



## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16 read by Laura Brady at 8:00 am  
and by Phoebe Johnson at 10:30 am

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 25:1-9 (all may chant)

Chant tone 1-2



*T* = treble (higher) voices    *L* = lower voices

- T** To **you**, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my / **trust** in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies / triumph o - ver me.
- L** Let none who look to you be / **put** to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed / **in their** schemes.
- T** Show me your / **ways**, O LORD, \*  
and / teach me **your** paths.
- L** Lead me in your / truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted / all the **day** long.
- T** Remember, O LORD, your com- / passion and love, \*  
for they are from / ever - **last** - ing.
- L** Remember not the sins of my youth and / my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your / goodness, **O LORD**.
- T** Gracious and / upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches / sinners **in** his way.

**L** He guides the humble in / **do-ing** right \*  
and teaches his / **way to** the lowly.

**All:** All the paths of the LORD are love and / **faithfulness** \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his / **test-i-mo-nies**.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, *read by Brigit Molony at 8:00 am  
and by Ayodele House at 10:30 am*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

\*The Children's Word

*Children age 3 through grade 5 may follow the teachers out at this time to gather in the Undercroft; they will return at the Peace to rejoin their families. Children at home may join us on Zoom. Kangaroos (age 3—grade 2) meet in the Rector's Office; Elephants (grades 3—5) meet in the Copier Room. Newcomers, friends, and parents are welcome to come along.*

\*Sequence Hymn (*sung by the choir only*) Come, thou long-expected Jesus page 13

The Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36, *read by The Reverend Neva Brown*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Florence Ledyard

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 People

*Led by Josh Crockett at 8:00 am*

*and by Joe Twist at 10:30 am*

*Intercessor* As the church worldwide celebrates the beginning of its New Year, let us turn our minds and hearts to the larger community of which we are a part.

For all peoples of every race, nation, and disposition: May your love so embrace us all, that its power overcomes our conflicts, our defenses, and our fears. Quicken us to our true nature as your children that we may love one another. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

*People* **and grant us mercy.**

*Intercessor* For all the churches of the world, Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, and Pentecostal: May we grow together in our understanding of mission, that we may be strengthened in unity and united in acts of service. Call us to the one discipleship with its many gifts. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

*People* **and grant us mercy.**

*Intercessor* For all Christian communities, young and growing in Africa, aging and changing in North America: Renew our vision and experience of Christian community as ever birthing, ever transforming, ever young and open to risk, ever old and full of wisdom. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

*People* **and grant us mercy.**

*Intercessor* For all those who live in fear and confusion: Whether they be stateless people in refugee camps, or settled people hidden behind high fences, give to the vulnerable strength, and to the secure vulnerability, that our human compassion for one another may end injustice, and give our societies a human face. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

*People* **and grant us mercy.**

*Intercessor* For this community, especially those who suffer most: For the emotionally, spiritually and physically ill, for the dying, for those who grieve, remembering \_\_\_\_\_. May we all, out of our own suffering, give comfort and support. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

*People* **and grant us mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the larger community around us, especially for the newborn children, the homeless, and the imprisoned: May we create a world where shelter, food, and medical care are available for all and where the law protects people for a better chance and better choices. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

*People* **and grant us mercy.**

*Intercessor* For your blessings bestowed on those near and far: How can we thank you enough for the joy that we feel, remembering \_\_\_\_\_. Hear our prayer, O Lord,  
*People* **and grant us mercy.**

*Intercessor* For those who have died throughout the world: Whether they be family, friends, victims of violence, creators of violence, refugees fleeing violence, or terrorists, may we pray for all, remembering \_\_\_\_\_. Hear our prayer, O Lord,  
*People* **and grant us mercy.**

*Intercessor* On this first day of the year, we gather up our prayers and offer them to you, O Lord, knowing full well that there are signs in the sun and moon and stars and in the common events of ordinary life that call us to attend to your coming. Prepare us for the time of trial and for your dominion, coming now and at the close of this age.  
*People* **Amen.**

#### The Confession

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*All* **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 Peace, *greet one another in the name of the Lord*

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

#### Things to Consider

\*Offertory Hymn (*sung by the choir only*) *Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us*

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#### Great Thanksgiving

##### Eucharistic Prayer B

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* 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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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 and Benedictus*

**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.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris  
Buchanan (1889-1983)

*Celebrant* 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,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* 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 Bartholomew and 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.

