



*Officiant* As tender as parent to child,  
 so deep is God's compassion for us.  
 As high as heaven is above earth,  
 so vast is God's love for us.  
 As far as east is from west,  
 so far God removes our sin from us,  
 renewing our life through Jesus Christ.  
 Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

*People* **Blessed be God forever. 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* Our God is full of compassion and mercy:  
*All* **O come let us worship.**

**Invitatory: Psalm 67:1-5 Deus misereatur**

O God, be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
 show us the light of your countenance and come to us.  
 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
 your saving health among all nations.  
 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
 let all the peoples praise you.  
 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
 for you judge the peoples with equity  
 and guide all the nations upon earth.  
 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
 let all the peoples praise you.

**Psalm 63: 1-8 (sung)**

Robert Knox Kennedy  
 (b. 1945)



1. O God, you are my ' God; \*  
 eagerly I ' seek you;

1a. My soul thirsts for you, my flesh ' faints for you; \*  
 as in a barren and dry land where there is no ' water.

2. Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy ' place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your ' glory.

3. For your loving kindness is better than life it- ' self; \*  
my lips shall give you ' praise.

4. So will I bless you as long as I ' live \*  
and lift up my hands in your ' Name.

5. My soul is content, as with marrow and ' fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful ' lips,

6. When I remember you upon my ' bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night ' watches.

7. For you have been my ' helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will re- ' joice.

8. My soul ' clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me ' fast.

*Glory to the Father, and to the ' Son, \*  
and to the Holy ' Spirit;*

*As it was in the beginning, is ' now\*  
and shall be forever. A- ' men.*

## The Lessons

### First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

*Nina Scribner*

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be

the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.”

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

Canticle I, #890

Song of Zechariah

Wonder, Love, & Praise

1. Bless - ed are you O Lord our God: you have come to your  
peo - ple and set them free. 2. You have raised up for us a mighty  
Sa - vior: born of the house of your ser - vant Da - vid.  
3. Through the voices of your ho - ly pro - phets, you have prom - ised since the world be - gan:  
4. That you would save us from our en - e - mies, and from the hand of  
all who hate us. 5. You prom - ised to show mercy to our  
fore - bears: and to remember your ho - ly co - ve - nant.

6. This was the oath sworn to our fa - ther Ab - ra - ham: that you would give us:

7. To set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,

free to worship you with - out fear, 8. Ho - ly

and righteous in your sight all the days of our life.

9. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:

for you will go before the face of the Lord to pre - pare the way

10. To give God's people knowledge of sal - va - tion: through the for - give - ness

of their sins. 11. In the tender compassion of our God:

the dawn from on high shall break up - on us,

12. To shine on those who dwell in darkness, and in the shad - ow of death;

and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and e - ver shall be;  
 through all ag - es. A - men.

**Second Lesson: Luke 13:1-9**

*Nina Scribner*

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

**Canticle II, #906**  
 (see next page)

Song of Pilgrimage

*Wonder, Love & Praise*

1. Ev - en when young, I prayed for wis - dom's grace;  
 2. My foot has firm - ly walked the path of truth;  
 3. Glo - ry to one who gives me wis - dom's prize;  
 4. Some-thing with - in my be - ing has been stirred;

In tem - ple courts I sought her day and night, And I will seek her  
 With dil - i - gence, I fol - lowed her de - sign. My ear was o - pen  
 I vowed to live ac - cord - ing to her way. She gave me cour - age  
 My seek - ing brought a gift be - yond com - pare: The gift of lan - guage

to the ver - y end; she is my heart's de - light.  
 to re - ceive her words; Now wis - dom's skill is mine.  
 from the ve - ry start; She will not let me stray.  
 loosed my halt - ing tongue; God's praise is now my prayer.

Sermon

Mary Curlew

Hymn, #152

Kind maker of the world

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*

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*

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves:  
Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be  
defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil  
thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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* 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 of the People

*John Perkins*

*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 Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America. In the Diocese of Maine we pray for Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church in Augusta, St. Peter's in Bridgton, and for those in recovery.

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; Gregory; Andy; Molly; Wes; Alice; Patrick, Jessie; Nova; Nate; Richard; Dave & Judy; Steven; Jen; Heather; Vance; Gary; Ernie; Charlotte; Jennifer; Ted; Matt; Vanya; Penny N; Matt & Shannon; Lem; Hartley; and Isabel.

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.

*Officiant* 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***

## **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 Anthem**

"Hide Not Thou Thy Face From Us, O Lord" by Richard Farrant  
*Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord,  
and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure;*

*for we confess our sins unto thee  
and hide not our unrighteousness.  
For thy mercy's sake,  
deliver us from all our sins.*

### 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, #701

Jesus, all my gladness

*The Hymnal 1982*

**The Dismissal**

*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

*People*

**Amen.**

**Postlude**

"Jesu, Meine Freude" by Johann Walter

**S E R V I N G   T O D A Y**

<b>Celebrant</b>	Mary Curlew
<b>Music</b>	Christina Edelen
<b>Musicians</b>	The St. Bart's Choir
<b>Prayer Leader</b>	John Perkins
<b>Lector</b>	Nina Scribner
<b>Ushers</b>	Pam Waite, Kathleen Damon
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Beth LaSalle
<b>Flower Arranger</b>	Barbara Barhydt
<b>A/V</b>	Laurie Hyndman
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Susannah White
<b>Counters</b>	Pal Covie, Pam Hobson
<b>Snow Removal</b>	Kevin Gillan
<b>VPOW</b>	Harriet Davis
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Sarah Covie & Nancy Gunzelmann