

# Voluntary Balm in Gilead

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#### Announcements

Altar Guild Commissioning

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Rite

Entrance HymnAll stand.Hymnal 1982 – 423Immortal, invisible, God only wiseSt. Denio

 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

#### **Opening Acclamation**

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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#### Collect for Purity

All: 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.

Song of Praise	All Stand.	See pew card
Glory to God		Rutter

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Collect	of the Day	BCP p. 357
Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.	
People:	And also with you.	
Celebrant:	Let us pray.	

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The people sit.

The Lessons First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;
who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

Remain seated. The Choir will introduce the Antiphon first. The congregation then joins in singing the Antiphon each time.

#### Antiphon



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1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! \* how pleasant it is to honor the Lord with praise! 2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \* and gathers the exiles of Israel.

- 3 The Lord heals the brokenhearted \* and binds up their wounds. **ANTIPHON**
- 4 The Lord counts the number of the stars \* and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \* there is no limit to his wisdom. **ANTIPHON**
- 6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, \* but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \* make music to our God upon the harp. **ANTIPHON**
- 8 God covers the heavens with clouds \* and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 God makes grass to grow upon the mountains \* and green plants to serve humankind.
- 10 God provides food for flocks and herds \* and for the young ravens when they cry. **ANTIPHON**
- 11 The Lord is not impressed by the might of a horse; \* and has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

# 12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who God-fearing, \* in those who await God's gracious favor. 21c Hallelujah! ANTIPHON

The people remain seated.

# Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 A reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Sequence Hymn	All stand.	Hymnal 1982 – 529
In Christ there is no Ea	st or West	McKee

- In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
  - 2 Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be!Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.
- 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North, all Christly souls are one in him,

throughout the whole wide earth.

#### Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

All remain standing.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus and the disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Nancy L.J. Cox

# The Nicene Creed

All stand.

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
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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 PeopleAll remain standing.From Praying the Scriptures, by Jeremiah D. Williamson

Intercessor: Brothers and sisters, when we call, the Lord answers us. Knowing that our prayers are heard by our great God, let us make our appeal, "O Lord, we are members of your family; *make good your purpose for us.*"

> We call to you, O Lord: Hear our prayers for the Church. Give us discerning eyes to see the work of your Spirit in our lives. Guard our hearts that we might not take for granted our place in your family. *Silence*.

O Lord, we are members of your family;People: Make good your purpose for us.

Intercessor: We call to you, O Lord: hear our prayers for the world. Though you are high, you care for those who are lowly. May the kings and rulers of the world look to you, O God, for wisdom and guidance. *Silence*.

O Lord, we are members of your family;

#### People: Make good your purpose for us.

People:	Make good your purpose for us.	
	O Lord, we are members of your family;	
	Bless and preserve all that you have made. Silence.	
	creation. Do not abandon the works of your hands.	
Intercessor:	We call to you, O Lord: hear our prayers for all	

Intercessor: We call to you, O Lord: hear our prayers for those people who create and those institutions that preserve all things artistic. From you proceeds all good and beautiful things. We thank you that you inspire men and women to create. We thank you that you are known to us in many and diverse ways. *The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.* 

# O Lord, we are members of your family;People: Make good your purpose for us.

Intercessor: We call to you, O Lord: hear our prayers for those in need. It is you who increases strength in those who are weak, who keeps safe those in the midst of trouble. By your right hand, offer your saving help. The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.

O Lord, we are members of your family;People:Make good your purpose for us.

Intercessor: We call to you, O Lord: hear our prayers for the dying and the dead. Even as our outer nature is wasting away, you daily renew our spirits. We trust that, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so will you raise us with him and bring us into your loving presence forever. *Silence*.

O Lord, we are members of your family;

People: Make good your purpose for us.

#### Confession of Sin

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*The Deacon or Celebrant says* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 Absolution

#### 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.** 

People:	And also with you.
Celebrant:	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All stand	
The Peace	BCP p. 360

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

A note about receiving Holy Communion: In the Episcopal Church, we understand that Christ is "really present" in the bread and wine provided from God's table. All who claim Christ as Lord are always welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in this church. Children are welcome to receive communion at the discretion of their parents.

Come forward at the direction of the ushers. Receive the consecrated wafer in the palm of your outstretched hand from the first person who comes to you. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please cross your hands palms down. Wine may be received by lightly dipping the bread into the small cup in the center of the plate/paten from which you received the bread. Alternatively, you may choose to drink from the larger cup/chalice which the next person will offer you. Receive the consecrated wine by guiding the offered cup to your lips and sipping. Those who distribute the wine will wipe the chalice with a food safe sanitizer and turn it for the next person after each person receives. You may also decide to take the wafer only. If you choose not to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing as your presence is a blessing to all of us. Once you have been blessed or received communion, you may offer a short prayer and then return to your seat.

If physical limitations make it difficult to come forward, please let an usher know that we may have the honor of bringing communion to you.

