

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 Oh God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People **And your glory all the day long.**

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

Officiant Christ has shown forth his glory:

All **O come let us worship.**

Invitatory: Jubilate Psalm 100

Pal Covie

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 Appointed: Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

Pal Covie

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.

3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

4 Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.

6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.

8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42 The Lord will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

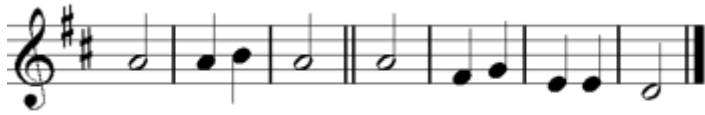
Susannah White

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.



- 1 Splendor and honor and ¹kingly ¹power *
are yours by ¹right, O ¹Lord our ¹God,
- 2 For you created ¹everything that ¹is, *
and by your will they were cre¹ated and ¹have their ¹being;
- 3 And yours by right, O ¹Lamb that was ¹slain, *
for with your ¹blood you have re¹deemed for ¹God,
- 4 From every family, language, ¹people, and ¹nation, *
a kingdom of ¹priests to ¹serve our ¹God.
- 5 And so, to him who sits up ¹on the ¹throne, *
— ¹and to ¹Christ the ¹Lamb,
- 6 Be worship and praise, do ¹minion and ¹splendor, *
for ¹ever and for ¹ever ¹more.

Second Lesson: Luke 6:27-38

Susannah White

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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Musical Meditation

"The Call" by R. Vaughan Williams

Steve White, soloist

*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 joyes in love.*

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 Help us, O God our Savior;

People Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

Look upon your congregation;

Give to your people the blessing of peace.
Declare your glory among the nations;
And your wonders among all peoples.
Do not let the oppressed be ashamed and turned away;
Never forget the lives of your poor.
Continue your loving kindness to those that know you;
And your favor of those who are true of heart.
Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays (said together)

People **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

Pal Covie

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

People **Charles; Pat; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Hannah; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Perry; Jim; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Diane; Karl; Nathaniel; Will; Tom & Laurel; Nancy A.; Dennis; Robert & Mary; Karen; Debra; Haskell; Sue; Deb; Don; Hazel; Matilda; Gregory; Mary Jane; Michael Curry; Curt; Bethany; Zach; Penny N; and the Pascarella family.**

I invite you to offer your own intercessions, either silently or aloud. (*pause for congregational intercessions*).

God of light and life
our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.

Prayers for Those who have Died

Pal Covie

Leader God of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer, especially Tony Bonaventure, father of Celeste Pascarella: 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*).
Comforter of the suffering,
warm our hands to loving service.

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 Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

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, #581

Where charity and love prevail

The Hymnal 1982

Offertory Prayer

Officiant Let us pray,

People **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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, #379

God is Love

The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21

People **Amen.**

Postlude

"Bist du bei mir" by Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel

John Perkins, soloist

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant Mary Curlew
Music Christina Edelen
Musicians Steve White, John Perkins
Prayer Leader Pal Covie
Lector Susannah White
Ushers Jay & Basil Souder
Altar Guild Jan Burson
Flowers Given by the Chandler family in loving memory of Peter
A/V Dan Hudkins
Bread Baker John Perkins
Counters Pal Covie, Dennis Fitzgibbons
Snow Removal David Heald
VPOW Laurie Hyndman
Coffee Hour Susie Soule & Nancy Gunzelmann