

Digital Worship: Fourteenth Sunday after
Pentecost
Sunday, September 6, 2020



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Adapted from Daily Morning Prayer, Rite Two

Hymn #376

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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

Psalm 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

Altar flowers this morning were provided by Debbie Decker.



goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

Collect

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or

from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *

and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *

let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *

and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *

and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains *

and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *

this is glory for all his faithful people.

Hallelujah!

A Reading from Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live

honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 #657

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

The Gospel According to Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Here ends the reading.

The Sermon, Rev. Betsey Monnot

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 God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will, and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot, ask. Grant us for the sake of your son, 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: Setting on “Praise God The Lord, Ye Sons Of Men”

Johann Walther

Announcements

Welcoming our Interim Rector, the Rev. Carren Sheldon

We are excited and pleased to welcome our new interim rector the Reverend Carren Sheldon. She has been appointed by the bishop and affirmed by the vestry to an anticipated two year term, during which she will serve as our full time rector. Expect to meet her online starting Sunday, September 13. Watch this space for further information. Feel free to contact a vestry member with any questions.

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.

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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.



Education For Ministry

The Education for Ministry Program is starting up for the Fall. It will be a zoom meeting until we can meet in person with room for 6-8 participants. EMF is designed for Spiritual Growth and Ministry Discernment and Development, offering skill development and strategies for facilitation of difficult conversations. If you are interested

in participating, or would like more information, contact Sally Rooney at (530) 383-0985.

Weekly Church Events You Can Attend Digitally

(all events currently offered on Zoom)

- ***Monday 5pm: Book Study***

Currently reading “The Wisdom Jesus” by Cynthia Bourgeault, and starting in September, “Joy Unspeakable” by Barbara A. Holmes.

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

- ***Thursday 6:30pm: Queer Alliance***

St. Luke’s welcomes sisters, brothers and non-binary Queers in search of a faith community that supports everyone’s unique path on the spiritual journey. Please join us for our weekly Zoom gatherings Thursdays at 6:30 PM by emailing Mairic at Metamairic@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: Weekly 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

Additional Groups

- ***Youth Groups, 2nd and 4th Sundays***

TYGMOS Teen Youth Group with St. Martin’s meets at 1:15 pm

Children's Godly Play meets at 9:15 am
Point of Contact for both groups is Tabitha Dale
tabathadale@gmail.com

- *Becoming the Beloved Community Racial Reconciliation, 4th Tuesdays at 6:15 pm*
Contact LeAnn at leannherig@gmail.com
- *Micah Forum, 2nd Tuesdays at 6:00 pm*
Contact LeAnn at leannherig@gmail.com
- *Daughters of the King, Second Saturday at 9:30 am*
Contact Barbara Shreve at barb.shreve@gmail.com
- *Resource Navigators, First Monday at 3:30 pm*
Contact Loran Vetter at lfvetter@sbcglobal.net

Do you participate in a regular online meeting at the church not listed here? Email Shannon for inclusion in the calendar at swingbug@mac.com