

# St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Allen Park



15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost: Proper 19

September 13, 2020

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9:00 a.m.

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Online at Facebook

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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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*All Stand*

Celebrant Blessed be God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## GLORIA – (ALL SAY TOGETHER)

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE LESSONS *Please be seated*

### HEBREW/OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 14:19-31

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

### PSALM

Psalm 114

- 1 Hallelujah!  
When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?

- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
 you little hills like young sheep?  
 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
 at the presence of the God of Jacob,  
 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
 and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

## EPISTLE

Romans 14:1-12

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God, For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
 All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked

slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Presider        The Gospel of the Lord.

All                Praise to you, Lord Christ

## HOMILY

The Rev. Mitch Yudasz

## NICENE CREED

*All Stand*

*Together with the entire church, let us all together say the Nicene Creed.*

**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

Reader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**All That we all may be one.**

Reader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**All That your name may be glorified by all people.**

Reader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**All That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Reader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**All That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Reader For the sick of our parishes, especially Marion Hull.  
**All Wrap your healing arms around them and their families.**

Reader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially those dealing with the aftermath of the hurricanes in the Gulf and the wildfires in California, and others dealing with extreme weather conditions  
**All That they may be safe and delivered from their distress.**

Reader Give to the departed eternal.  
**All Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Reader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**All May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Reader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence may be kept. The Celebrant continues*

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept*

*All saying together*

**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 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.**

*Celebrant says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**People**            **Amen.**

### **THE PEACE**

Celebrant        The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All**                **And also with you.**

*Please greet each other, maintaining distance and refraining from physical contact.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

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## **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

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### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*From A New Zealand Prayer Book*

*Sursum Corda – People Stand*

Celebrant        The Lord is here.

**All**                **And also with you.**

Celebrant        Lift up your hearts.

**All**                **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All**                **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, the true and living God through Jesus Christ. You are the source of life for all creation and you made us in your own image.

In your love for us you sent your Son to be our Savior. In the fullness of time he became incarnate, and suffered death on the cross. You raised him in triumph, and exalted him in glory. Through him you send your Holy Spirit upon your church and make us your people.

And so, we proclaim your glory, as we say:

### **THE SANCTUS**

**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.**

*The people stand or kneel. The celebrant continues*

To you indeed be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

*All*            **Christ has died.**  
                  **Christ is risen.**  
                  **Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

**People:**                    **Amen**

Celebrant                    As Christ teaches us we pray.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**     *all in unison*

**Our Father who art in heaven, | hallowed be your Name, | your kingdom come, | your 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 forever and forever. Amen.**

## **THE FRACTION**

Celebrant            The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**All**                    **We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us;**

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us;**

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

Celebrant Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

All **May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

*In the Episcopal Church, all baptized people may receive Holy Communion regardless of age. However, this is the Lord's Table and not ours and no one who comes to the altar seeking Christ will be turned away. If you do not wish to receive communion, cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.*

## **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*We offer a spiritual communion for our online parish family and also for the members of Christ the King, Taylor, who have temporarily suspended their in-person worship in response to most recent order from the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan restricting indoor gatherings of ten or more.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray: In union, O God, with your faithful people who desire to be at every altar of your church, we desire you praise and thanksgiving in order to be in one communion with each other.

People **We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory.**

Priest Since our brothers and sisters of Christ the King and our online family cannot receive you today in the sacrament of your body and blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into all of our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come.

People **Amen.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Celebrant Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.

**Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

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### Announcements:

- Just a reminder, that we are restricted from gatherings of ten or more in our service. Up to now our average attendance at service has been 6-7 on a Sunday. If our in-person service begins to exceed ten regularly, we will have to add another service.
- Prayer in the Park, every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Bishop Park in Wyandotte. A simple service with Eucharist is offered. Face masks and social distancing required. Please see Fr. Mitch if you'd like more information. This will be offered through September.
- Please let Fr. Mitch know if you are interested in forming a group to learn and use *Anglican Prayer Beads*. Beads are available for anyone interested, thanks to a parishioner at St. Michaels in Lincoln Park.