

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Allen Park MI



The 14th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 17
August 29, 2021

9:00 a.m.

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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS *Please be seated*

HEBREW/OLD TESTAMENT

Solomon 2:8-13

Reader A reading from the first book of Solomon.

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Reader The word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

EPISTLE

James 1:17-27

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this,

my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader The word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

HOMILY

The Rev. Mitch Yudasz

NICENE CREED

Let us profess our faith in the Trinity as defined by the church historic as we say together 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 (FORM VI)

Reader	In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. <i>(Silence is momentarily kept)</i>
Reader	For all people in their daily life and work;
All	For our families, friends, and neighbors, and those who are alone.
Reader	For this community, the nation, and the world;
All	For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
Reader	For the just and proper use of your creation;
All	For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
Reader	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, especially those affected by recent storms and natural disasters.
All	For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
Reader	For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
All	For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader For Michael, our presiding Bishop, and Bonnie our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers.

All For all who serve God in his Church

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation

Silence is kept

Reader Hear us, Lord;

All For you mercy is great.

Reader We thank you Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence is kept

Reader We will exalt you, O God our King;

All And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence is kept

Reader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

All Who put their trust in you.

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

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

From A New Zealand Prayer Book

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
All And of thine own have we given thee.
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.**

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 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 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.**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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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