlew
<b>Music</b>	Christina Edelen
<b>Musicians</b>	The St. Bart's Choir; Fred Edelen, cello
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Michele Johns
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Perkins
<b>Ushers</b>	Jay & Basil Souder
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Beth LaSalle
<b>Flower Arranger</b>	Barbara Barhydt
<b>A/V</b>	Arthur Woolverton
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Peter Sillin
<b>Counters</b>	Pamela Trudo, Harriet Davis
<b>Snow Removal</b>	Peter Sillin
<b>Vestry Person of the Week</b>	Kathy Abernathy
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Jay & Basil Souder & Carol Hayes

## WORSHIP RESOURCES

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Liturgy: The Holy Eucharist from *Enriching our Worship 1*

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