

¶ *After the Sermon the offerings of the People may be made.*

Love in a Time of Trial

The Rev. Scott Wells

¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn.*

No 728 *Abide with Me*

Concluding Prayer.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name; and finally by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

¶ *Then the Holy Word is closed, the Minister and People saying together:*

**Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,
According to your word;**

For my eyes have seen your salvation

Which you have prepared before the face of all people,

A light to lighten the nations,

And the glory to your people Israel. Amen.

¶ *Evening Prayer ends with the Postlude*

Mendelssohn, from *Sonata No. 2 in C minor*

Flowers given by Malcolm Peck

in loving memory of his parents, Ruth and Wilfred Peck.

The Order for Evening Prayer

Church of the Holy City, Washington

February 19, 2012

The Rev. Scott Wells, Liturgist and Preacher

Ms. Neva Krysteva, Organist

¶ *Evening Prayer begins with a Prelude*

Buxtehude, *Ich ruf zu Dir*

¶ *The Minister shall Open the Holy Word; all standing.*

The Lord is in his holy temple. Let all the earth be silent
He is here.

**One thing I desire of the Lord, one thing I ask: that I
may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of
my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to seek
him in his temple.**

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

O come, let us worship and bow down:
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.

¶ *The Minister shall then say the following Prayer; all reverently bowing
down or kneeling, and the People responding with Amen.*

O God, who by thy dear Son hast consecrated unto us a new
and living way into thy holy presence; Grant to us, we
beseech thee, the assurance of thy mercy, and sanctify us by
thy heavenly grace; that we, approaching thee with a pure
heart and undefiled conscience, may offer unto thee a
sacrifice in righteousness, and celebrate thy blessed name in
the faith and spirit of thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said by Minister 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

O Lord, open thou our lips;
People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Minister. Hallelujah! O praise the Lord!
People. The Lord's name be praised!

¶ *Then shall all read the following:*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth his people: shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day: nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Minister. To Jesus Christ the Lord be glory and dominion: for ever and ever. Amen.

that thou wouldst be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Church Universal: that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us give thanks.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life: but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, though Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn.*

O For A Thousand Tongues (insert)

¶ *Then shall be said the Collects and Prayers following.*

O Lord, who has taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whatsoever liveth is counted dead before thee; grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen,*

Let us pray for peace.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended in every hour of danger may pass our time in rest and quietness. *Amen.*

Let us pray for help.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night: for the love of thy only Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the Christian Church.

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon all ministers of the gospel, and upon all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O God, for thy great love in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the human family.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men:

All. He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last; who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

¶ *Then shall be read the First Lesson.*

The First Letter to the Corinthians, 13:1-13

If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing. Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall be done away; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall be done away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part; but when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child: now that I am become a man, I have put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know fully even as also I was fully known. But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

¶ *Then shall be read the following Psalm.*

O how plentiful is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee,

and that thou hast prepared for them that put their trust in thee, even before the sons of men!

Thou hidest them in the secret place of thine own presence from the plottings of men:

thou shalt keep them secretly in thy tabernacle from the strife of tongues.

Thanks be to the Lord;

for he hath showed me his marvellous loving-kindness
in a strong city.

But as for me, I said in my haste,

“I am cast out of the sight of thine eyes.”

Nevertheless, thou hearest the voice of my prayer,
when I cried unto thee.

**Glory be to the Lord, the heavenly king, Father and
Savior Jesus Christ; whom alone the heavens and all the
earth shall worship and adore, world without end. Amen.**

¶ *Then shall be read the Second Lesson.*

The Gospel according to Luke, 18:31-43

And he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all the things that are written through the prophets shall be accomplished unto the Son of man. For he shall be delivered up unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and shamefully treated, and spit upon: and they shall scourge and kill him: and the third day he shall rise again. And they understood none of these things; and this saying was hid from them, and they perceived not the things that were said. And it came to pass, as he drew nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging: and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. And they that went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried out the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

¶ *After that, shall be sung the following Psalm:*

**O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord
with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.**

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath
made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the
sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and
into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and
speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and
his truth endureth from generation to generation.

¶ *All recite the Affirmation of Faith.*

We worship the One God, the Lord, the Savior Jesus
Christ, the Redeemer of the world; in whom is the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit; whose humanity is divine,
who for our salvation did come into the world and take
our nature upon him. He endured temptation, even to the
passion of the cross. He overcame the hells, and so
delivered us. He glorified his humanity, uniting it with
the divinity of which in was begotten. Without this, no
mortal could have been saved, and they are saved who
believe in him and keep the commandments of his Word.
This is his commandment: that we love one another, as he
has loved us. Amen.

¶ *An organ interlude follows.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

The Lord be with you;
People. And with thy spirit.
Minister. Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
People. And grant us thy salvation.
Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us;
People. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.