



# Dedication of the Heritage Edition CXLI



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Colorado Springs, Colorado

The Feast of Saint Michael & All Angels  
Friday, September 29, 2023  
6:00 PM





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PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME

The Rev. Matt Holcombe

ENTRANCE HYMN

*Thou, whose almighty word*

Hymn 371, v. 1-3

BIDDING PRAYER

Dear Holy People of God,

Out of chaos and nothingness the author of the universe brought all things into being: the earth and the stars, the sky with its birds, the sea with its fish, and the dry land with all its creeping things. Among the multitude of creatures that God made and declared good, God formed humankind, imprinted with the image of divinity, to know and to love God and one another. However, we turned away from our Creator, forgetting who made us, and thus, who we were meant to be. Yet, through prophets and sages we have been reminded that God did not abandon us or creation.

In the blueprint for salvation, God has undertaken a plan of self-revelation: through grace that precedes understanding; through the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide; and in the fullness of time, through the Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus Christ. God has also raised up poets and prophets, priests and scribes, apostles and evangelists to bear God's holy Word into the world, so that we might know God and one another more fully. Through sacred scripture, God has been revealed time and time again, and we are reminded of whom we are meant to be.

Tonight, we celebrate God's self-revelation in the gift of Holy Scripture, a gift so marvelous that it contains all things necessary for salvation. So, in right remembrance of such a gift, let us pray for those that the Bible bids us to care: the sick and suffering, the lonely and unloved, the persecuted and those living in poverty, those in danger and those living in the shadow of death, refugees and prisoners, children and the aged, the marginalized and those who have no voice, and those who have passed through the veil of death to stand in the nearer presence of the Almighty.

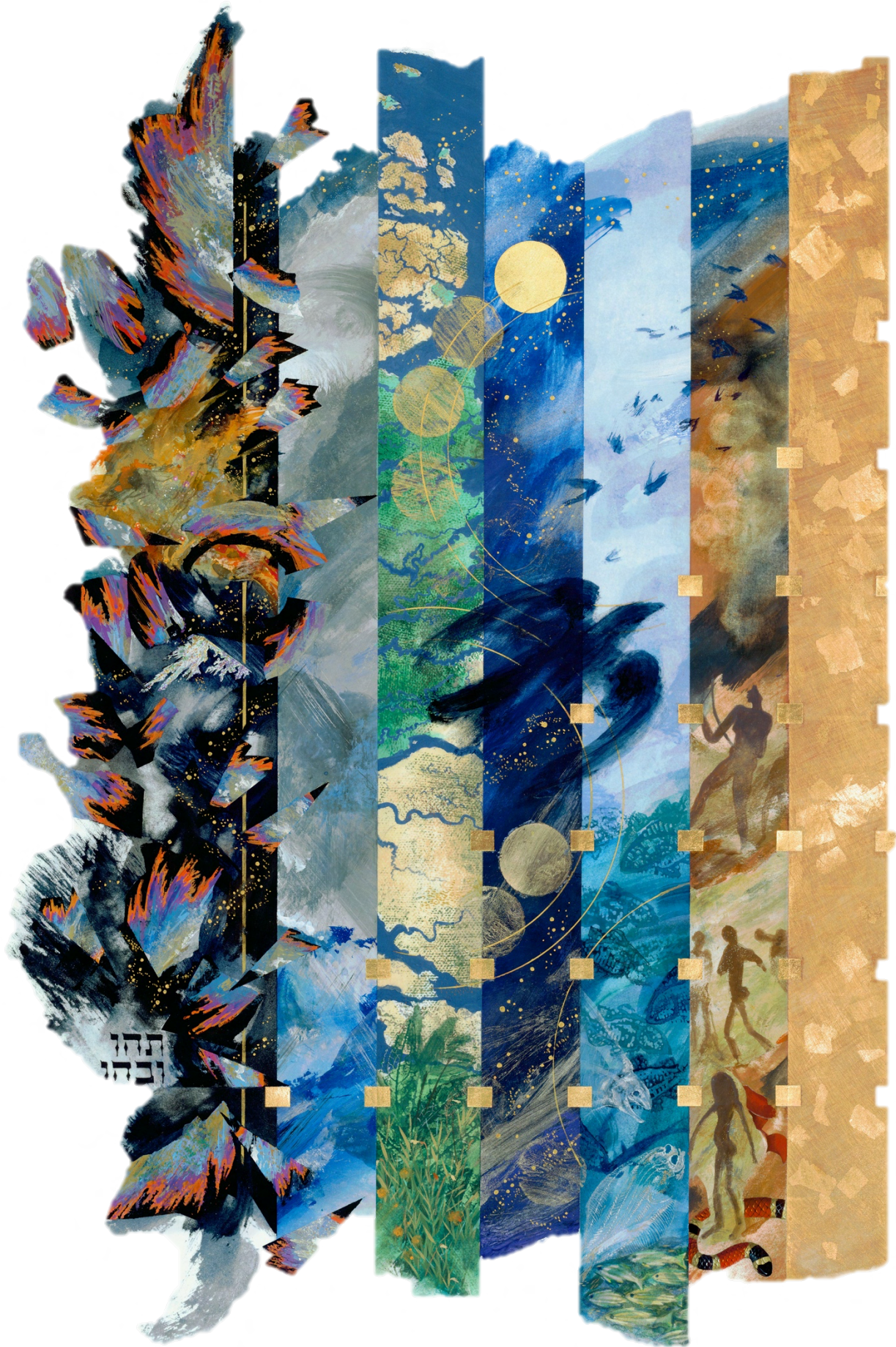
May the God of our ancestors pour out grace upon us this night, so that our ears may hear, our eyes may see, and our hearts may be filled with the power of the life-giving Word. **Amen.**

