



Welcome

Gathering Song

Will you come and follow me  
*Resurrection Choir*

Maule & Bell

Will you come and follow me  
If I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown  
In you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
If I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
And never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
In you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see  
If I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free  
And never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean  
And do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean  
In you and you me?

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## THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

### Collect for 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.**

### Opening Song

Hymnal 1982 – 525

The Church’s one foundation

*Aurelia*

*Courtney Steinberg, soprano*

1 The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed;  
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war  
she waits the consummation of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed,  
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

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## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig  
    from the lofty top of a cedar;  
    I will set it out.  
I will break off a tender one  
    from the topmost of its young twigs;  
I myself will plant it  
    on a high and lofty mountain.  
On the mountain height of Israel  
    I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
    and become a noble cedar.  
Under it every kind of bird will live;  
    in the shade of its branches will nest  
    winged creatures of every kind.  
All the trees of the field shall know  
    that I am the Lord.  
I bring low the high tree,  
    I make high the low tree;  
I dry up the green tree  
    and make the dry tree flourish.  
I the Lord have spoken;  
    I will accomplish it.

Reader:     The Word of the Lord.

People:     **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, \*  
    and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
    and of your faithfulness in the night season;

- 3 On the psalter, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the Lord is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

## The Gospel

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

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

### Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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*

Intercessor: Brothers and sisters, we walk by faith, not by sight. Trusting that God hears our prayers, let us cry to the Lord, saying, “We call upon your Name, O Lord! *Answer us when we call.*”

We call to you, O Lord: hear our prayers for the Church. Keep us steadfast in faith and love, that we may proclaim your truth with boldness and minister your justice with compassion. *Silence.*

We call upon your Name, O Lord!

People: **Answer us when we call.**

Intercessor: We call to you, O Lord: hear our prayers for the world. For love, your Son Jesus died for all. We pray that all the people of the world come to know that love. *Silence.*

We call upon your Name, O Lord!

People: **Answer us when we call.**

Intercessor: We call to you, O Lord: hear our prayers for all creation. Bless seeds to produce. Bless fields to yield their crop. Bless those who plant and those who gather. May all be blessed by the harvest. *Silence.*  
We call upon your Name, O Lord!

People: **Answer us when we call.**

Intercessor: We call to you, O Lord: hear our prayers for all artists, poets, dancers and musicians. Remember their offerings of beauty and inspiration and prosper their plans. We thank you for the blessed gift of creativity. *The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*  
We call upon your Name, O Lord!

People: **Answer us when we call.**

Intercessor: We call to you, O Lord: hear our prayers for those in need. Answer them in their day of trouble. Send them help and strengthen them to stand. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.*  
We call upon your Name, O Lord!

People: **Answer us when we call.**

Intercessor: We call to you, O Lord: hear our prayers for the dying and the dead. Raise those who have died in the body to newness of life. Grant them a home with you forever. *Silence.*  
We call upon your Name, O Lord!

People: **Answer us when we call.**

## Confession of Sin

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and 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.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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

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

People: **And also with you.**

### Blessing

### Closing Song

Seek ye first

Karen Lafferty

*Carol Corbin, guitar*

*Paul Davison, bass*

*Brian Sapp-Moore, piano and voice*

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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## Voluntary

Präludium und Fuge – F dur

Vincent Lübeck

*Brian Sapp-Moore, organ*

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## A Note on Today's Readings | *Third Sunday after Pentecost – Year B*

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Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church. Today's Gospel reading is a series of brief parables in which Jesus describes the Kingdom of God. The primary image is of something that seems small and weak, but which through God grows into the greatest of its kind. Thus, until the appearance of Jesus, God's plan was unknown and hidden. But now in Jesus' ministry it is revealed as the rule of God over the entire universe.

The first reading, from Ezekiel, gives us an image similar to that of the mustard seed used by Jesus. Here the coming Kingdom of God is likened to a tender sprig from a tree which God plants. It grows into a mighty and noble tree which gives shelter to all. Earthly kingdoms will ultimately be dried up by God and replaced by God's reign over all.

For a brief time, in the Eucharist, we have a foretaste of God's Kingdom, and we live in the presence of Christ as redeemed people. Not yet consummated, the Kingdom is, for a moment, revealed. It is likewise revealed whenever we, in obedience to our Lord, minister in his name to others, especially to the poor and the sick and the oppressed.

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