*People* **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer, *contemporary*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread, *followed by silence*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

**At 8:00 am:**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

The Commissioning, *please face the open door*

*Deacon* As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to our vision and mission as a congregation:

*People* **We will, with God's help, be a vibrant faith community that is a blazing beacon of God's transforming love in the world. God is calling us to take righteous risks. We accept this call, and will respond by seeking and serving Christ in ALL people.**

*Deacon* Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**



## At 10:30 am:

*It took time to develop. The Last Supper eventually became what we know now as Holy Communion.  
But it took time to develop. The earliest reference we have is from Justin Martyr around 150 AD.*

*In the meantime, the early Christian community nevertheless gathered to share an Agape Meal in remembrance of the Last Supper.*

*It was a time for the faithful to break some bread and share some wine to remember Jesus.*

*But it also was a chance to remember the love of God, the love within the faith community and the love to be expressed to the world.*

*Agape is Greek for Love Feast.*

*Every Sunday at St. B's we offer the sacrament of Holy Communion for those on site as well as the Agape Meal for those off site.  
And occasionally we provide "Take Out @ St. B's" for people to stop by and pick up a consecrated communion kit to enjoy once or twice a month on Zoom. Each meal is unique but each gives us the chance to share a meal and to be "in communion" with Jesus and one another no matter where we are!*

## For the Agape Meal

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God; you bring forth bread from the earth and make the risen Lord to be for us the Bread of life: Grant that we who daily seek the bread which sustains our bodies may also hunger for the food of everlasting life, Jesus Christ our Lord . Amen.**

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator of the fruit of the vine: Grant that we who share this drink, which gladdens our hearts, may share for ever the new life of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

+Agnus Dei (sung by the choir only)

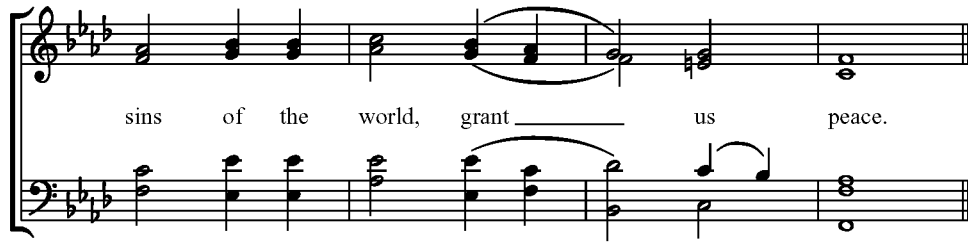
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The musical score is for the Agnus Dei, set in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us." The first system covers the first line of the lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal line.

Lamb \_\_\_\_ of God, you take \_\_\_\_ a - way the

sins of the world, have \_\_\_\_ mer - cy on us.

Lamb \_\_\_\_ of God, you take \_\_\_\_ a - way the



Music: *Missa Oecumenica*, from the *Trinitas Choral Review*, arr. Richard Proulx,  
after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)  
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reserved.

Communion Hymn (*sung by the choir only*) O God, unseen yet ever near

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church – wherever that may be, we offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. No matter how we have received you today in our meal of communion, whether by sacrament or otherwise, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us in your grace, Holy Spirit, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us – now and always, wherever we are. Amen.

