



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

*Linda Perkins*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

*Lector*            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

*Peter Sillin*

- 1 In you, O God, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me.

### Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

*Linda Perkins*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s churches.

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

**Gospel Hymn, #457**

Thou art the way

*The Hymnal 1982*

**The Gospel: John 14:1-14**

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our savior, Jesus Christ, according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, O God.**

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

## Sermon

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

## Anthem

"Come My Way," by Richard De Long (poetry by Goerge Herbert)

*Come, my way, my truth, my life:  
such a way as gives us breath;  
such a truth as ends all strife;  
such a life as killeth death.*

*Come, my light, my feast, my strength:  
such a light as shows a feast;  
such a feast as mends in length;  
such a strength as makes his guest.*

*Come, my joy, my love, my heart:  
such a joy as none can move;  
such a love as none can part;  
such a heart as joys in love.*

## Affirmation of Faith

*Celebrant*      Let us affirm our faith as we say together:  
*People*          **We believe in God  
who has created and is creating:  
who has come in Jesus, to reconcile and make new.**

**We trust God  
who calls us to be the church;  
to love and serve others;  
to seek justice and resist evil;  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## Prayers of the People

*Peter Sillin*

*Leader*      Jesus has declared himself to be the way, the truth, and the life. Let us join in prayer that is faithful to the God who loves us beyond our understanding.

*Moment of silence for reflection.*

*People*

As God has loved us,  
**May we have love for one another.**

Hear the prayers of your children, O God, washed in baptism and anointed in your Spirit. May our prayers be faithful and may our worship today inspire both our love and witness to the gospel of Christ.

As God has loved us,  
**May we have love for one another.**

We pray for the church, for its leaders and for each member, that we may live out our baptismal vows and demonstrate the love that calls us together. Bless the work of Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Thomas our Bishop, Amanda, our Rector, and all the servants of the risen Christ.

As God has loved us,  
**May we have love for one another.**

We pray for the leaders of nations, for all who make policy decisions, and for those who determine the use of power in our world. May they see beyond self-serving desires and narrow loyalties to the greater good of all people, seeking to end discrimination and injustice. We pray for our President, the Congress, and the courts, and all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

As God has loved us,  
**May we have love for one another.**

We pray for a greater sense of responsibility for the earth as God's beloved yet vulnerable creation. May we see in the glorious beauty of the earth the myriad ways the seas, the air, and the lands ring out their joy before the Lord.

As God has loved us,  
**May we have love for one another.**

Gracious God, your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, welcomed children, blessed them, and taught us that in caring for the least among us, we serve Christ Himself. With the whole Diocese of Maine, we pray for all those engaged in the foster care system: the children who receive care, the foster parents who provide care often at personal sacrifice, social workers and counsellors, and finally we pray for those who relinquish their children to the foster system in hopes that they may find the love and support the child might otherwise not receive. Inspire us by your Spirit to come near to these children and families in prayer and in support.

As God has loved us,  
**May we have love for one another.**

As Christ has chosen us and called us his friends, we are mindful of those who are friendless and alone, of those who are refugees or immigrants. We pray for all in need who have asked for our prayers, remembering 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; Beverly; Hana; Hurshell; Melanie; Susan; Sue; Brooke; Elizabeth; Danny; Nate; Lin; Caroline; Hadley; Ed; and the Bonneau and Duncan families

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

As God has loved us,

**May we have love for one another.**

We give thanks for the promises of eternal life that are ours in Christ. We pray for those who are dying and for those who grieve. May we all come to know the love of God that sustains and protects us here and beyond the grave. We remember those who have died, especially Peter Bonneau, brother of John Duncan, and those we name before you now, aloud or silently (*Pause for intercessions*).

As God has loved us,

**May we have love for one another.**

We give thanks that God's Spirit has put a new song in our hearts and has blessed us with more than we can know or appreciate. We offer our thanksgivings, spoken or in silence (*Pause for intercessions*).

As God has loved us,

**May we have love for one another.**

*Celebrant* Gracious God, we rejoice in your friendship and your constant abiding with us. Hear our prayers this day and empower us to show your friendship and love to the world around us. We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus, our friend and brother.

*People* **Amen.**

## Peace

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

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

*Please greet one another with the sign of peace.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant* As Jesus so freely gave himself for us, let us consider the offerings we make to God. For the scriptures say: "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God." (*Ephesians 5:2*).

*Bread and wine are brought forward while the ushers pass the offering plates.*

Offertory Hymn, #463

He is the way

*The Hymnal 1982*

The offering is brought forward.

## Offertory Prayer

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

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful,  
to give you thanks, all holy God,  
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing  
and fed us with your constant love;  
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ  
and knit us into one body.  
Through your Spirit you replenish us  
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels  
and with the faithful of every generation,  
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus, S125

(see next page)

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

## Eucharistic Prayer

*Celebrant*

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
 By his baptism of suffering and death  
 you give your church birth into a living hope.  
 Raising Jesus from the dead,  
 you make a new covenant with us,  
 by water and the Spirit,  
 and deliver us into freedom.  
 We who were no people are now your people,  
 declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,  
 who calls us out of death's shadow into everlasting life.  
 On the night when he gave himself up for us,  
 he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,  
 gave it to his disciples, and said,  
 "Take, eat: this is my Body which is given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
 gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said,  
 "Drink this, all of you;  
 this is my blood of the new Covenant,  
 which is shed for you and for all  
 for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

On the third day you raised him from the dead  
and revealed him to the women  
who came to the tomb to care for his body.  
On that day he was recognized by his disciples  
in the breaking of bread.

And so, remembering these  
your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
We offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,  
and we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give you thanks, God of love.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ  
that we may be for the world  
the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,  
and one in loving service to all the world,  
until all feast at your heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God  
now and forever. **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant*      Gathered into one as the family of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:  
*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*      Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People*            Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### 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 members of the Pastoral Care Committee.***

## Communion Music

703 Lead us, O Father / 323 Bread of Heaven

*The Hymnal 1982*

## Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
*People* **God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Celebrant* God's Blessing be with you,  
Christ's peace be with you,  
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,  
now and always. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn, #518

Christ has made the sure foundation

*The Hymnal 1982*

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in our Risen Savior. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Postlude

Voluntary, by William Boyce

## Serving in Worship Today

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<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jamie Michaud and Paule French
<b>Flower Arranger</b>	Jay Souder
<b>A/V</b>	Dan Hudkins
<b>Bread Baker</b>	John Perkins
<b>Counters</b>	Jan Burson, Pamela Trudo
<b>Lawn Care</b>	Joe Michaud
<b>VPOW</b>	Ann Donaghy
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Michele Johns & Susie Soule
<b>Prayers in the Chapel</b>	John Perkins, Paule French

## Resources

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Psalm: The St. Helena Breviary translation

Affirmation of Faith: *Jesus Christ, The Life of the World* a Worship book for the sixth assembly of the World Council of Churches © 1983 Geneva Switzerland

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Great Thanksgiving, Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing: *Enriching Our Worship*

Eucharistic Prayer: St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco, CA.



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