

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Allen Park



The Last Sunday of Pentecost
The Feast of Christ the King

November 22, 2020

9:00 a.m.
&
Online at Facebook

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought

together under his most gracious rule; 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

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 2-24

Reader A reading from the book of Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

PSALM

Psalms 100

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:15-23

Reader A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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.

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 extreme weather conditions. Also for those who are dealing with Covid-19 and safety from the virus as the pandemic increases.

All That they may be safe and delivered from their distress.

Reader Give to the departed eternal rest.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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 unable to participate in the Eucharist in person and receive the body of Christ in the physical element..

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 locally not able to be with us 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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