



**\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: May the peace of the risen Christ be with you!

**ALL: And also with you!**

One: Let us share this sign of peace with one another.

**\*SHARING THE PEACE**

*The congregation greets one another with the word of forgiveness and reconciliation: PEACE!*

**\*HYMN 583**

**Glory to God**

GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!  
Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o!

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

**HEARING THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

One: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

The kingdom of heaven is like...

Rev. Beverly Friedlander

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN 722 (v 1, 3, 5)**

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Romans 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches

hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**ALL: 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.**

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Change My Heart Oh God

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