



Gathering Song

Open the eyes of my heart

Rumi/Zola

Carol Corbin, guitar

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Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you, I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you, I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your pow'r and love; as we sing holy, holy, holy.

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holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

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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 – 440

Liebster Jesu

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Jennifer Cook, soprano

1. Blessèd Jesus, at thy word
we are gathered all to hear thee;
let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear thee;
by thy teachings pure and holy,
drawn from earth to love thee solely.
2. All our knowledge, sense and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till thy Spirit breaks our night
with the beams of truth unclouded;
thou alone to God canst win us;
thou must work all good within us.
3. Gracious Lord, thyself impart!
Light of Light, from God proceeding,

open thou our ears and heart,
help us by thy Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry thy Church upraises;
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

Blessed Jesus, at thy word Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878),
alt. Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das gross Cantional: oder Kirchen-*
Gesangbuch, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)
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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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:105-112

Officiant and People

**105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.**
**106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.**
**107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.**
**108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.**
**109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.**

**110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

**111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.**

**112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.**

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

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

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among

thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Reverend Vern Cahoon

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, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. By that same Spirit let us pray, saying, “Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips, *and teach us your judgments.*”

Great God, may the word of your kingdom find good soil in your Church. Cause your word to grow in our hearts and bear an abundance of fruit. *Silence.*

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People: **And teach us your judgments.**

Leader: God of our ancestors, we pray that divided nations be united and warring nations find peace. May we recognize that we are created by your will and are all members of one human family. Guide and protect our law enforcement, fire and EMS personnel. *Silence.*

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People: **And teach us your judgments.**

Leader: God of the harvest, bless the seeds and the soil of the world. Give us the wisdom to bring forth its yield wisely and according to your will, that all people may have enough to eat. *The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People: **And teach us your judgments.**

Leader: Caring God, we are deeply troubled by the gun violence in our cities. May all who set their minds on death, even now, be converted to the Spirit of life and peace. Shine on those who would willfully harm another. Cast out drug abuse and gang activity from our communities. Protect our neighborhoods and our cities, watching over our city and county officials, and business leaders. *Silence.*

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People: **And teach us your judgments.**

Leader: Healing God, preserve the lives of the suffering and the sick, according to your word. Speak joy into the hearts of the sorrowful. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.*

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People: **And teach us your judgments.**

Leader: Eternal God, you preserve all who are in Christ Jesus from condemnation. By the resurrection of your Son we trust, that in the fullness of time, you will give life to our mortal bodies through his Spirit that dwells in us. *Silence.*

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,
People: **And teach us your judgments.**

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 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word Hymnal 1982 – 530

Jennifer Cook, soprano

1. Spread, O spread, thou mighty word, spread the kingdom of the Lord,
That to earth's remotest bound all may heed the joyful sound.
2. Word of how the Father's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
How his only Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
3. Word of how the Savior's love earth's sore burden doth remove;

How forever, in its need, through his death the world is freed.

4. Word of how the Spirit came bringing peace in Jesus' name;
How his never-failing love guides us on to heaven above.

5. Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the nations long,
Spread abroad, until from night all the world awakes to light.

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word Words: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier (1774-1841); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898-1952) and Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt. St. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984) Music: *Gott sei Dank*, melody from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; adapt. And harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)
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Voluntary

Johann Sebastian Bach

Minuet in G Major, BWV Anh. 114

Katie Hendry, 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.](#)

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.](#)

Grapevine | News of the Parish

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.

This week we said goodbye to the last apple tree in the Bell Garden. [Click here to read Joe Hunter's article.](#)

Prayers for the Parish

Jim and Sandy Bernacki request 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 Concord/Kannapolis.

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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