



Gathering Song

Don't be afraid

John Bell

*Steve Proctor, guitar*

*Paul Davison, bass*

*Brian Sapp-Moore, piano and voice*

Don't be afraid, my love is stronger, my love is stronger than your fear.

Don't be afraid, my love is stronger, and I have promised,  
promised to be always near.

*"Don't be afraid" words & music by John Bell*

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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 – 365

*Moscow*

Come, thou almighty King

*Courtney Steinberg, soprano*

1. Come, thou almighty King, help us thy Name to sing,  
help us to praise. Father whose love unknown  
all things created own, build in our hearts thy throne,  
Ancient of Days.
2. Come, thou incarnate Word, by heaven and earth adored;  
our prayer attend: come, and thy people bless;  
come, give thy word success; stablish thy righteousness,  
Savior and friend.
3. Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour: thou who almighty art,  
now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power.
4. To Thee, great One in Three, the highest praises be,  
hence evermore; thy sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see, and to eternity  
love and adore.

*Come, thou almighty King* Words: Anon. (ca. 1757, alt.) Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1792); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)  
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## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lesson

Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,  
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,  
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?  
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 86:11-17

*Officiant and People*

**11 Teach me your way, O Lord,**

**and I will walk in your truth; \***

**knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.**

**12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, \***

**and glorify your Name for evermore.**

**13 For great is your love toward me; \***

**you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.**

**14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,**

**and a band of violent men seeks my life; \***

**they have not set you before their eyes.**

**15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, \***

**slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.**

**16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \***

**give your strength to your servant;**

**and save the child of your handmaid.**

**17 Show me a sign of your favor,**

**so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \***

**because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

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

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

## Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Reverend Jim Bernacki

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, surely the Lord is in this place! So let us cry out to God, saying, “Abba! Father! *Hear our prayer.*”

O Great Father, you have adopted us as your own children. You have made us joint heirs with Christ. You love us. Lead us by your Spirit and strengthen our hope. *The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

Abba! Father!

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God our King, you have planted us in a complex and often confusing world. Give us patience to live with each other, not judging our neighbors but trusting in your wisdom. *Silence.*

Abba! Father!

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Present God, even creation groans as it waits on you for freedom. Forgive us for the times in which we have subjected it to futility. Give us eyes to see your presence in the heavens, on the earth, and in the seas. *Silence.*

Abba! Father!

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of Light, darkness is not dark to you. Brighten the places in our city where darkness serves as a cover for crime and violence. Redeem all who are lost. *Silence.*  
Abba! Father!

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of Glory, we wait in hope for the day when we will be set free from the bondage of decay. Even now, free the suffering from pain and the sorrowful from heartache. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.*  
Abba! Father!

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Eternal God, may the righteous shine like the sun in your kingdom. We trust that, even in the grave, you are with us. In hope, save the dying and the dead. *Silence.*  
Abba! Father!

People: **Hear our prayer.**

## 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

Michael Frye, arr. Chris Mitchell

Jesus, be the center

*Steve Proctor, guitar*

*Paul Davison, bass*

*Brian Sapp-Moore, piano and voice*

Jesus, be the center, be my source, be my light, Jesus.

Jesus, be the center, be my hope, be my song, Jesus.

Be the fire in my heart, be the wind in these sails.

Be the reason that I live, Jesus.

Jesus, be my vision, be my path, be my guide, Jesus.

Be the fire in my heart, be the wind in these sails.

Be the reason that I live, Jesus.

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### Voluntary

Cornelius Gurlitt

A Steadfast Resolve, Op. 131, No. 13

*Brian Sapp-Moore, piano*

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## Announcements

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**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.](#)

**CCM Food Pantry** | The current big needs are: any kind of canned veggies, beans, fruits, and soup, rice, peanut butter, 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.](#)

## Prayers for the Parish

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Prayers have been requested for: Sharon, Regina, and Sheila

Jim and Sandy Bernacki request prayers as they search for a new home. If you have any leads on a home for sale in the Concord/Kannapolis area or know of someone who might be willing to rent out an unused house for 2-3 months, please [call Jim at 704-986-0134.](#)

We offer condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Hagan Hilbish, wife of Buddy Hilbish, who entered into the Resurrection in the early morning of Monday, July 6. Hagan attended All Saints' for many years and served as a dedicated member of the Altar Guild. The celebration of her life will be private, with only the immediate family in attendance. Burial will be at a future time in the All Saints' Columbarium. Please keep Buddy, her children, and his children in your prayers.

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

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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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