



Welcome

Gathering Song

Don't be afraid

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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.

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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 – 379

God is Love, let heaven adore him

Abbot's Leigh

Jennifer Cook, soprano

1 God is Love, let heaven adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him
and exalt him with one voice.

God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heaven above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is Love, eternal Love.

2 God is Love; and Love enfolds us, all the world in one embrace:
with unfailing grasp God holds us, every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod,
then we find that selfsame aching deep within the heart of God.

3 God is Love; and though with blindness sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever o'er the universe must reign.

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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, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Job 38:1-11

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements – surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb? –

when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,
and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 23 Some went down to the sea in ships *
and plied their trade in deep waters;
- 24 They beheld the works of the Lord *
and his wonders in the deep.
- 25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, *
which tossed high the waves of the sea.
- 26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; *
their hearts melted because of their peril.
- 27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards *
and were at their wits' end.
- 28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 29 He stilled the storm to a whisper *
and quieted the waves of the sea.

- 30 Then were they glad because of the calm, *
and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.
- 31 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people *
and praise him in the council of the elders.

The Gospel

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

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

Mark 4:35-41

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Reverend Nancy L.J. Cox

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, may the Lord be with you! Trusting that our God listens when we pray, let us say, “We put our trust in you, O Lord. *Answer with your peace.*”

We call to you, O Lord: hear our prayers for the Church. Set us upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness. Open wide our hearts to accept your grace. *The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

We put our trust in you, O Lord.

People: **Answer with your peace.**

Intercessor: We call to you, O Lord: hear our prayers for the world. You are known by your acts of justice. Let the hope of the poor be not taken away. *Silence.*

We put our trust in you, O Lord.

People: **Answer with your peace.**

Intercessor: We call to you, O Lord: hear our prayers for all creation. Even the wind and the sea obey your command. Speak peace and life to all you have made. *Silence.*

We put our trust in you, O Lord.

People: **Answer with your peace.**

Intercessor: We call to you, O Lord: hear our prayers for those who live without a place to call home. You are a refuge for the oppressed, a shelter in time of trouble. Do not forsake those who seek your help. *Silence.*

We put our trust in you, O Lord.

People: **Answer with your peace.**

Intercessor: We call to you, O Lord: hear our prayers for those in any kinds of need. You do not forget the needy; they are ever in your thoughts. You hear the cry of the afflicted. Fill down-turned mouths with songs of praise and rejoicing. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.*

We put our trust in you, O Lord.

People: **Answer with your peace.**

Intercessor: We call to you, O Lord: hear our prayers for the dying and the dead. You are the God of life; you lift your people from the gates of death. We commend to your mercy all who have died. *Silence.*

We put our trust in you, O Lord.

People: **Answer with your peace.**

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

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Eternal Father, strong to save

Melita

Courtney Steinberg, soprano

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave, who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

2 O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at thy word, who walkedst on the foaming deep, and
calm amid its rage didst sleep:
hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

3 Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace;
hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

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Voluntary

For the beauty of the earth

arr. Matt Schinske

Jennifer Cook, piano

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

Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church. Our theme today is Jesus' Lordship over the natural world and over the forces of evil in the universe. Jesus commands a storm to cease. The result of this event was amazement and wonder. Mark withholds the answer to their wonderment until the end of his Gospel when Jesus' death and resurrection reveal him as the Son of God, hence the Lord of the universe.

In the Old Testament reading from the Book of Job, God responds to Job's questioning by asking how Job dare think himself competent as a creature to question the Creator. This magnificent poem occurs in today's liturgy as an Old Testament witness to God's power over the universe which was revealed in Jesus' ministry and power.

In Eucharist, the People of God find themselves joined together in Christ as the new Creation. For a brief time in prayer and Sacrament, we are revealed as his Body and as the instruments of his redeeming love in the world. That revelation is to continue in our ministry of love and reconciliation toward all people.

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