HYMN

*Thou, whose almighty word*

Hymn 371, v. 4

*Please be seated.*





# Volume 1: Pentateuch

GENESIS 1:1-2:4

Mary Hattick

*God creates the heavens and the earth, blesses all that has been created, and rests.*

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

*Creation Sings*

Getty Music

COLLECT

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant us so to hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



## Volume 2: Historical Books

RUTH 1:15-22

Nancy Jones

*Ruth & Naomi come together and travel to Bethlehem.*

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

SOLO

*Where You Go I Will Go*

Marty Goetz and Misha Goetz Hoyt

COLLECT

Blessed Lord of life, you heard the agony of your people as they cried out from their bondage, and you sent prophets to lead them to new places of promise and hope. Hear the cry of the hurting and the homeless today, and lead us through the turbulent sea of life to our true home with you, O Lord, our defender and deliverer. **Amen.**





# Volume 3: Wisdom Books

SIRACH 24:1-12

Meggie Kean

*Holy Wisdom sings of her greatness, and how she  
was sent by God to guide, nourish, comfort, and shelter us.*

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

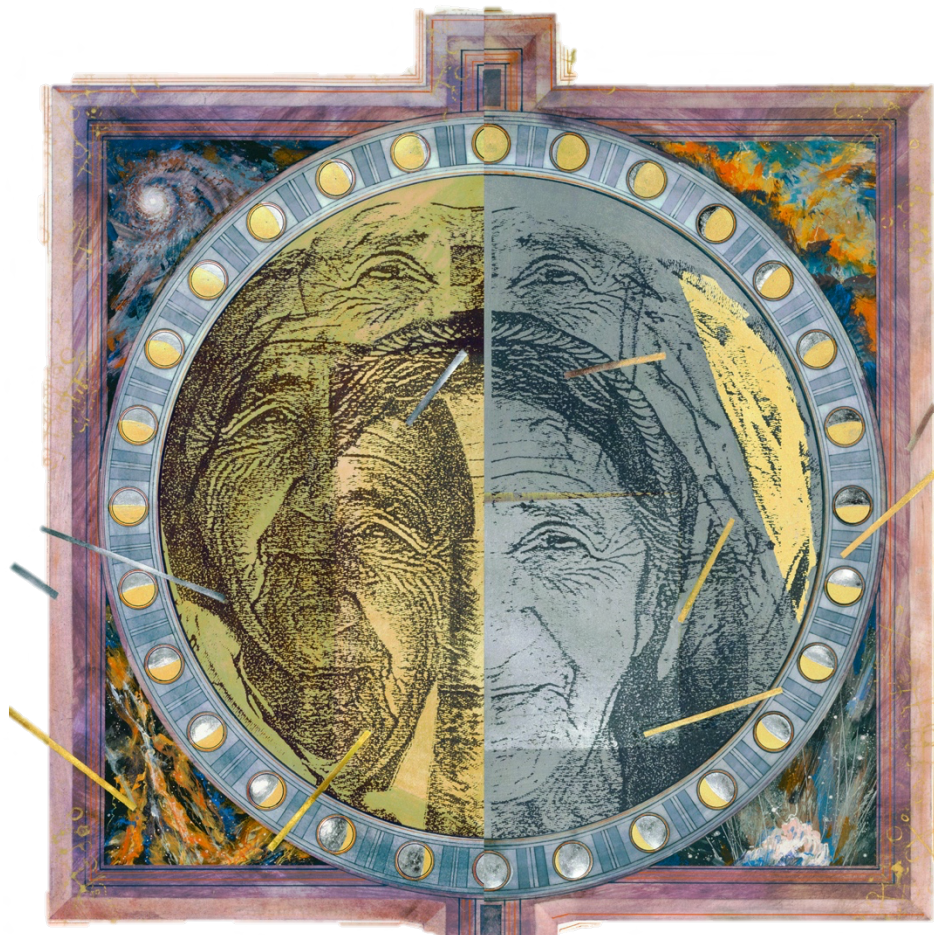
*Please stand as you are able.*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN *There is a balm in Gilead*

Hymn 676

COLLECT

Holy are you, Lord God of hosts. You call us to live by your wisdom, which is more precious even than gold or silver. As you beckon us to eat the bread of life and drink the cup of suffering, may we gather for ever at your table and walk in the way of love, O Lord, our aim and our desire. **Amen.** *Please be seated.*

