



Gathering Song

Come, come whoever you are

Rumi/Zola

Carol Corbin, guitar

Paul Davison, bass

Brian Sapp-Moore, piano and voice

Come, come whoever you are, worshiper, wanderer, lover of leaving.

Ours is not a caravan of despair.

Though you have broken your vows a thousand times,
come, come again, come.

“Come, come, whoever you are” Words by Jelaluddin Rumi, Music by Dale Zola

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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 – 482

Slane

Lord of all hopefulness

Jennifer Cook, soprano

1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Lord of all hopefulness Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953) Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. *Hymnal 1982* One License A-719068

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145: 8-15

Officiant and People

- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.**
- 9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.**
- 10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.**
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;**
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**
- 14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.**
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

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

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

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Emily Badgett

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

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sam and Anne, our bishops; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

God of love,

People: **Hear our prayers for the church.**

Silence. Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts.

Leader: God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.

God of freedom,

People: **Hear our prayers for the world.**

Silence. Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts.

Leader: God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.

God of justice,

People: **Hear our prayers for the earth.**

Silence. Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts.

Leader: God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home.

God of peace,

People: **Hear our prayers for this community.**

Silence. Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts.

Leader: God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons.

God of mercy,

People: **Hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

Silence. Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts.

Leader: God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light.

God of grace,

People: **Hear our prayers for those who have died.**

Silence. Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts.

Confession of Sin

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

People: **Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:
You create all people in your image and call us to love one
another as you love us.**

**We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great
diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in
freedom, while building walls between ourselves and
others.**

**We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,
while making judgements of others based on the color
of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of
human experience.**

**We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet
benefitting from systems that hold those same
neighbors in oppression.**

Forgive us, Holy God.

Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.

Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.

**Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in
our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the
Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Absolution

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

King of kings, majesty

Jarrood Cooper

Carol Corbin, guitar

Paul Davison, bass

Brian Sapp-Moore, piano and voice

King of kings, majesty, God of heaven living in me,
Gentle Savior, closest friend, strong deliv'rer, beginning and end,
All within me falls at your throne.

Your majesty, I can but bow, I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve I live to serve your majesty.

Earth and heav'n worship you,
Love eternal, faithful and true,
Who brought the nations, ransomed souls,
Brought this sinner near to your throne;
All within me cries out in praise.

Your majesty, I can but bow, I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve I live to serve your majesty.

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Voluntary

arr. Mark Hayes

Open our Eyes/Lord of all Hopefulness
Jennifer Cook, piano

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Announcements

New Adult Class | Join us at 10 AM today for our new six-week Adult Formation class. We'll be reading and discussing Daniella Shroyer's book – *Original Blessing: Putting Sin in Its Rightful Place* – in which the author traces the history of the doctrine of original sin and uses scriptural and theological arguments to question our commonly held beliefs about it. [Click here to join via Zoom](#). Meeting ID: 824 0440 9983 Password: 301243. Contact [Jerrod Smith](#) with questions.

CCM Food Pantry | The current big needs are: any kind of canned veggies, beans, fruits, and soup, rice, paper towels, and toilet paper. Right now, CCM has plenty of dried beans, mac & cheese, cereal, and plastic grocery bags. You can deliver food donations to the Crisis Center 10 AM-1 PM on Mondays-Fridays. CCM is now operating a drive-through pantry at the Crisis Center and all of their satellite pantries. You can also contribute by [clicking to donate](#).

CVAN's Annual Men For Change Campaign | On behalf of the women and children served by CVAN, Joe Hunter and David Baxter would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's "Men for Change" campaign.

Prayers for the Parish

Jim and Sandy Bernacki requests prayers as they search for a new home. Thankfully, their house sold quickly, but now they need to move sooner than expected. Please pray that they will find a home in a timely fashion. [Contact Jim](#) (or call him at 704-986-0134), if you have any leads on a home for sale in the Concord/Kannapolis area.

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 (525 Lake Concord Road NE, Concord, NC 28025), 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.