

Digital Worship: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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Adapted from Daily Morning Prayer, Rite Two

Hymn #636

How Firm A Foundation

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me
to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Psalms 43:3

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our
neighbor.

Officiant and People 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 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.*

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

Altar flowers this morning have
been provided by Laura Caruso
Kofoed..



Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Transition Collect

Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Luke's Church. Be with us in this season of transition. Walk with us and guide us that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, open in our search, and daring in our faith. We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. Help us accept change as a gift of your direction for our journey in this transition. Instill in us a vision for our parish; that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we will be united in love and joyfully accomplish this mission, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Lessons

A Reading from Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man;

stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 7 He is the Lord our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:
9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,
10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,
11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."
45b Hallelujah!

A Reading from Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gloria

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Hymn #67

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

The Gospel According to Matthew 13:31, 44-52

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Here ends the reading.

The Sermon, Rev. Mary Morrison

The Nicene Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

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 Lord's Prayer

The People stand or kneel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

The Prayers of the People

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Hear our prayer."

Let us pray for God's people across the world.

God of love

Hear our prayer

Let us pray for the Earth that we may treat her gently

God of love

Hear our prayer

Let us pray for our family, our friends, and our neighbors.

God of love

Hear our prayer

Let us pray for those who are sad, or scared, or suffering

God of love

Hear our prayer

Let us pray for those who have died.

God of love

Hear our prayer

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.

Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Officiant then concludes with:

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21*

Hymn #524

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Postlude: Récit De Cornet / Petite Fugue

Francois Couperin

Announcements

Teen Youth Group with St. Martin's

We will be doing a combined teen youth group over zoom with the teens from St. Martin's on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Our next meeting is at 1:15pm on Sunday July 26th. If your teen would like to attend contact Shannon at swingbug@mac.com for the zoom link information.

Becoming the Beloved Community Study Group

"We dream of communities where all people may experience dignity and abundant life, and see themselves and others as beloved children of God."* Join us as we begin a journey seeking racial healing, reconciliation and justice using Bishop Michael Curry's Spirituality and Racial Justice course on the ChurchNext website. Members of Woodland Presbyterian Church have been invited to join us. Meetings will be online using Google Meet, beginning:

6pm Tuesday, July 21 for introductions and orientation

6pm Tuesday July 28 for first session

Continuing on the 3rd Tuesday of each month

Please RSVP (or send questions) to LeAnn Herigstad at leannherig@gmail.com. If Tuesdays don't work for folks, we can make work together on arranging a different schedule. <https://www.churchnext.tv/library/spirituality-and-racism-with-michael-curry/29946/about/>

*(From the Becoming Beloved Community vision statement on the national Episcopal church website <https://episcopalchurch.org/beloved-community>)

Would You Like to Contribute to our Digital Sunday Services?

We would like to expand our digital Sunday services to include digital altar flowers and digital coffee hour. If you are able, we would love to see photos from your garden or a favorite recipe you'd be willing to let us post. Email contributions to Shannon at swingbug@mac.com. If you haven't had a chance to check out our digital services yet, please join us

on Sunday morning at <http://www.stlukeswoodland.org/celebrate/sermons/> Our services are archived on our website so you can tune in whenever you like.



Donating to St. Luke's

If you are looking for a way to pay your pledge while we are not able to gather, we suggest you use Tithely, available via our [website](#). If you need help with Tithely, you can contact Karen Poquette at kpandsp@pacbell.net. You can also just mail a check to the office if you're more comfortable with that.

Weekly Church Events You Can Attend Digitally (all events currently offered on Zoom)

- ***Monday 5pm: Book Study***
Starting with The Wisdom Jesus by Cynthia Bourgeault on May 18th
Please contact Mairic James to join: metamairic@gmail.com or (617) 435-6597
- ***Wednesday 7pm: Bible Study***
Beginning May 12th, A Journey with Matthew: The 50 Day Bible Challenge. Please contact Margaret Wischart to join:
margaretwischart@yahoo.com
- ***Wednesday 3:30pm: Book Study***
Please contact Barbara Shreve to join: barb.shreve@gmail.com
- ***Saturday 4pm: Centering Prayer***
We'll gather, sit together in Centering Prayer for 20 minutes, watch a video, or hear a reflection and then discuss. Please contact Mairic James to join: metamairic@gmail.com or (617) 435-6597
- ***Sunday 1pm: Biweekly Peace***
We want to see your smile, hear your voice, and share The Peace knowing you are with us In Christ as we navigate these uncharted, tumultuous waters together. Please contact Mairic James to join:
metamairic@gmail.com or (617) 435-6597