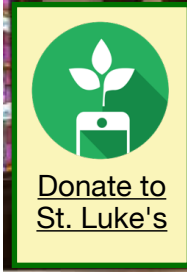


# Digital Worship: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Sunday, October 11, 2020



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## Adapted from Daily Morning Prayer, Rite Two

### Hymn #410

Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven

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

Altar flowers this morning were  
provided by Joan Luchessi



## **Collect**

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **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 32:1-414**

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said,

“Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23**

1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord \*  
or show forth all his praise?



3 Happy are those who act with justice \*  
and always do what is right!  
4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, \*  
and visit me with your saving help;  
5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect  
and be glad with the gladness of your people, \*  
that I may glory with your inheritance.  
6 We have sinned as our forebears did; \*  
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.  
19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb \*  
and worshiped a molten image;  
20 And so they exchanged their Glory \*  
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.  
21 They forgot God their Savior, \*  
who had done great things in Egypt,  
22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, \*  
and fearful things at the Red Sea.  
23 So he would have destroyed them,  
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, \*  
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

### **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*

### **A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:1-9**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with

Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **Hymn #339**

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

### **The Gospel According to Matthew 22:1-14**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited

were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Here ends the reading.

## **The Sermon, The Rev. Carren Sheldon**

### **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*

Dear God, hear the prayers of your people and what we have asked faithfully grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your name, 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*

**#800 (Wonder Love and Praise)**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

**Postlude: Setting on “Wachet auf...”**

Johann Gottfried Walther

## **Announcements**

### ***Shared Home Communion for Feast of St. Luke's***

Our patronal feast day, the Feast of St. Luke, is coming up on Sunday, 10/18. We are going to celebrate by trying something new: Shared Home Communion. Bishop Megan recently approved this new way of sharing the Holy Eucharist safely. This will involve consecrating Communion wafers (we aren't going to try bread at first) in advance, and distributing them to you by drive-through pick-up and/or home delivery. Then, we'll all consume our consecrated wafers at the same time during a live-streamed Holy Eucharist. We are still working out the many logistical challenges of this experiment, we'll have further information for you next week.

What you can do now is prepare a sacred place in your home, an altar, where you can keep your consecrated bread, the Body of Christ, in reverence between the time you pick it up and the Sunday morning shared home Communion service on Zoom. A cloth underlay, a candle, and flowers are all good ideas. If you are willing to share a photo of your altar, we'd love to see it!

### ***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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Wisheart to join: [margaretwisheart@yahoo.com](mailto:margaretwisheart@yahoo.com)

- ***Wednesday 3:30pm: Book Study***

Please contact Barbara Shreve to join: [barb.shreve@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:tabathadale@gmail.com)

- *Becoming the Beloved Community Racial Reconciliation, 4th Tuesdays at 6:15 pm*

Contact LeAnn at [leannherig@gmail.com](mailto:leannherig@gmail.com)

- *Micah Forum, 2nd Tuesdays at 6:00 pm*

Contact LeAnn at [leannherig@gmail.com](mailto:leannherig@gmail.com)

- *Daughters of the King, Second Saturday at 9:30 am*

Contact Barbara Shreve at [barb.shreve@gmail.com](mailto:barb.shreve@gmail.com)

- *Resource Navigators, First Monday at 3:30 pm*

Contact Loran Vetter at [lfvetter@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto:swingbug@mac.com)*