



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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The Last Sunday After Pentecost | November 22, 2020

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The people's responses are in bold.

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on *Old 100th*

Johann Pachelbel

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

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 The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

People **Come let us adore him.**

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

Officiant and People

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;

his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Officiant The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

People **Come let us adore him.**

Psalm 95:1-7a

Officiant and People

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *

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

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
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 Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians 1:15-23.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

And all thy children

Vincent Edwards

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 25:31-46.

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev. Tanya Watt

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. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world; for those in our Armed Forces. **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation; **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our presiding bishop, Nicholas our bishop, for all bishops and other ministers; and for the clergy and lay staff of our parish. We join with communities throughout this diocese and pray for the people and clergy of St. Andrew's, Little Compton, and the leadership and students of St. Andrew's School, Barrington. **For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation: We pray especially for Aimee Welch, Sue Tingle, Margaret Pinney, Lois Hunter, Piero, Shirley Monks, Joan Ruberg, Bud & Natalie Cockrell, Ted & Pat Hallenbeck, Liz McClintick, Pete Fornal, Richard, Peter Young, Faye Penhallow, Suzie Woodward, Donna P., Timothy Morley, Spencer Collins, Robbin Mackie, Jennifer Addonizio, Kusum Singh, Neil & Tracy, Elaine Decker, Beth Hunter, Sam Hopp, Billy Leite, Mackenzie C., Tyler, Irene, and Alex Myers.

The People may add their own petitions

Silence

And during this time of global pandemic we pray: God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light.

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for Lois Ise and Susan Rodgers and their family and friends in their time of grief.

The People may add their own petitions

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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 ourselves 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.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Hymn 450 (omit stanzas 4 & 5)

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did
 * 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
 * 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
 5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!

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Participants

Preacher	The Rev. Tanya Watt, Assistant Rector
Officiant	The Rev. Timothy T. Rich, Rector
Minister of Music	Rodney Ayers
Anthem	Members of the St. Cecilia Choir
Hymn Quintet	Sarah Curtis, Brad Logan, Arielle Rogers, Laura Sullivan, Rob Walsh
First Reading	Judi Nichols
Gospel Reading	Joe Serdakowski
Prayers	Deborah Collins

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

Sunday, 11/22

Worship with us online at stlukeseg.org

Monday, 11/23

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

Wednesday, 11/25

Worship with us online at stlukeseg.org for our Thanksgiving Eve Service

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

Thursday, 11/26

OFFICE CLOSED - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Friday, 11/27

OFFICE CLOSED

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

Sunday, 11/29

Worship with us online at stlukeseg.org

5 pm Sunday Social Hour via Zoom



Giftng that Gives Back ... to St. Luke's!

Last week, we introduced the **RaiseRight** mobile app from ShopWithScrip. **RaiseRight** introduces an opportunity for each of us to support St. Luke's through everyday purchases, like grabbing a morning coffee or buying groceries and merchandise. With over 750 brands such as Starbucks, Amazon and Walmart, there are ample possibilities to generate additional funds for the church. Essentially, it's a three-step process...



You buy a gift card

You get the full value.



The brand gives back

No extra money comes out of your pocket.



Our organization earns

Impacting what matters most to you.

So, please, add the **RaiseRight** app to your phone today and help raise additional funds for St. Luke's! Scan the QR code below to get more details on the app. Most importantly, when downloading the app, please enter the following enrollment code to specify St. Luke's as your charitable organization of choice: **FEB88LAC73L81**



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Create opportunities for what matters most to you—right from your phone. Buy gift cards from 750+ brands to earn on your daily purchases. It's simply the right way to fundraise.



Use the Holiday Gift Guide and take advantage of increased bonus rewards during the upcoming holiday season. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting opportunity to support St. Luke's.

Thank you,
Mark & Susan Cordle, Deborah Collins & Jeremy Stowe
Your Faithful RaiseRight Project Team

St. Luke's Choirs Sing for You!

As a special gift from the Canterbury, St. Cecilia, and Angel Choirs to our St. Luke's family and friends, choir members compiled a special 'arrangement' of "How Can I Keep From Singing". The music is from an American folk song originally composed by Baptist minister Robert Wadworth Lowry in 1868 with the four-part arrangement published by Jeffrey Honoré in 1991. The choirs performed this piece at their 2019 Spring Concert and happily recreated that performance in this video. Here is the link: <https://stlukeseg.org/virtual-hymn-2020/> (It is also available on St. Luke's website and Facebook page).

Advent Blog

Each year, St. Luke's provides prayer and reflection resources for Advent. This year, one of those resources will be one we write! Our Advent Blog will be an opportunity for community members to read and pray with reflections written by their fellow parishioners. We are in need of writers! You don't need to be an expert or even have any experience writing about Scripture; just an open heart and willingness to share. If you would be willing to write a short (1-3 paragraph) reflection, email Mother Tanya at tanya@stlukeseg.org and we will send you a set of daily readings and some more detailed instructions.

Youth Faith Formation

Fr. Tim has put together an excellent group of people to thoughtfully consider how to offer formation in the safest way possible. As we move through this season of uncertainty, we continue to walk in faith and hope. So that we can continue to be in touch with you as our plans progress, please fill out a registration form for each of your children. The form is online only this year and can be found in our weekly and on our website. Questions? Feel free to reach out to Mother Tanya: tanya@stlukeseg.org or 684-2844.

