

**RITE II SERVICE, 10:00AM
14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 29, 2021**



ST LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
515 2ND STREET, WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA

WITH CHRIST AND IN CHRIST, WE WELCOME, CELEBRATE, COLLABORATE, AND GROW.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Robert Fielding, Petit Chorale

RINGING OF THE BELLS

OPENING HYMN

words: Albert F. Bayly; music: Welsh melody, 610

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| <p>¹ Lord, whose love through humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed,
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
every gift that you impart.</p> | <p>² Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles
still to save and make us whole.</p> |
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WELCOME & OPENING ACCLAMATION

<i>Presider</i>	Blessed be God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.
<i>People</i>	And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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 DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true
religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit
of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST TESTAMENT

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."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 45:1-2, 7-10

¹ My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

² You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blest you for ever.

⁷ Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever; *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your realm;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

⁸ Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your companions.

⁹ All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

¹⁰ The royal daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

EPISTLE

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and

welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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GRADUAL HYMN

words: Allen W. Chatfield; music: Hymnal 1982 Meter, 641

1 Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin; from harmful passions set me free, and make me pure within.	2 Lord Jesus, think on me, with care and woe oppressed; let me thy loving servant be, and taste thy promised rest.
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GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Presider Let us pray to God with our hearts and minds, saying together “hear our prayer”.

Intercessor God of our Mothers & Fathers in the faith, thank you for calling the Church into existence and for sending us out to proclaim your Kingdom and to love our neighbors. Please fill us with the strength of your Spirit to continue this work faithfully.

Congregation offers prayers silently or aloud

Intercessor Life giving God,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Jesus, Prince of Peace, please teach and show the leaders of this nation, the leaders of our state, and the leaders of our county and city how to walk in the way of peace, mercy, and justice.

Congregation offers prayers silently or aloud

Intercessor Life giving God
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Holy Spirit who knows no boundaries or divisions, guide us and all the people of the world to live in harmony with one another. Help us all to see and honor our common humanity and our role of the world's ecosystem.

Congregation offers prayers silently or aloud

Intercessor Life giving God
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Holy One, throughout the ages you have heard the cries for help from all the people of the Earth. Please hear and respond to our own cries for help. We also give you thanks for all the rich blessings of this life.

Congregation offers prayers silently or aloud

Intercessor Life giving God
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Jesus, in the Gospels we hear about your ministry to the sick and those in need. In your continual, resurrected life please care for those who are sick, suffering, or in any need today.

Congregation offers prayers silently or aloud

Intercessor Life giving God
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Spirit of God, we remember before you all those who have died. Please give them eternal joy in the resurrected life of God. And give your peace to those who mourn.

Congregation offers prayers silently or aloud

Intercessor Life giving God
People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
All **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.
People **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

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

THE PEACE

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

BIRTHDAYS, CELEBRATIONS, AND MILESTONES

Presider Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* heart may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15,16*

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP p. 367-369

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from

the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

Presider On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A brief silence

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

For those at home or who do not wish to receive bread, we offer this prayer of spiritual communion:

Come Lord Jesus, 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 Creator and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

COMMUNION INTERLUDE

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and
singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FINAL BLESSING

Presider May the blessing of God Almighty; the Source, the Incarnate Word,
and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING HYMN *words: Edward Hayes Plumptre; music: Arthur H. Messiter, 556*

¹ Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

*Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks, and sing.*

² With all the angel choirs,
with all the saints of earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
true rapture, noblest mirth.

Refrain

³ Your clear hosannas raise,
and alleluias loud;
while answering echoes upward float,
like wreaths of incense cloud.

Refrain

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Richard Knight, Paean

Coffee Hour will be on the Labyrinth immediately following the service.

Visit our website for information on how to be involved

www.stlukeswoodland.org

Sign up for weekly e-mail updates for information on opportunities to help and to learn.

Contact our Church Administrator for details, at stlukechurchwoodland@gmail.com

Weekly Meetings

- **Centering Prayer, Sundays, 7pm, Sanctuary**, contact Tom Eaton
- **Book Study, Mondays, 5:15pm, via Zoom**, contact Tom Eaton
- **“The Social Justice Bible Challenge”, Wednesdays, 7 pm, via Zoom**, contact Margaret
- **Queer Alliance, Thursdays, 6:30 pm via Zoom**, contact Mairic James

Monthly Meetings

- **Outreach Breakfast at 4th & Hope**
1st Saturdays, 4th & Hope, mackw0414@gmail.com
- **Daughters of the King**
2nd Saturdays, 10-11:30am, Guild Hall
- **Men’s Group**
2nd Saturdays, 8:30am, mackw0414@gmail.com
- **Temenos - Work Days**
2nd & 4th Saturdays, 8am – Noon
Welcome anytime! We have a posted list of tasks or just come and relax.
- **Resource Navigators**
1st Mondays, 3:30-5pm, Guild Hall
- **Micah Forum**
2nd Tuesdays, 6pm, leannherig@gmail.com
- **Vestry Meeting**
3rd Mondays, 6:30pm, Guild Hall
- **Becoming the Beloved Community Study Group**
4th Tuesdays, 6:15-7:30pm, leannherig@gmail.com