

Digital Worship: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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Adapted from Daily Morning Prayer, Rite Two

Hymn #686

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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 the Truckee River.



Collect

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
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 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

“I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that

he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

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."

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ 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 #635

If Thou But Trust in God

The Gospel According to Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Here ends the reading.

The Sermon, Rev. Suzanne Guthrie

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, Form III

Deacon or other leader

Oh God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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 #535

Ye Servants of God

Postlude: Patriotic Medley

Performed by Jere Hohenwarter

Announcements

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
- *Tuesday 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