



Welcome

Gathering Song

Open the eyes of my heart

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

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

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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 – 440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Liebster Jesu

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.

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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 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.**

Collect for Independence Day

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; 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: Ezekiel 2:1-5

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.” Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Gospel

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

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

Mark 6:1-13

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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: Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised! Let us offer our prayers, saying, “Be our guide, O God, for evermore: *send us out to do the work you have given us to do.*”

O God, send us out to proclaim the good news of repentance and forgiveness in Jesus’ name. By the sufficiency of your grace, comfort and strengthen your Church. We pray specially for our bishop and our clergy. May all those who take council for the Church be wholly devoted to you. *Silence.*

Be our guide, O God, forevermore:

People: **Send us out to do the work you have given us to do.**

Intercessor: O God, send us out, that your praise might reach to the ends of the earth. May all know your right hand to be full of justice; defend the poor and oppressed. *Silence.*

Be our guide, O God, forevermore:

People: **Send us out to do the work you have given us to do.**

Intercessor: O God, all that you touch is beautiful: your holy presence brings joy to all the earth: bless your creation with prosperity. *Silence.*

Be our guide, O God, forevermore:

People: **Send us out to do the work you have given us to do.**

Intercessor: O God, we thank you for our parks and places of recreation. Bless them to be places of welcome and hospitality. Bless us with opportunities to take pleasure in beauty and leisure. *The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

Be our guide, O God, forevermore:

People: **Send us out to do the work you have given us to do.**

Intercessor: O God, send us out into the world to pray for and love those in need. Strengthen our faith in your healing power. We pray to you for the sick and suffering today because we trust in your love. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.*

Be our guide, O God, forevermore:

People: **Send us out to do the work you have given us to do.**

Intercessor: O God, you have established your heavenly kingdom forever. Bring us, with all who have died, into the eternal joy of that kingdom. *Silence.*

Be our guide, O God, forevermore:

People: **Send us out to do the work you have given us to do.**

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

Hymnal 1982 – 717

My country, 'tis of thee

America

Courtney Steinberg, soprano

- 1 My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring.
- 2 My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills like that above.
- 3 Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's
song;
let mortal tongues awake, let all that breathe partake,
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

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Voluntary

Prelude in C Major, BWV 846

J.S. Bach

Katherine Hendry, piano

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

Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church. An experience common to all God's messengers in the Bible was the rejection of their ministry and message by their own people. In today's reading from Mark, we hear of Jesus' being rejected in his home synagogue, in which he quotes the old saying about prophets among their own people. Then he sends the twelve disciples out preaching to extend his message and ministry, warning them that they also will face rejection.

The first reading parallels this in God's word to Ezekiel, sending him to a stubborn and rebellious people.

As we gather in liturgy, we remember that we are a part of that people whose story is the continuation of the biblical story. That story recalls not only our faithfulness, but also our rebellion. Above all, however, it recalls the fact that even at our worst God has nevertheless remained faithful to us and continues to call us into ministry and witness in the world. Will we respond at our best or at our worst? Will we reject the call or will we accept it?

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