



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 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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

Schmücke dich
Ms. Maria Zengion (Organist)

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

1 Kings 19:9-18

AT HOREB, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 85:8-13 *Benedixisti, Domine*

- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

MOSES WRITES concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Celebrant

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JESUS MADE the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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 offer our prayers in the name of our God who always makes things work for good and is ever ready to reach out to save us, saying God mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, that God's people may never grow discouraged despite the winds and waves against them. God of mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we may hear the voice of Jesus calling us to "not be afraid," and learn to trust in God's saving care. God of mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

For all those facing health or economic crisis, that they will hear Christ's invitation to step forward in faith and find healing and hope as they take Christ's hand. God of mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

For all who sail, or who make their living on the sea, that God will protect and guide them. God of mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

For all who are working to end the coronavirus, that God will give strength to those caring for the sick, wisdom to those searching for a cure, and insight to those working on a vaccine. God of mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

For all who experience the storms of daily life, and all those in need of our prayers, especially, Jordan, Jean, Mary Ann, Sr. Annette, Sally, Beverly and Frank, Elsa, Barbara, Jack, Ronnie, Leroy, Ted, Ann, Sylvia, Hudson, Grayson, Jim, Dena, and David, that they may be held up by the strong hand of God. God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For all the departed, remembering especially Aaron, Stephen, Jeffery, Glenna, Bob and Marianne, that God will lead them safely to the haven of eternal life. God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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

Celebrant Master and monarch of wind and water, hear the prayers we offer this day for all battered by the waves of this world and bring them and us in safety to your harbor; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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

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

Lobe den Herren

David Dahl (b. 1937)

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

DAILY - 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, AUGUST 9

Morning Prayer, Rite I at 9AM.

Liturgy, 10AM—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](#) to join in 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.

***There will be no Adult Ed for the next three Sundays.** Please join us on Sunday, August 30th when we will discuss Matthew 22:15 – Chapter 23. Click [here](#) to join in the class.

Children's Christian Education Materials

Click below to access free faith formation resources for kids for Sunday, August 9, 2020. Materials include:

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

See our [Children and Youth page](#) for more offerings including resources for talking with kids about the challenging issues of our time.

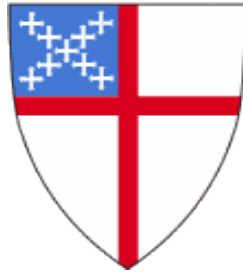
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

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

6:00PM - Finance Committee Meeting will be held at St. Luke's.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

August Vestry Meeting will be held at **6PM at St. Luke's**. A Zoom link will be made available for those unable to attend in person.



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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