Closing Hymn (*all may sing*)

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

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Blessing

Postlude, *please be seated*

*Sleepers, wake!*

Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

The Commissioning, *please face the open door*

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*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Your prayers are requested for members and friends of St. B's ...*

Lucy Marshall; Vince Marsiglia; Donna Cartwright; Janet Churchill; Shirley Nathan Pulliam; Lillian Thomas; Celia Vismale; Ray Zeigler; Larry Brown; Sandra DeSilva; Mary Warfield; Jim Wright; Phoenix DeVale; Dana Przybyszewski; Cathy Brookman; Brad Schlegel; Margaret Schotto; Kate Henshall; Celeste Thurston; Peter Lee; Irene Hardy; Bonnie Kutch; Connie Lee; Bates Churchill; Stephanie Brooks-Wiggins; Carole Novian; Tijon Cox and family; Susan Lundin; Corinne Bowmaker; Martin Schotto; 40 West Assistance and Referral Center Clients; Hope Harbor partner families; Heidi; Theresa Thomas; Meg and Shaun; Kathy and Andy; Don and Angel; John and Jean; Nathan; Amanda Ash Freeland; Barry and Peggy McCormick; Cathy Cain; Lynne Cain; Joan Clinton; Denise Kirkley-Cain; Dan Barr; James Cooper; Pamela Stanton; Ricky Walston; Mary Warren; Diane McPhillips; Alison Jones; Williams and Kim Williams; Matt P. and family; Roland Daniels; Angie Arellano; Susan Clarke; Glenn Wightman; Yana Anderson; Kirk; Camille Gustis; Sue Fralic; Michele Mueller; Andrea Barnard; Amanda Sanders, Darren and Ingrid; Barbara and Danny Honaker; Richard; Terry McIntosh; Art Smith; Jane Jeffrey; Bernard Keels; Nancy Maziarczyk; Young Sam; Sherry; Natalie Conway; Suzanne Zaremba; Bert Halverstadt; Katrina Keeling; Elaine Collins; Pat Blume; Greg and Bonnie Golden; John and Janice; Jan Addison; Shelley Wiley; those affected by the coronavirus; those in our midst who are un- or under-employed & the homeless; AND any others we name at this time.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

**System 1:**

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to  
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by  
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

**System 2:**

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the  
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry  
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph  
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

**System 3:**

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;  
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.  
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt.  
 Music: *St. Stephen*, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Stuttgart, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

1 "Sleep - ers, wake!"      A      voice      a - stounds      us,      the  
 2 Zi - on hears      the      watch - men      sing - ing;      her  
 3 Lamb of God,      the      heavens      a - dore      you;      let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -  
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she  
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their  
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her  
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -  
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -  
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!  
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.  
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in  
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate  
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and  
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and  
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."  
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.  
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)  
 Music: *Wachet auf*, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  
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1 O God, un - seen yet ev - er near, thy pres - ence may we feel;  
2 Here may thy faith - ful peo - ple know the bless - ings of thy love,  
3 We come, o - be - dient to thy word, to feast on heaven - ly food:  
4 Thus may we all thy word o - bey, for we, O God, are thine;



and thus in - spired with ho - ly fear, be - fore thine al - tar kneel.  
the streams that through the des - ert flow, the man - na from a - bove.  
our meat the Bo - dy of the Lord, our drink his pre - cious Blood.  
and go re - joic - ing on our way, re - newed with strength di - vine.

Words: Edward Osler (1798-1863)

Music: *St. Flavian*, from *Day's Psalter*, 1562



1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.

Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. B'S

## for the week beginning November 28, 2021



**Sunday** We worship at 8:00 and 10:30 am. Both services take place in the Church. Please wear a mask and practice compassionate distancing. You can also join us for worship at 10:30 am on ["Zoom."](#)

**Child care** is available in the Parish House Cribbery for children up to age 5 from 10:00 am through 12:00 pm. Please stop by the Cribbery and meet our wonderful full-vaccinated Caregiver, Dona McIntyre.

On Sunday mornings, children ages 3 to grade 5 are invited to participate in **Children's Word**. During the Sequence Hymn, children follow their teachers to the Undercroft. Children at home may join us on Zoom. Kangaroos (age 3—grade 2) meet in the Rector's Office; Elephants (grades 3—5) meet in the Copier Room. The [Kangaroo Zoom link is here](#). And the [Elephant Zoom link is here](#). Newcomers, friends, and parents are welcome to come along.