Adult Faith Formation

Our next AFF offering is the study of Jim Wallis' *Christ in Crisis? Reclaiming Jesus in a Time of Fear, Hate, and Violence*. About this book it was written:

In *Christ in Crisis* Jim Wallis provides a path of spiritual healing and solidarity to help us heal the divide separating Americans today. Building on “Reclaiming Jesus”—the declaration he and other church leaders wrote in May 2018 to address America’s current crisis—Wallis argues that Christians have become disconnected from Jesus and need to revisit their spiritual foundations. By pointing to eight questions Jesus asked or is asked, Wallis provides a means to measure whether we are truly aligned with the moral and spiritual foundations of our Christian faith.

“Christians have often remembered, re-discovered, and returned to their obedient discipleship of Jesus Christ—both personal and public—in times of trouble. It’s called coming home,” Wallis reminds us. While he addresses the dividing lines and dangers facing our nation, the religious and cultural commentator’s focus isn’t politics; it’s faith. As he has done throughout his career, Wallis offers comfort, empathy, and a practical roadmap.

Please join us for what promises to be a timely and important study.

You can order the book on Amazon. If you need help obtaining a copy, please email Father Tim.

Our next Adult Faith Meeting is scheduled for December 2 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Zoom Meeting Information is below with a link provided in our weekly announcement:

Meeting ID: 886 8796 5392

Password: 395498

Pastoral Care Ministry

We have a new convenient way to request to add someone to our Prayer List. Our new Prayer List Request Form is available on our website under our Parish Life tab, in our Weekly Newsletter, and it is also available in the back of the church where the prayer list is kept. Our online form is easy to fill out or you can fill out and return the hard copy form at the back of church and drop it in our basket on Sunday. The prayer list is updated weekly and available for all of us to view in a link in the Weekly Newsletter. The Pastoral Care Ministry continues to pray for all on the prayer list and send cards to the homebound and those in the hospital. By filling out the information on this new form, you will help us to keep in touch.

Thank you and stay well.

The Pastoral Care Ministry

Looking for readers! We want to hear your voice!

We have wonderful liturgical volunteers who regularly contribute to our shared virtual worship service, and we would like to increase our ranks! We would love to hear from more members of our congregation. All you need is a willingness to share scripture with your sisters and brothers at St. Luke's, a means of recording yourself (most of us just use our iPhone or computer!), and access to Google Drive or Drop Box. Christina will send you a reading Monday or Tuesday, and you record yourself reading and send it back to her by Thursday. It is such a joy to see familiar faces and hear familiar voices, especially while we are apart. We would love to see your face and hear your voice too! Please be in touch with Christina at cimondi@stlukeseg.org if you're willing to share in this important ministry.

Use your phone to scan this QR code to make an online donation to St. Luke's!





Our Giving Tree last year was a huge success thanks to all of your kindness and generous donations! Your beautiful wrapped gifts and monetary donations made it possible to help 14 families have a wonderful Christmas.

The year 2020 is very different and difficult for many families. We are asking for your help and support once again. The decision has been made this year to provide families with Walmart Gift Cards. With these cards, families can purchase gifts and food. We are asking parishioners to purchase these cards and either drop them off to Christina at the office or mail them to St. Luke's by December 10th.

Thank you for helping to put smiles on the faces of our families in need this Christmas!

Sincerely,
Judy & Karen (co-chairs)

Clothing Ministry Update

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we have had to suspend the collection and sorting of used clothing. We have also suspended our monthly run to Woonsocket to distribute clothing due to crowds and close contact, but we have been brainstorming other ways to help:

Connecting with other Agencies:

In October we stuffed over 30 bags of clothing donations from our basement and drove them up to OPEN CLOSET at 1520 Broad Street in Providence. The group there was thankful and welcoming for our donation as they continue to sort and sell clothing in their thrift store to support feeding ministries in their community. They do accept donations Monday 8-11, Friday 8-11, and Saturday 9:30-1:30.

HELP for the HOMELESS (<http://www.helpthehomelessri.org/>) - this group continues to distribute items in Woonsocket on Sundays. We are hoping to connect with them to create “winter bags” for Men, Women, Teens, and Children to distribute in early December. Our goal is to fill 30 bags for the adults and 50 bags for the children consisting of gloves, hats, socks, underwear, blankets, bottoms, toiletries, and sweatshirts. We have secured a grant that has allowed us to purchase most of these items.

WHAT WE NEED IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP:

TRIAL SIZE TOOTH PASTE (60 ARE NEEDED)

These can be dropped at the church by Nov. 30th to be put into the bags.

THANK YOU!

Linda Wegrzyn- Children's Clothing Coordinator Ldwez@cox.net

Joyce Harvey & Caroline Sparhawk (cdsparharwk@gmail.com) - Adult Clothing Coordinators

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap (TOT) is in full swing this fall. We are meeting regularly via Zoom on the last Monday of each month. **November TOT Meeting: Mon. Nov 30 7:00pm.** Contact Brent Bostick if you aren't on the distribution list. We'd love to have you join us.

Unfortunately, with the escalation of COVID 19, we are concerned that our plan to prepare a holiday dinner for the East Greenwich Hotel residents, may put people at risk. Sadly, we are going to cancel the Theology on Tap sponsored meal and try to find a safe way to provide some help and relief to our neighbors.

Alternatively, we do plan, during Thanksgiving week, to give a \$15 voucher for Jiggers restaurant to each of the East Greenwich Hotel residents so they can purchase a wholesome, delicious mealon us.

If you would like to help out, you can contribute by sending or dropping off a check to the St. Luke's office made payable to St. Luke's Church with "TOT Thanksgiving Dinner" on the memo line, and that will help us help others.

Special thanks to the folks that had already signed up to bring Thanksgiving "fixings".

If you have any questions, reach out to Brent Bostick (908-230-7569)

brentbostick1gmail.com

Thanks,
Brent