#### Offertory Sentence

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The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14* 

# Offertory Anthem

The paper reeds by the brooks, from Peaceable Kingdom

Randall Thompson

# The paper reeds by the brooks, by the mouth of the brooks, and every thing sown by the brooks, shall wither, be driven away, and be no more.

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#### Presentation of Gifts

Celebrant:	All things come of thee, O Lord.
People:	And of thine own have we given thee.

# The Great Thanksgiving

#### Sursum Corda

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The People remain standing.

Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Celebrant:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# Sanctus

See pew card

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

#### The People stand or kneel.

#### The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Memorial Acclamation Celebrant and People We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory. See pew card

#### The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

The Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 363 And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

See pew card

#### People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread

#### Fraction Anthem

See pew card

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Invitation

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The Celebrant says

The gifts of God for the people of God, and we are the people of God.

# Spiritual Communion Prayer

A prayer for those joining online to be unified in Communion with Christ.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.** 

#### Hymns at Communion

From miles around the sick ones came

WLP – 774 Tucker

- From miles around the sick ones came,
   In hope that One they heard was Lord
   would make their souls and bodies well,
   with healing touch or saving word.
- 2 And still they come, new preys of plague, while often in their rooms of prayer God's people worship, safe and sound,

#### unheeding, even unaware.

3 Recall us to our mission, Lord, to reach for those cut off, in pain;to offer friendship, strength, and peace and be a faithful church again.

O Christ, the healer

WLP – 772 *Kedron* 

1 O Christ, the healer, we have cometo pray for health, to plead for friends.How can we fail to be restored,when reached by love that never ends?

2 From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed; yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.

3 How strong, O Lord, are our desires,how weak our knowledge of ourselves!Release in us those healing truthsunconscious pride resists ourselves.

4 In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease; our common life declares our ills: is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

5 Grant that we all, made in one faith,in your community may findthe wholeness that, enriching us,shall reach the whole of humankind.

Lay Eucharistic Minister Prayer (as needed)

Celebrant:	In order that all may receive Holy Eucharist,	
	will take the Eucharist to toda	y.

All: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

The Post-Communion PrayerBCP p. 366After Communion, the Celebrant saysLet us pray.

#### Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### Blessing

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The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.** 

Closing Hymn	WLP – 779
The church of Christ in every age	Dunedin

1 The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but spirit led, Must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

2 Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cryFor shelter and for bread to eat and never live until they die.

3 Then let the servant church arise,A caring church that longs to beA partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity

4 For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood.And teach us how to share out bread and feed the starving multitude.

5 We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord: To care for all without reserve. And spread Christ's liberating word.

Dismissal

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The Deacon dismisses the People, who then respond: People: **Thanks be to God.** 

# Voluntary St. Denio

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# The flowers on the altar today are given by Henry and Betty Wiley to the Glory of God and in memory of Dot Toomey Elvington and Juddie McKinley Craven

**Sunday school for all ages is at 10 AM.** Nursery for infants-3 year olds is provided every Sunday from 8:45 AM-12:30 PM. Questions? Contact Tiffany Fulton <u>tfulton@allsaintsconcord.org</u>.

You are invited to the Planned Giving Seminar on Tuesday, February 6, to learn more about making a will, estate planning, legacy giving and more! Speakers will include estate attorneys and CPAs. There will be a light dinner at 6:30 in the Parish Hall, followed by the seminar. Sign up on the church website. **Next Blood Drive: February 7, 2024.** Appointments available from 2:30 to 7:00 p.m. Go to <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u>, enter allsaints (one word) in the Find a Blood Drive box, and make an appointment today!

Mark Your Calendar! **The EYC Pancake Supper will be held Tuesday, February 13, from 5:30-7 PM!** Sign up on the church website!

Ash Wednesday Services, February 14, 2023 | Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at 7 AM, Noon, 7 PM. Imposition of Ashes only at 5:30 PM.

After Dark @ All Saints' will be held February 16-25, 2024. Check out all the amazing classes designed to feed your body, mind & spirit!



Note on Today's Readings The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany – Year B

Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church. Today's Gospel continues Mark's account of the first events in Jesus' ministry. Once again, Jesus was faced with illness which he cured and evil spirits which he cast out. But rather than stay in that place as a healer, he moves on to announce the good news of God's Kingdom in other places as well.

The first reading proclaims God as ruler and creator of all things. God is incomparable and inexhaustible, and God's power is the source of our life and that power animates our lives and our ministry.

In the second reading, Paul is responding to another problem in the Corinthian church. Wandering preachers had come to them and, preaching for money, had proclaimed strange versions of the Gospel. Paul wants to make it clear that his is *the* Gospel of Christ and the proof that he is not altering it to be popular is that he does not ask for money.

It is the proclamation of Christ that is central. We are called and converted by that message and baptized into that faith. We gather at the Lord's Table in response, for empowerment, but we also gather in order to be sent forth in that power to proclaim the message to others.

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