At 1:30 pm, **Olivet Baptist Church**, led by Pastor Alex Stone, worships in the Church and on Zoom.

**D-Group, for those in grades 6—12**, meets on Sundays in the Parish House from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. We're taking a break this week, but we'll be back next Sunday. Come for fun, fellowship, and faith. And invite a friend!

† **Monday through Saturday** at 12:00 noon, we hold a brief service of **Noonday Prayer** (at home). †  
*If you have specific prayer needs, please send them to Maggie Caldwell ([mcaldwell@stbs-md.org](mailto:mcaldwell@stbs-md.org)).*

**Monday** **Episcopal 102 (Scripture)** meets via Zoom on Mondays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. We're exploring some of the stories of the Bible. Everyone is welcome. Want more information? Contact The Reverend Carol Burnside at [shinyredtruck@msn.com](mailto:shinyredtruck@msn.com) or text/call at 410-440-7394, or email Maggie Caldwell ([mcaldwell@stbs-md.org](mailto:mcaldwell@stbs-md.org)) for the Zoom link.

**Wednesday** **Episcopal 102 (Church)** meets via Zoom on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. What does it mean to be an Episcopalian? If you are not an Episcopalian, this is a great opportunity to figure "us" out. If you are an Episcopalian, this is a great opportunity to remember why! Everyone is welcome. Want more information? Contact The Reverend Carol Burnside at [shinyredtruck@msn.com](mailto:shinyredtruck@msn.com) or text/call at 410-440-7394, or email Maggie Caldwell ([mcaldwell@stbs-md.org](mailto:mcaldwell@stbs-md.org)) for the Zoom link.

Youth in 6<sup>th</sup> grade through recent high school graduates are invited to join friends from around the Diocese at the **Weekly Online Gathering** on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Come for games, check-ins, prayers, and fellowship! Come for any or all! We're at <https://bit.ly/episcotime>.

At 6:30, a **Sankofa Circle** meets on Zoom.

At 7:00 pm, the **Prayer Shawls** meet in the Parish House and on Zoom. Anyone who enjoys knitting or crocheting is welcome. Please contact Leigh Snowden at [lsnowde1@msn.com](mailto:lsnowde1@msn.com) for more information or for the Zoom link.

Also at 7:00 pm, a **Sankofa Circle** meets on Zoom.

86% of adults who join congregations attend for the first time because someone invited them!

**Invite A Friend or Neighbor to St. B's one Sunday.**

In the Church at 8:00 and 10:30 am and on Zoom at 10:30 am.

- Thursday** The **St. Bartholomew Choir (for older youth & adults)** gathers in the Church at 7:30 pm. All are welcome! Please contact Ted Davis ([ted@stbs-md.org](mailto:ted@stbs-md.org)) for more information.
- Friday** The Diocesan Youth Happening Planning Team has a lock-in in the Youth House from 6:00 pm until Saturday morning.  
At 6:45 pm. the **Creation Caretakers** meet on Zoom.
- Saturday** **Kathleen Schotto**, St. B's Senior year Seminarian at Virginia Theological Seminary, will be ordained to the Diaconate at the Cathedral of the Incarnation at 11:00 am.

### *Community Notes ...*

We are grateful for all the **Pledges** made to St. B's. If you have not yet made your pledge, you may find pledge cards in the Tower Room. They are also available on our [website](#). Or contact Maggie ([mcaldwell@stbs-md.org](mailto:mcaldwell@stbs-md.org)) or call the office (410-945-7263) and leave a message.

As the cold weather sets in, please remember to bring your unneeded **warm sweaters, coats, hats and gloves, and warmer clothes** to the 40 West Assistance and Referral Center.

