

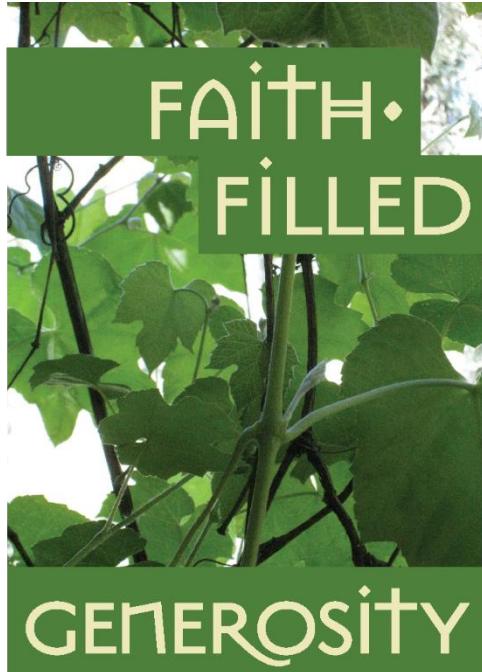


ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL **CHURCH**

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 27

November 7 & 8, 2020



How have you felt God's sustaining presence during these past months? Lord, help us plan how to "give back" the treasures with which we have been blessed.

*Our Mission: **To know Christ and to make Christ known.***

*Our Vision: **To follow Christ's teaching in an atmosphere of love, joy, and healing.***

All are welcome!



Ushers can provide an audio receiver with adjustable volume to enhance your hearing of the service. Please, return them to the usher's table after the service.

Be still and know that I am God! Psalm 46:10

Please, as you enter the Church, observe a sacred silence to prepare yourself to the encounter with the Lord, and to allow others to do the same.

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Prayer No. 64, Before Worship; BCP, p. 833)

Prelude

Beloved Jesus

Johannes Brahms

The Word of God

Processional Hymn 596 vs. 1 & 3

Judge eternal, throned in splendor

1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment
with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its
with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy

wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.
of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

Words: Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918), alt. Music: *Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Ubung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch*, 1693

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever. Amen.*

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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 the Day

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Wisdom 6:12-16

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

¹²Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. ¹³She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. ¹⁴One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. ¹⁵To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, ¹⁶because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Wisdom of Solomon

Solomon 6:17-20

¹⁷The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction, and concern for instruction is love of her,

¹⁸*and love of her is the keeping of her laws, and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,*

¹⁹and immortality brings one near to God;

²⁰*so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.*

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 Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

(8:00 & 10 a.m.) Hymn 620 vs 4 *Jerusalem, my happy home*

4 Our Lady sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God
4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyrs'
5 grant that I may see, thine end - less joy, and

4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
 5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

Words: F. B. P. (ca. 16th cent.), alt. Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk hymn; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)
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The Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

(10 a.m.) **Hymn 620 vs. 5** Jerusalem, my happy home (See page 3)

Sermon

The Rev. Chris Christy

The Nicene Creed

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 Prayers of the People

Deacon: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

For the Church of God, that we may be filled with love, generosity and truth so to transform our communities and our world, O Lord, *May your Spirit of Generosity always guide us.*

For our President and our Governor, and the leaders of all nations, O Lord, *May your Faith Filled Generosity give them compassion and good judgment and guide them in the ways of justice and peace.*

For all who hold authority in your Church, that they may know you and humbly teach of your generous ways, O Lord, *May your Faith Filled Spirit inspire them with generosity and creativity. Renew their energy and fill them with your wisdom and love.*

For blessings on all of our human endeavors, and for the just and proper use of the beauty and abundance of creation, O Lord, *May your Spirit of generosity guide us in freeing your world from poverty, famine and oppression.*

For the sick in body, mind or spirit, especially those on our prayers lists and for those we now name silently or aloud..(silence)... Lord, *May your Generous and Healing Spirit bring hope to all who suffer.*

