



**the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers;  
but peace be upon Israel.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

“Thou, Whose Almighty Word”

THE GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37 (NRSV)

*All Standing.*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Cynthia McKenna

THE NICENE CREED

*All Standing.*

**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 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

The Intercessor begins: The prayers of the people are found in your bulletin or on your screen.

*The congregation may stand, kneel, or sit.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

The Intercessor continues: Holy God of Love, you made us in your image. You fill us with your compassion, mercy, justice, and peace. You shower us with abundant gifts.

Open our lips, O God, **that we may proclaim your love and healing in our lives, in our congregation, in our community, and in the world.**

Open our minds, O God, **that we may dream of a shared life of compassionate embrace for all people, all creation, all creatures great and small.**

Open our hearts, O God, **to be so transformed by your love that we may serve others with humility, integrity, and urgency.**

Open our eyes, O God, **to the hurts and brokenness of others. Teach us to see where our abilities and resources, and the world's deep hunger meet.**

We pray for all who are recovering from natural disaster including the people of Haiti and all who have been impacted by Hurricane Ida.

We pray for the people of Afghanistan and all live in the shadow of violence and war.

Open our hands, O God, **that we may do justice, love mercy, and serve humbly with you, our God.**

Open our memories, O God, **as we remember those who have died. Help us honor those who have followed your paths, generously gave of themselves, and who now rest in your Near Presence.**

We remember those who have died.

Let us pray together.

**Holy Wisdom, in your loving kindness you created and restored us when we were lost: inspire us with your truth, that we may love you with our whole minds and run to you with open hearts, through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

- Alcuin of York, *Mass of Wisdom*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: 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.**

## BLESSING OF OUR LABORS + BACKPACKS

## THE PEACE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHDAY + ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

## THE OFFERTORY

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

arr. Burleigh,  
Cantor: Anne Adams

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (Refrain)

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
Go home and tell your neighbor, “He died to save us all!” (Refrain)

## THE HOLY COMMUNION, Eucharistic Prayer B

*The people stand. The Celebrant faces them and says:*

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

*The Celebrant continues:*



Today's sanctuary flowers are given by Val Folden in memory of

Fran and Al Folden

Today's sanctuary candles are given by Chris and Michele Brantley in thanksgiving

for Matthew on his 16th birthday

**Thank you for worshipping with us today!**