



*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* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **Praise to the holy, and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

All **Alleluia.**

### Jubilate - Psalm 100, spoken

All **Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

### Psalm 34:15-22

*Carla Hunt*

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, \*  
and his ears are open to their cry.  
16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, \*  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.  
17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.  
18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted \*  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.  
19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.  
20 He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.  
21 Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.  
22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.

## The Lessons

### First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

*Pal Covie*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

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

### Canticle I: Hymn #377

Jubilate Deo

*The Hymnal 1982*

### Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

*Pal Covie*

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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### Canticle II: Hymn #679

The First Song of Isaiah

*The Hymnal 1982*

**Gospel: John 6:56-69**

*Pal Covie*

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

**Sermon**

*Mary Curlew*

**Hymn, #626**

Lord, be thy word my rule

*The Hymnal 1982*

**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.**

*Officiant* Show us your mercy, O God;  
*People* **And grant us your salvation.**  
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**Let your people sing with joy.**  
Give peace in all the world;  
**For only in you can we live in safety.**  
God, 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 God, 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.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Carla Hunt*

*Leader* Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*All* **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 this day 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

Carla Hunt

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

*People* Pat; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Perry; Jim; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Diane; Karl; Nathaniel; Will; Nancy A.; Robert & Mary; Karen; Debra; Haskell; Sue; Deb; Don; Matilda; Gregory; Michael Curry; Andy; Sally; Ruth; Molly; Wes; Alison; Alice; Patrick, Rebecca; Jessie; Nova; Nate; Richard; Isaac; Bill; Dave & Judy; Steven; Jennifer; Jason; and Pamela.

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

Carla Hunt

*Leader* God 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 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

Solo Instrumental

## 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, #561

Stand up, stand up for Jesus

*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

"Allegro Burlesco" by Friedrich Kuhlau

## Serving in Worship Today

Officiant	Mary Curlew
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Prayer Leader	Carla Hunt
Lector	Pal Covie
Ushers	Nick Desiderio, Tom Hyndman
Altar Guild	Linda and John Perkins
Flower Arranger	Susannah White
A/V	Dan Hudkins
Counters	Pamela Trudo, Pal Covie
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VPOW	Susan Garrett
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