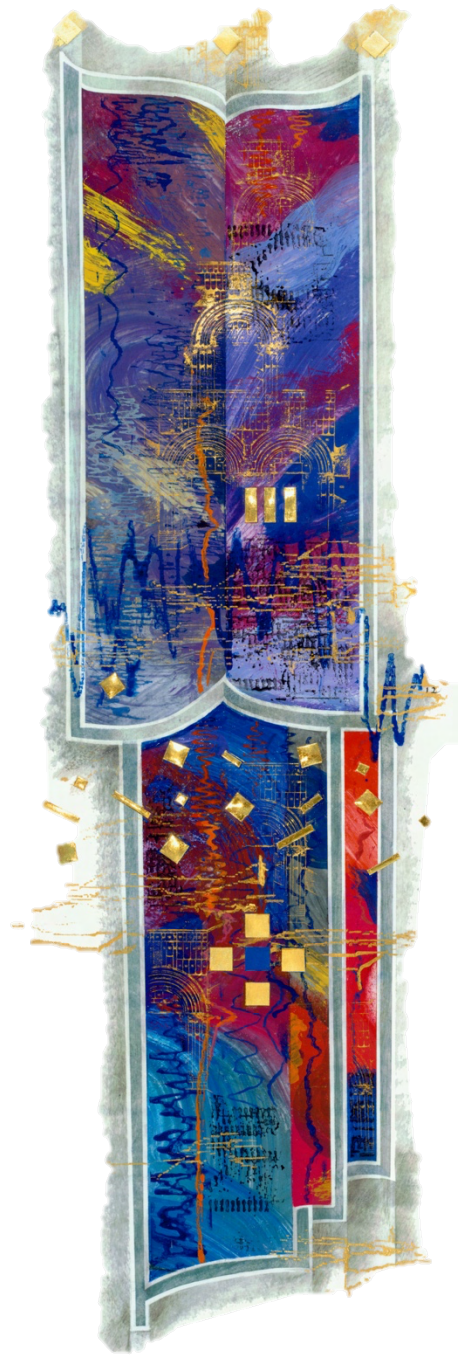


# Volume 4: The Psalms

PSALM 145 *Read together*

Jack Braley

I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name for ever and ever.  
Every day I will bless you,  
and praise your name for ever and ever.  
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
his greatness is unsearchable.  
One generation shall laud your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.  
On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.  
The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,  
and I will declare your greatness.  
They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.  
The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
The Lord is good to all,  
and his compassion is over all that he has made.  
All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.  
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,  
and tell of your power,  
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.  
The Lord is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.  
The Lord upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.  
The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.  
You open your hand,  
satisfying the desire of every living thing.  
The Lord is just in all his ways,  
and kind in all his doings.  
The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.





He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;  
he also hears their cry and saves them.  
The Lord watches over all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.  
My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,  
and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.

CHOIR ANTHEM

*The Perfect Wisdom Of Our God*

Getty Music

COLLECT

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your Holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



# Volume 5: The Prophets

ISAIAH 9:2-7

Regina Winters

*Isaiah speaks of the greatness of the Lord, foretells that a child will be born who will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN MEDITATION    *For Unto Us A Child Is Born*    G.F. Handel from *The Messiah*

## COLLECT

Blessed are you, Lord,  
God of our salvation.  
You quench the thirst  
of those who yearn for  
righteousness and  
satisfy the hunger of  
those who crave for  
justice. Lead your  
longing people back to  
peace, that with grateful  
hearts we may burst  
into songs of joy, O  
Lord, our maker and  
redeemer. **Amen.**





# Volume 6: Gospels & Acts

MARK 4:1-9

Finn Dobbins

*Jesus teaches using the parable of the sower and seeds.*

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

CHILDRENS SPIRITUAL

*I Wanna Be Good Ground*

Spiritual

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



# Volume 7: Letters & Revelation

REVELATION 12:1-11      Lester Sharpless

*John receives a vision of a woman and a dragon.  
The dragon was defeated by Michael and his angels.*