### *A quick look at events in the coming weeks . . .*

**December 5 Faith Forum** (for adults and older youth) gathers every other Sunday from 9:15 to 10:00 am on Zoom. This day our topic is "The DuBois Circle," led by The Reverend Canon Sandye Wilson. The DuBois Circle is the oldest Black women's organization in Baltimore, founded in 1906. Sandye Wilson, a member of this organization, who is serving at the moment in the US Virgin Islands, will join us to share about this group's fascinating ministry. Everyone is welcome! You can find the Zoom link [here](#) on our website.

Save the date for **Virtual Advent Lessons and Carols** via YouTube Live at 4:30 pm.

**December 18 The Greening of the Church** takes place following the 10:30 am service. Please help us hang wreaths and set up the candelabras and aisle torches.

### **December 24 Christmas Eve**

At 4:00 pm, the **Children's Pageant (with Holy Eucharist)** takes place in the Church and on Zoom.

**Music for the Season** begins at 10:30 pm, prior to the **Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist** at 11:00 pm, both in the Church and on Zoom.

### **December 25 Christmas Day**

At 10:30 am, **Christmas Day Holy Eucharist** will be offered, in the Church and on Zoom.

### *Other Groups that Meet at St. B's*

#### 40 West Assistance and Referral Center

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

#### 12-Step Groups

NA Monday at 9:00 pm (Undercroft)

Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00 pm (Undercroft)

AA Tuesday at 12:00 noon (Undercroft)

Other 12-Step Groups are currently meeting online.

For additional information about our ministries and programs, please contact us at 410-945-7263, [office@stbs-md.org](mailto:office@stbs-md.org), or visit our website at [www.stbartholomew.ang-md.org/](http://www.stbartholomew.ang-md.org/).

**A blazing beacon moment of the week: \_\_\_\_\_ !**



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God willing and the people consenting

**The Right Reverend Robert W. Ihloff**

*Assisting Bishop of Maryland*

will ordain

**Lauren Marie Bloom**

**Mark Andrew Lobb**

**Ryan Columba Salamony**

**Kathleen Marie Schotto**

**Sara Elizabeth Yoe**

To the Sacred Order of Deacons in Christ's One, Holy,  
Catholic, and Apostolic Church

On Saturday, the fourth of December,  
Two Thousand Twenty One  
at eleven o'clock in the morning.

The Cathedral of the Incarnation  
4 East University Parkway  
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

Service Livestream  
<http://bit.ly/edomlive>

Your prayers and presence are requested

Clergy who wish to vest and process should arrive at  
10:30 AM. The festal color is red.

## READ IT

This week's Bible story is

### A Good Ruler

from Jeremiah 33:14-17



#### Jeremiah spoke God's promises to the people.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- King David
- Hope
- God
- Israelites

The prophet Jeremiah delivered messages from God to the Israelites during a time of national turmoil. His message contained words of warning, hope and promise.

#### Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 178-179

Spark Bible page 858

#### Family Prayer

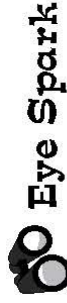
Thank you God, for all of the wonderful promises you have made to your people. Give us hope-filled hearts and help us to further the message of your love in our world. AMEN.

## TALK ABOUT IT

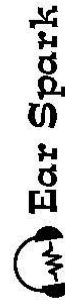


### Family Conversations

- 1 What are some of your most fantastic hopes?
- 2 What do you hope God is doing in our world?
- 3 What do you do when you have trouble feeling hopeful?
- 4 Sit at a table with a small ball. Roll the ball from person to person. The one who catches it lists a one-word trait of a fantastic ruler.



When you see a crown or rich robe, remember the promise God made to his people to send them a righteous king.



Whenever you hear King David mentioned, remember when Jeremiah told the people that another great king like David was coming.

## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

Read stories together from your Spark Story Bible or Spark Bible about King David. What made him such a great king? Were there any things about him that weren't particularly good? What attributes of David do you think the people were hoping for in a Messiah?

### For younger kids

Make something to hang on your family's fridge to remind everyone that God's good promises are true.

