



Gathering Song

I love your presence

Fabienne Pons, trans. Judith Robertson

Carol Corbin, guitar

Brian Sapp-Moore, voice and piano

I love your presence, Jesus; I love your presence, beloved Lord.

I know your love is here, powerful and real;

Yes, your love is here, with the grace to heal.

I know your love is here, flowing from Calvary;

yes, your love is here, stirring faith in me.

I love your presence, Jesus; I love your presence, beloved Lord.

Your Holy Spirit's here, mighty Counsellor;

yes, your Spirit's here, with releasing pow'r.

Your Holy Spirit's here, poured out from above;

yes, your Spirit's here, showing Father's love.

I love your presence, Jesus; I love your presence, beloved Lord.

"I love your presence" words & music Fabienne Pons, trans. Judith Robertson

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Hymn of Praise

Hymnal 1982 – 516

Down Ampney

Come down, O Love divine

Jennifer Cook, soprano

1 Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3 And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Come down, O Love divine Words: Bianco of Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1980), alt. Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:7-18

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
 and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and water; *
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
 and will pay you my vows, *
 which I promised with my lips
 and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
 with the smoke of rams; *
 I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
 and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
 and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
 the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
 he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
 nor withheld his love from me.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 14:15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Reverend Nancy L.J. Cox

The Nicene Creed

Officiant and People

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

From Praying the Scriptures, by Jeremiah D. Williamson

Celebrant: Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of God's praise to be heard, saying, "We call out to you with our mouths; *your praise is on our tongues.*"

Lord Christ, you have not left us orphaned, but have given your Church an Advocate. May that same Holy Spirit teach us to keep your commandments and comfort us with divine love. *Silence*

We call out to you with our mouths;

People: **Your praise is on our tongues.**

Celebrant: Loving God, bless the suffering. May those who suffer for doing good find a friend in Christ Jesus. May those who suffer from disasters beyond their control find you attentive to the voice of their prayers. Shine the Light of Christ on those who would willfully harm another; bind the spirits of lust and greed. Cast out drug abuse and gang activity from our communities. *Silence.*

We call out to you with our mouths;

People: **Your praise is on our tongues.**

Celebrant: Lord of heaven and earth, you made the world and everything in it. You give to all mortals life and breath and all things. May we be faithful stewards of all you have created. *The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

We call out to you with our mouths;

People: **Your praise is on our tongues.**

Celebrant: Merciful Lord, bless the people of this city with a spirit of gentleness and reverence. May we be set free from fear to live, instead, in hope. Protect our towns, city and county officials, business leaders, teachers and school personnel. *Silence.*

We call out to you with our mouths;

People: **Your praise is on our tongues.**

Celebrant: God, you are not far from each one of us. You love us as your children. Reveal your love, especially this day, to those who are sick and to those who are sorrowful. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.*

We call out to you with our mouths;

People: **Your praise is on our tongues.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, you hold our souls in life. You have saved us in baptism. Because your Son Jesus lives so do we rejoice in the hope of unending life in you. *Silence.*

We call out to you with our mouths;

People: **Your praise is on our tongues.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant and 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.**

Announcements

May Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 19 | There is an urgent need for blood in this region and all over the country. To help meet the demand, the Red Cross has requested we hold a Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, from 2:30-7:00 PM.

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter All Saints to schedule your appointment time. Then, complete your registration online at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass).

Let's Celebrate our 2020 Graduates | We're in the process of collecting information about All Saints' students who are graduating this spring from high school, college, trade school, or grad school. We'll be featuring graduates in upcoming publications. If you'd like to recognize a 2020 graduate, please send their full name, school, degree (if applicable), and photo to [Emily Badgett](mailto:Emily.Badgett@all-saints.org).

Request "Forward Day by Day" | If you'd like to receive a *Forward Day by Day* meditation booklet, we'd love to mail one to you! Just email [Markeisha](mailto:Markeisha@all-saints.org) at the church office, and she'll be sure to get it to you ASAP!

Grapevine | News from the Parish

Thanks to everyone who made our "Front Door Food Drive" a success! We collected over 1,700 pounds of food for CCM on Tuesday morning. Over 50 families made generous food or monetary donations. Special thanks to the drivers who picked up food – Bob and Kathy Thompson, Mark Novasad, Tom Holder, Valerie Devine, Mark Robinson, and Teri Jones. And thanks to Chuck Collier, David Baxter, and Debbie Smith, who staffed our drop-off location at A. L. Brown High School. If you did not get a chance to make a food donation on Tuesday, you can take food directly to CCM (246 Country Club Dr) Monday-Friday, from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM or contact [Don Foskey](mailto:Don.Foskey@all-saints.org). If you want help in setting up a neighborhood food drive, you can also contact Don.

We offer condolences and prayers to the family and friends of COL Randy Moon, brother-in-law of Roxanne Friday, who entered into the Resurrection on Wednesday, April 29.

Prayers for the Parish

We offer special prayers for protection and strength for those working in healthcare. We pray for their beloved families and the difficult decisions that have to be made as they navigate the tensions of dangerous work and home concerns.

Giving

Thank you for your compassionate generosity. There are many ways to continue giving. You can mail your check, use the "bill pay" function of your mobile banking, give online by [clicking here](#), or use text giving (To give to the General Fund, text SAINTS to 73256. To give to the Assistance Fund, text SAINTS ASSISTANCE to 73256. To give to the Memorial Fund, text SAINTS MEMORIAL to 73256. To give the Capital Campaign, text SAINTS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN to 73256).



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