



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The people's responses are in bold.

Prelude

Chant de Paix
(Song of Peace)

Jean Langlais

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk*
2:20

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People

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 you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

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. Alleluia.

Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People **Come let us adore him.**

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

Officiant and People

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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Psalm 65:9-14

Officiant and People

**9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.**

**10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.**

**11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

**12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.**

**13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

**14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.**

**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.**

THE LESSONS

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 55:10-13.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 10 The Second Song of Isaiah *Quaerite Dominum*

Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

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 the Epistle of Paul to the Romans 8:1-11.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on

the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Heal me, hands of Jesus
The Three Amigos

Carl Haywood

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is

the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev. Timothy T. Rich

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant 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.

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your Name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Deacon O Lord our God: you hear our prayers before we speak, and answer before we know our need. May your Spirit pray in us, drawing us to you and toward our neighbors.

We pray for the whole creation: may all things work together for good, until, by your design, your children inherit the earth and order it wisely. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church of Jesus Christ; that prompted by your Spirit, it may be true, engaging, and active in doing your will. We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Nicholas our bishop, and for the clergy and lay staff of our parish. We join with communities throughout this diocese and pray for the Congregational Development Commission and those in the Diocese who work to support our congregations, that they may never lose heart and have all hope encouraged. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace in the world. Disarm weapons, silence guns, and put out ancient hate that smolders still or flames in sudden conflict. Empower those who govern, especially Donald our president and Gina our governor, to make, administer, and judge our laws with equity, justice, and mercy. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those members of this community who serve our country in the armed forces. Following Christ's command we pray for our enemies, recognizing that they too are children of God. May we be kept from infectious hate or desire for vengeance. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the whole world in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, and we pray for our nation in the aftermath of George Floyd's death. For all of humanity that we might be relieved of anxiety, fear, and hardness of heart. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who are hungry, who are housed in cramped places, who struggle to find access to basic human needs, particularly for those who are clothed and fed by our outreach ministries. Increase in us, and all who prosper, concern for the disinherited. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer pain and cry out for healing: for Aimee Welch, Sue Tingle, Margaret Pinney, James Rugliano, Piero, Shirley Monks, Joan Ruberg, Natalie Cockrell, Bud Cockrell, Margaret Poole, Julian, Brayden Mossey, Larry Baxter, Steve, Leo, Stuart Farr, Judy P., Brian Larkin, Henry Gorko, Helen, Joel Russo, Roz, Bob Richert, Baby A & Family, Denise & Rich, Cindy, Nancy Sachuk, Liz McClintick, Norma, Theresa Deiters, Kim Knoll, Dorothy, Thomas Knoll, Rita, Donna D., Ashley Knoll, Brad Logan, Sally, and Samantha Simas, may they know the healing power of God's love. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died and those who will die this week: We pray especially for Sharon Colby Camara and Charles Schifino, and their family and friends in their time of grief, may they enjoy light, keep dignity, and greet death unafraid. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people everywhere: may they come into their own as children of God, and inherit the kingdom prepared in Jesus Christ, the Lord of all, and Saviour of the world. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Deacon Hear our prayers, almighty God, in the name of Jesus Christ, who prays with us and for us, to whom be praise forever. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

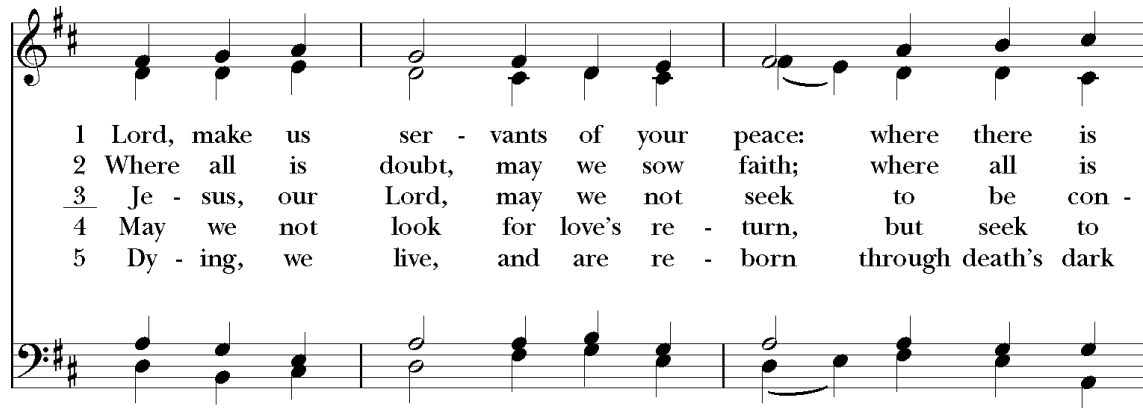
Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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*

Closing Hymn 593



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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