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN      Hymn 482

*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all Joy*

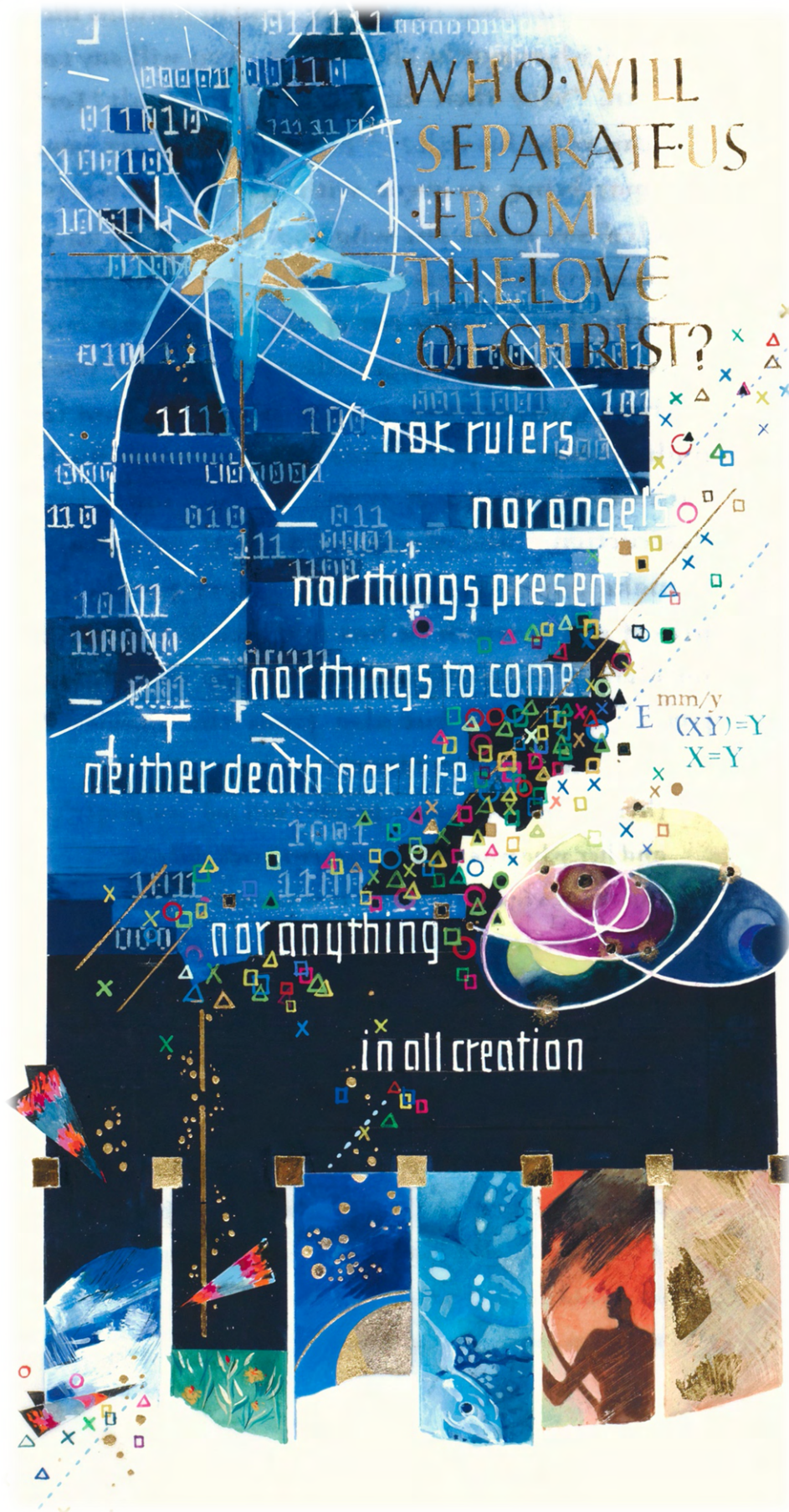
COLLECT

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light. Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*







## THE PRESENTATION

- Brad Neary:* On behalf of Saint John's University & Abbey, I present set CXLI of *The Saint John's Bible* Heritage Edition to St. Michael's Episcopal Church. May the commitment and dedication of learning God's holy Word inspire and illuminate the spiritual imagination of this community for generations to come.
- Rector:* On behalf of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, we commit to using this illuminated Bible for the service of Christ's holy Church, within and beyond these walls.

- People:* The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that you have put it into the hearts of your people to make offerings to your Glory. We especially give thanks for the donors who have gifted Heritage Edition CXLI in loving memory of The Rev. Melissa Lee Kean, who grew up in this parish and was a priest in your Church. We pray that you continue to guide and govern our hearts, minds, and souls as we use and share this illuminated Bible to your praise and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## DEDICATORY PRAYER & BLESSING

*Please kneel as you are able.*

- Bishop:* Let us pray.

