



SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday Liturgy---10:00 O'clock AM

The Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Priest-in-Charge

Our Mission Statement

To spread the Gospel to all people through hospitality, service, and spiritual growth.

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2020

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PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE

O Almighty God, *who pourest* out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to *thee*, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship *thee* in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRELUDE **Allein Gott in der höh sei her, BWV 662** **Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1759)**
Ms. Maria Zengion (Organist)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant Blessed by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant may read the following sentence

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Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 you with our whole heart;
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 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. *Amen.*

GLORIA

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When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing

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 OF THE DAY

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

THE PROPHET Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 89:1-4.15-18

Misericordias Domini

- 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 "I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations."

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! *
they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; *
they are jubilant in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, *
and by your favor our might is exalted.

18 Truly, the LORD is our ruler; *
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-23

DO NOT LET SIN exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

JESUS SAID, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Mother Barnes

THE NICENE CREED

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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

Let us pray to the God whose way of love claims our heart's first loyalty and leads us on the path to abundant life, saying: *Holy God, your mercy is great.*

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin our bishop, that we may reach out in welcome with Christ's healing love to all who enter our lives. Holy God, *your mercy is great.*

For this parish family, that in Christ we may find the free gift of life and the reward promised to the righteous. Holy God, *your mercy is great.*

For all who suffer violence, live in fear, or are cast out because of their race, sexuality or any other reason, that they may discover the power of God's love and peace in us as we live our Baptismal Promises. Holy God, *your mercy is great.*

For this nation, that God will guide us in living the values which we proclaim so that all may experience life, liberty and justice. Holy God, *your mercy is great.*

In thanksgiving for this good earth, our common home, that we may work to preserve it so that all God's creatures may be blessed by it. Holy God, *your mercy is great.*

For all the departed, remembering especially Isabelle, Ann, Dick, and Norbert, that they may now enjoy the reward Jesus promised to the righteous. Holy God, *your mercy is great.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with blessed Mary, the God-bearer; blessed Luke; blessed Peter & Paul; and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *To you, O Lord Holy God.*

Celebrant: God of eternal life, whom we love more than life itself, hear our prayers for the needs of your people, and give us strength to follow where you have led the way. This we ask in your most Holy Name. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

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The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

People and Celebrant

**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.**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

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The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Prayer of St. Alphonsus de Liguori

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

People and Celebrant

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

**I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.
*Amen.***

A moment of silence is observed

Celebrant Come Lord Jesus,

All and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT*

God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Diapason Movement

John Keeble (1711-1786)

PRAYER AFTER THE SERVICE

Grant, we beseech *thee*, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through *thy* grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

* From Pentecost Sunday through the first Sunday in September, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his Lutheran counterpart Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton welcome congregations and individuals to regularly pray “A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God.” This prayer – crafted by a team of Lutheran and Episcopal prayer leaders in light of the COVID pandemic – is meant to unite us in common prayer and revive us for common mission, wherever and however we may be gathered.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

Live streaming and zoom gatherings from St. Luke's.

Morning and Evening Prayer are being offered daily,
Morning Prayer at 9 AM; Evening Prayer at 5PM.

Sunday Liturgy, 10AM - Please note, beginning Sunday, June 14th we will stream **Sunday Liturgy at 10AM** (this is in addition to Morning Prayer, Rite I at 9AM). Sunday Liturgy will be offered with spiritual communion. A full service leaflet for the Sunday service may be found by clicking [here](#).

Please join us on our [Facebook page](#) for a live stream of the services listed above.

Virtual Coffee Hour, Sundays, 11AM (following 10AM Sunday Liturgy).
Click [here](#) to join coffee hour.

Sunday Adult Ed - Study of the Gospel of Matthew, Sunday, 12 PM.

Join us for a weekly gathering to review and share reflections from our study of Matthew. Click [here](#) to join in the class. Sunday, June 28th we will be discussing Matthew 4 & 15.

Children's Christian Education Materials

Click below to access free faith formation resources for kids for this Sunday, June 28, 2020. Materials include:

- Lectionary based Children's worship [bulletin coloring page](#)
- and [The Sunday Paper Junior](#)

Here's a resource for talking to kids about race: [A Kids Book About Racism](#) by Jelani Memory — An excellent book and video reading by the author for young children. See our [Children and Youth page](#) for more offerings including resources for talking with kids about the challenging issues of our time.

Centering Prayer

Tuesday, 5:30 PM. Join in the virtual chapel by clicking [here](#).
Click [here](#) for a brochure on The Method of Centering Prayer.

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS: Conversations on Race to Call Forth Solidarity led by the Rev. Canon Dale Grandfield

A VIRTUAL Series

Thursday evenings, June 11 through July 30, from 7pm to 8:45pm
email Canon Grandfield to register for the Zoom gatherings.



The Rev'd Rebecca A. Barnes, Priest-in-Charge

Susan Zaleski, Secretary (Part-time)

John (Jack) Dunleavy, Sexton (Part-time)

Gary Cohen, Custodial Staff (Part-time)

The Vestry

Deirdre Frazier (2021—Clerk), Mickey Baccoli, (2022—Senior Warden),

Francis McMullen (2021), Jane Merolla (2023—Treasurer),

Robin O'Hearn (2021), Bernard Ott (2022), Kathy Selemba (2022),

Sharon Sollami (2023), and Amanda Wrazien (2023).

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