We give thanks to the Lord for the birthdays of Tony, Sue, Nicole, Leslie, Greg, Al and Sarah and for the anniversaries of Mary and Greg, Peter and Ame, Bill and Linda, Tom and Christine, and Monte and Pat, O Lord, *May your Spirit of Generosity fill them and guide them to be bearers of your love.*

For all who have died, for those who grieve, and for those we now name silently or aloud...
(silence)...O Lord, *May your Spirit of Generosity shine perpetual light on all the saints who have gone before us.*

(Celebrant) Oh God, in your infinite generosity you have created a world with resources to sustain all of your children. Guide us into a relationship with our work, our treasure and our generosity. Transform us to humbly receive and joyfully share your bounty with others.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Peace: The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stewardship Talk

Lauren Crafword

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Prayer Lord, help us to plan our sharing of time with those in need, how to give back the talents with which we have been blessed and how to generously share our treasure to do your work. Let us pray to share in proportion to what has been given us. As we give proportionately, help us to put our trust, security, and faith in you always. In your most holy and generous name we pray. Amen.

(5:00 pm) All things come to thee, O Lord, *and from your own are we given Thee.*

(8:00 & 10:00 am) The Presentation Hymn 380, vs. 3

3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

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:

Sanctus

*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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. ***AMEN.***

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***
Alleluia.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who are baptized are invited to share in the banquet of the Lord's Supper. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.

(10 am) A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

(8 & 10 a.m.) Anthem Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior arr. C. Moklebust
(tune: Adoro Te Devote)
Bells of St. Luke's

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

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.

Blessing: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Dismissal: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *Thanks be to God.*

You may enjoy the Postlude offered by our gifted organist or quietly leave the sanctuary.

People may leave after dismissal but Ushers please do not start escorting people out until after the Postlude.

Please observe social distancing when leaving the worship space.

Thank You

Altar Flowers

- **Thomas Mann** - in thanksgiving for his wife Christine as they celebrate their wedding anniversary on November 11 and in honor of his late wife Carolyn, known as Bonnie
- **Eric & Marty Lewis** - In Loving Memory of their son's birthday; Christian Eric Lewis, Proud Navy Doctor, who died 5 years ago this December.

Special Dates this Week

Birthdays:

November 8: Tony Reynolds

November 9: Sue Kimball

November 12: Nicole Harris, Leslie Sanderson, Greg Bowers, Al Temme

November 13: Sarah Cox

Anniversaries:

November 10 Greg & Mary Bowers, Peter & Ame Eresman

November 11 Bill & Linda King, Tom & Christine Mann

November 12 Monte & Pat Anderson

For Those In Need We Pray:

November Healing Prayers

To all members, family, friends of St. Luke's during this pandemic

Brandon & Nikki Reynolds.; Alicia; Alex; Sharon, Dave & Nancy C.; Larie & Wife; Carol; Darrell C.; Dominica Coppola& Marty Dane; Max J.; Carol Glover; Gil & Cheri Lattimer's mother & Good Samaritan Staff; Cathy Hoaglund; Gary & Kathy MacCauley; Robert McCaulley; Jean Messick; Etta Parson; Linda Schwab; Sue; Ileen Szelka; Mark Tuttle; Patty; Ron Miller; Beth Wingate; Kate Carroll; Carl Dekemper; Sara Wiliman; Barbara Harber; Vera Mulnix; Rich Staudt; Steven; Glenn J.; Joan Hedger; Erni Frazier; Ruth Visclo, Vicki Casacchia; Ian Snider; Jerri Wheeler; Joe & Linda, Glen Gregor; Jim Casacchia; Scott Menke; Jeff Bernatz; Doug Ogburn; Yoland Jr; Steve

For those in our Armed Forces: Echo, Brian, Lopez, Dante', Florian

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Province of the West Indies

In Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: SS Philip & James, Morenci

For the Yavapai-Apache Nation

For Bishop Zak and Amagoro Junior Academy

For Our Companion Diocese of Western Mexico *Resolution 2020-1, of the 60th Diocesan Convention*

We acknowledge the living culture of the Yavapai-Apache nation, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the role they play in the life of this region. Resolution #2016-3, of the 56th Diocesan Convention