



## Confession of Sin

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as  
ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus  
Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us  
in eternal life. Amen.

*Officiant* Lord, 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.  
Alleluia.

## The Lessons

### First Lesson: Isaiah 44:6-8

*Michele Johns*

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:  
I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.  
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,  
let them declare and set it forth before me.  
Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.  
Do not fear, or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
You are my witnesses!  
Is there any god besides me?  
There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

- 11 Teach me your way, O LORD,  
and I will walk in your truth; \*  
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.
- 12 I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, \*  
and glorify your Name for evermore.
- 13 For great is your love toward me; \*  
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,  
and a band of violent men seeks my life; \*  
they have not set you before their eyes.
- 15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

## Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-25

Michele Johns

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Hymn, #302

Father, we thank Thee who hast planted

*The Hymnal 1982*

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

*Arthur Woolverton*

A reading from Matthew.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

*Preacher*      Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Lord  
*People*         Thanks be to God

Sermon

Arthur Woolverton

Hymn

How Great Thou Art

Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er  
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds\* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing\*  
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly  
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.\_\_\_\_  
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.\_\_\_\_  
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.\_\_\_\_  
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art.\_\_\_\_

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee:\_\_\_\_ How great Thou

*\* The translator's original words are "works" and "mighty."*

art,\_\_\_\_ how great Thou art!\_\_\_\_ Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee:\_\_\_\_ How great Thou art,\_\_\_\_ how great Thou art!\_\_\_\_

**The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

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* The Lord 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.

*Reader* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People* **And grant us your salvation.**

*Peter Sillin*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**Let your people sing with joy.**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**For only in you can we live in safety.**

Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth;  
**Your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### A Collect for the Renewal of Life (said together)

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### A Collect for Grace (Officiant)

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### A Collect for Guidance (said together)

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Prayers for the Sick (Reader)

*Peter Sillin*

Gracious Lord; we commend those on our St. Bart's prayer list who are in need of healing, strength or comfort:

**Charles; Pat; Marcella; Tim; Sam; Matthew; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Ed; Hannah; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Rich, Nancy & Jonathan; Perry; Jim; Matt & Shannon; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Anne & Richard; Courtney; Dianne; Diane; Karl; Sudon, Aunt Niki; Ron; Nathaniel; Boyd; Terry; Will; Tom & Laurel; Caia; Ramsey; Nancy A.; Dennis; Robert & Mary; Karen; Marshall; Samantha; and Victoria.**

Please add 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 (Reader)

*Peter Sillin*

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: 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 light. **Amen.**

### Prayer for Mission (Officiant)

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

### The Peace

*Officiant* Let us show to each other a sign of Christ's Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The people are seated.*

### 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 with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*At this time, the ushers will collect the offering.*

**Offertory Hymn: #392**

Come, we that Love the Lord

*The Hymnal 1982*

*Officiant* All things come of thee, O Lord;  
*People* And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

### The General Thanksgiving

*All* 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.

*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 Lord, 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. Amen.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power  
of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Romans 15:13)

Closing Hymn, #665 All my hope on God is founded *The Hymnal 1982*

### The Dismissal

*Officiant* Go in peace; be a light in the world this week. Alleluia, alleluia!  
*People* **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude "Allegro" by G. Walther

### SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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<b>Officiant</b>	John Perkins	<b>Flower Arranger</b>	Corey Walmer
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<b>Music</b>	Christina Edelen	<b>Counters</b>	Pam Hobson, Dennis Fitzgibbons
<b>Psalm/Prayers</b>	Peter Sillin	<b>Lawn Care</b>	David Heald
<b>Lector</b>	Michele Johns	<b>VPOW</b>	Michele Johns
<b>Ushers</b>	Nick Desiderio, Pam Hobson	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Susie Soule
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jamie Michaud, Paule French		