



Gathering Song

Seek ye first

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Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
seek, and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
Allelu, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Allelu, alleluia!

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect of Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Hymnal 1982 – 9

Morning Song

Not here for high or holy things

Courtney Steinberg, soprano

1. Not here for high and holy things
we render thanks to thee,
but for the common things of earth,
the purple pageantry
of dawning and of dying days,
the splendor of the sea,
2. the royal robes of autumn moors,
the golden gates of spring,
the velvet of soft summer nights,
the silver glistening
of all the million million stars,
the silent song they sing,
3. of faith and hope and love undimmed,
undying still through death,
the resurrection of the world,
what time there comes the breath
of dawn that rustles through the trees,
and that clear voice that saith:

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:129-136

Officiant and People

129 Your decrees are wonderful; *

therefore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *

it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; *

I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy, *

as you always do to those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *

let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *

and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *

and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *

because people do not keep your law.

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

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

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Reverend James Franklin

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

Leader: Sisters and brothers, give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name! Let us pray to God, saying, "Spirit, help us in our weakness. Intercede for us."

God of the Church, may your people be as persistent as the mustard shrub. May we spread your love and grace to all people and in all places. May we do our kingdom work with the confidence that nothing can separate us from your love. *Silence.*

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

People: **Intercede for us.**

Leader: God of the world, make known your deeds among the peoples. Bring peace in places of conflict and violence. *Silence.*
Spirit, help us in our weakness.

People: **Intercede for us.**

Leader: God of creation, all of your works are marvelous. Everything in creation with which you have surrounded us speaks to your

goodness. Give us eyes to see your fingerprints in our world.

The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

People: **Intercede for us.**

Leader: Present God, you did not withhold your own Son, but gave him up for all of us. May we all come to know and experience the depths of your love. By your love, transform hearts and change lives.

Silence.

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

People: **Intercede for us.**

Leader: God of wholeness, neither hardship, nor distress can separate anyone from your love. Assure the suffering and sick, the hurt and sorrowful, that you care for them. May they remember that you are a God who does marvelous things. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.*

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

People: **Intercede for us.**

Leader: God of our ancestors, you have always been mindful of your promises. You promise that not even death can separate us from your love. May all those who have died rest in your eternal love.

Silence.

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

People: **Intercede for us.**

Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: **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.**

Absolution

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

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.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Blessing

Closing Song

Wonder, Love and Praise – 906

Even when young, I prayed for wisdom's grace

Courtney Steinberg, soprano

1. Even when young, I prayed for wisdom's grace;
In temple courts I sought her day and night,
And I will seek her to the very end;
she is my heart's delight.
2. My foot has firmly walked the path of truth;
With diligence, I followed her design.
My ear was open to receive her words;
Now wisdom's skill is mine.
3. Glory to one who gives me wisdom's prize;
I vowed to live according to her way.
She gave me courage from the very start;
She will not let me stray.

4. Something within my being has been stirred;
My seeking brought a gift beyond compare:
The gift of language loosed my halting tongue;
God's praise is now my prayer.

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Voluntary

Felix Mendelssohn

Preludium I in c minor, Op. 37

Brian Sapp-Moore, piano

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Announcements

Church Survey | We are seeking input from All Saints' parishioners about in-person worship possibilities when we are given permission from the Bishops to reopen. [Please take a few minutes to answer our survey by clicking here.](#)

Prayers for the Parish

Prayers have been requested for: Bruce, Sharon, Rebecca, Regina, Sheila, and Vicky

Carol Corbin requests prayers for her daughter Erin Corbin Hinckley, who is an RN on a post-surgery floor at Atrium Concord.

Jim and Sandy Bernacki offer prayers of thanks for finding a new home and thank God for Shane Sapp-Moore, who helped them so much.

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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