Author of the universe and our lives, remind us that whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we find hope, peace, forgiveness, grace, and love. We pray that God continues to open our minds to understand the scriptures, to live by them, and to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son taught the disciples in the Scriptures all the things concerning himself: Bless this illuminated Bible ✠ in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Grant that we may so diligently search your holy Word, that we may find in it the wisdom that leads to your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



This Heritage Edition  
of The Saint John's Bible

As given to the glory of God  
to St. Michael's Episcopal Church

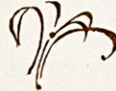


Dedicated to the life and ministry of  
The Reverend Melissa Lee Kean

A beloved daughter, sister, aunt, friend,  
and priest of the Episcopal Church



May this be a legacy to her life,  
her love of God and science,  
her advocacy for women and the marginalized,  
and her compassion for the poor and lost.



September, two thousand twenty-three  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

The dedication page appears on the first page in Volume 1, The Pentateuch.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Bishop:* Praying together the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to say ...

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

## BISHOP'S REMARKS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

*Bishop:* Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

*People:* **The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop:* Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

*People:* **From this time forth for evermore.**

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

## FINAL HYMN

*Earth and all stars*

Hymn 412, vs. 1-3, 6

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon:* Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Toccata from Suite Gothique by Léon Boëllmann*



## Service Participants

<b>Bishop</b>	The Rt. Rev. Kym Lucas, Bishop of Colorado
<b>Officiant</b>	The Rev. Matt Holcombe, Rector
<b>Assisting Clergy</b>	The Rev. Vicki Hesse The Rev. Judi Sato The Rev. Winnie Mitchell
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. Gary Darress
<b>Musicians</b>	Amalia Dobbins, Director of Music & Soloist Daniel Foster, Organist Amy Mushall, Soloist Elise Wicks, Violinist St. Michael's Seraphim Choir
<b>Acolytes</b>	David Futey, Owen Copps
<b>Presenter</b>	Brad Neary, Director of <i>The Saint John's Bible</i> Heritage Program
<b>AV Technicians</b>	Drew Hutchison, Andy Laffely, Rachel & Chad Stoller
<b>Readers</b>	Mary Hattick, Nancy Jones, Meggie Kean, Jack Braley, Regina Winters, Finn Dobbins, Lester Sharpless



# THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

Commissioned by Saint John's Abbey and University, *The Saint John's Bible* was created by Donald Jackson, former Senior Scribe to Queen Elizabeth II, along with a collaborative team of scribes, artists, theologians, and scholars. This is the first illuminated, handwritten Bible in English to be commissioned in more than 500 years. Planning and work began in 1995. The first words were penned on Ash Wednesday, March 8, 2000, and the final word was written May 9, 2011. *The Saint John's Bible* was made using traditional materials including vellum (calfskin), ancient inks, and gold, silver, and platinum leaf. It was written with quill pens fashioned from goose, turkey, and swan feathers. All the books from the Old Testament, New Testament, and Apocrypha are written in the New Revised Standard Version and are presented in seven volumes with approximately 1,150 pages. The original manuscript of *The Saint John's Bible* is unbound and on permanent display at the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library at Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota.

*The Saint John's Bible* Heritage Edition is the only full-size, illuminated, fine art edition of the original manuscript that will ever be produced. Bound in Italian leather, the Heritage Edition features exquisite calligraphy, vibrant imagery and stunning gold and silver illuminations. In all, only 299 seven-volume Heritage Editions have been created, and because many of the 160 major illuminations were hand-finished, each Heritage Edition is unique. On this day, St. Michael's Episcopal Church joins prestigious churches, schools, libraries, and institutions around the world that provide a permanent home for *The Saint John's Bible* Heritage Edition. Anonymous donors gifted the entire seven-volume set in memory of The Rev. Melissa L. Kean, who grew up at St. Michael's and was an Episcopal. Additional donations allowed for the care, display, and protection for Heritage Edition CXLI, ensuring it will help inspire the spiritual imagination of generations to come.

To learn more about *The Saint John's Bible* Heritage Edition CXLI visit [www.stmikeschurch.com/Bible](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/Bible).



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We especially thank the St. Michael's altar guild, flower guild, and our dedicated staff and volunteers.



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