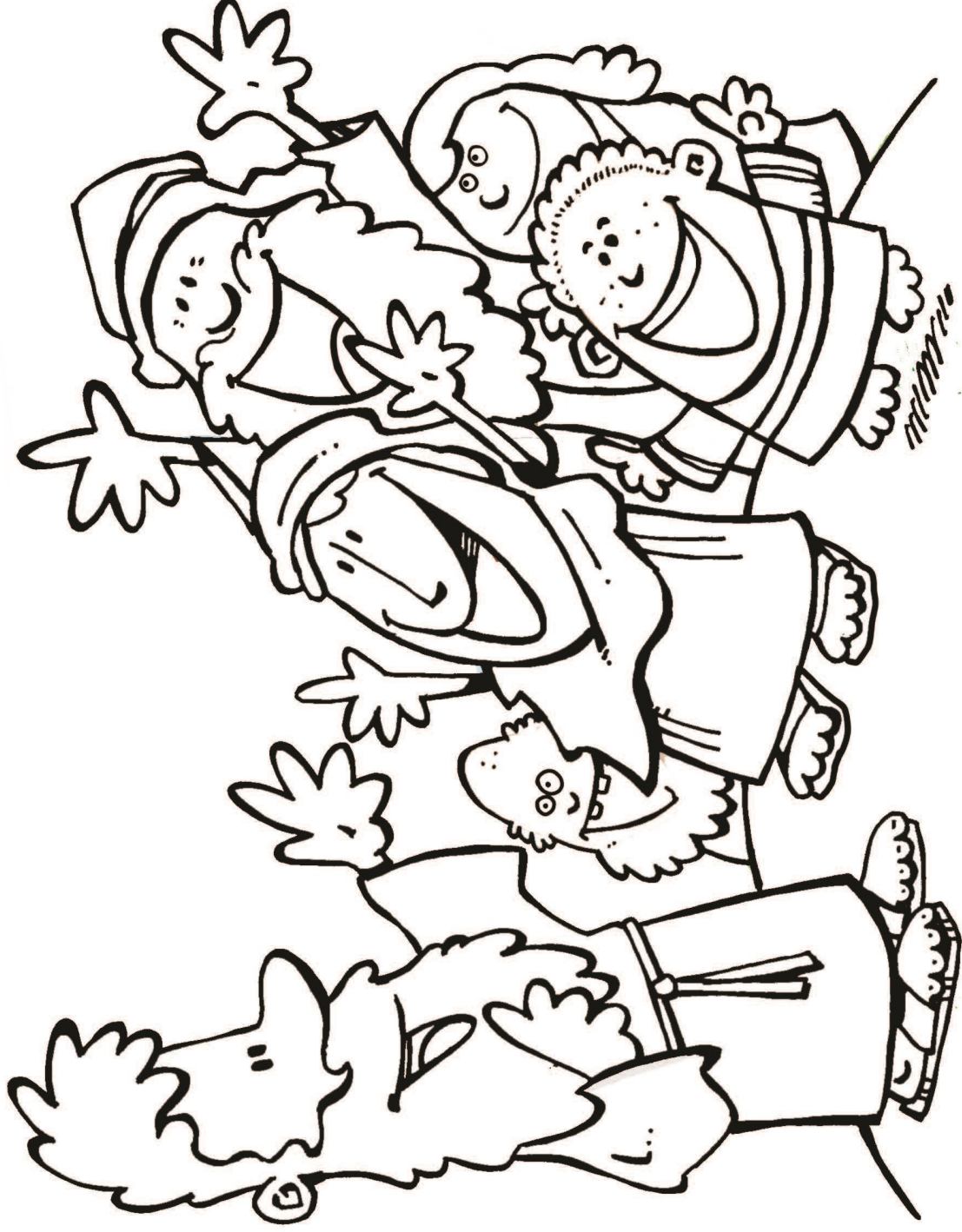
### For older kids

King David was very musical and wrote many songs about God's love and promises—some of those are included in our Book of Psalms. What are some modern songs that have similar themes?





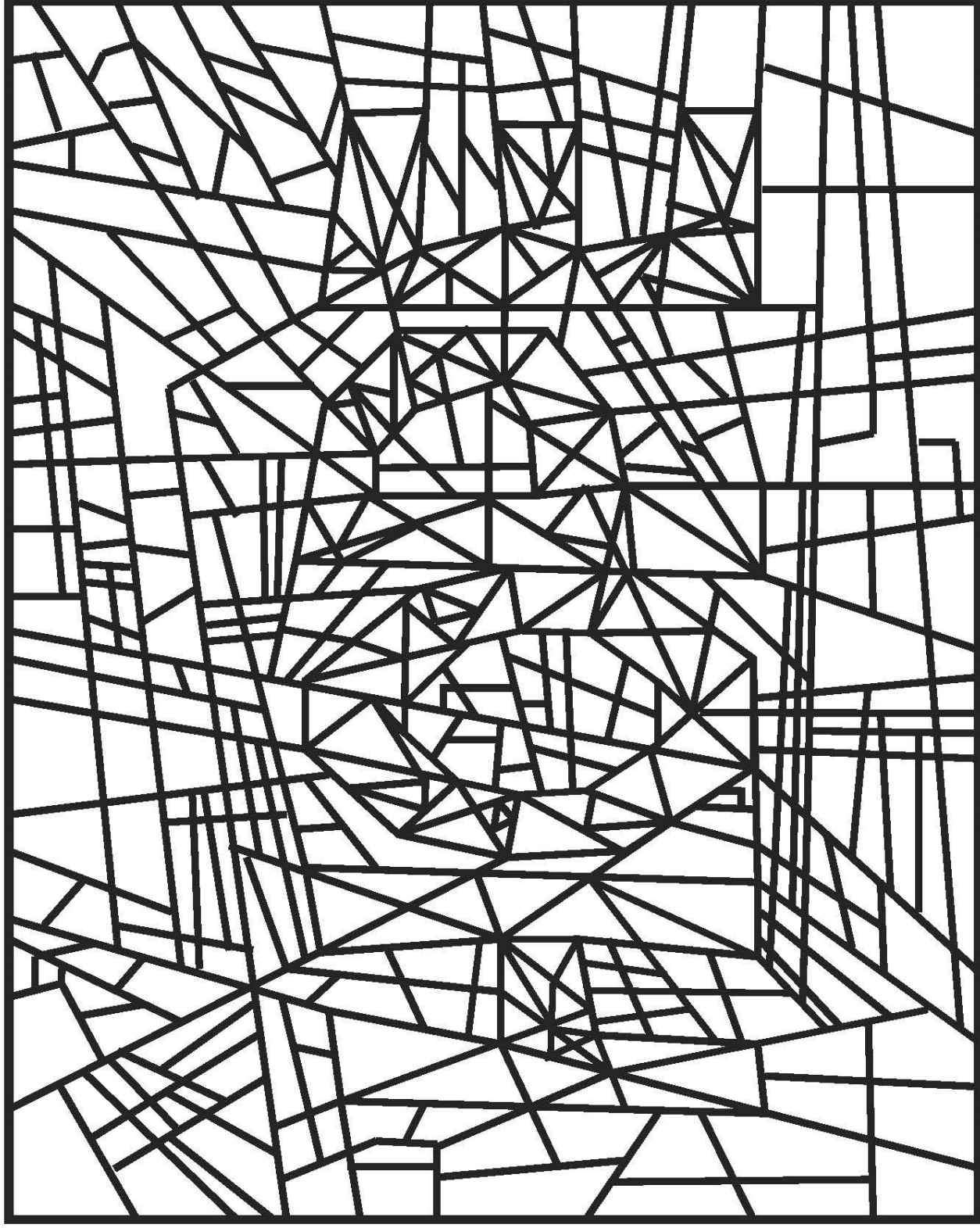
# A Good Ruler



“Hurray!” shouted the people. “God remembers us!”

# Hope for the Future

Can you figure out this message? Color in all of the triangles to find a word that still inspires us today.



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