

St. Edmund's Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday after Pentecost:

Morning Prayer

June 14, 2020

Ten o'clock in the morning



St. Edmund's practices social distancing.

Four-part choir offerings were recorded based on guidelines permissible at the time of recording.

Participants in Today's Service

The Rev. Jenifer M. Chatfield, *Officiant*

The Rev. Canon Judith Heffron, *Assisting Priest*

The Rev. Mark Dawson, *Deacon*

The Rev. Heather Blackstone UCC, *Director of Youth Ministry*

Robert Hovencamp, *Organist/Choir Master*

Members of The Choir of St. Edmund's

Rebecca Tomlinson

Kelly Krantz

Joseph Garate

Richard Seymour

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St. Edmund's Events & Updates

A Safe Return

Dear Friends,

Two weeks ago the Governor allowed Houses of Worship to return to in-person worship services. This decision came earlier than expected. There were many guidelines that followed in order for this return to remain safe. The Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles which had been working on guidelines as well, ultimately came out last week with its own set of guidelines for Episcopal churches and clergy in the Diocese. Much of what needs to happen will take time to organize and implement and our Safe Return Task Force is working to insure that we are prepared for an eventual re-opening.

The earliest we can return to worship according to the Diocese is June 21st. While some parishes may open on this date, St. Edmunds will not because there is much to do, and it is our belief that rushing an opening will not be the best decision for the community. We will make a determination of when to open based on the following factors:

1. The County of Los Angeles according to recent reports is seeing a rise in new Covid-19 cases. The next 3-4 weeks will be crucial in determining how the re-opening of businesses, places of worship, and parks will affect a further rise. We choose to wait and see.
2. Protocols and procedures for St. Edmund's need to be implemented and organized to address the Diocesan guidelines. This affects how we clean and sanitize (not to mention we must wait for supply deliveries), how we order our worship services, and how we welcome and seat parishioners and guests, among other adjustments.

While we are all anxious to return, the task force and I want to make sure that we are opening up in a responsible way. Your health and safety is our priority. We are currently writing the protocols and procedures for a Safe Return to St. Edmunds. When they are complete we will make them available to you as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and your continued commitment! Blessings, Jenifer+

Praying Together

The service of *Compline* is offered on the Saint Edmunds Facebook page live Monday thru Friday from 7:30pm-7:45pm. This is a short prayer service found in The Book of Common Prayer (p. 127) meant to provide peace and assurance of God's presence as we begin to settle in for the evening. If you do not have a Book of Common Prayer, download a pdf version here: https://episcopalchurch.org/files/book_of_common_prayer.pdf

Prelude

Sonatina

J. S. Bach

Welcome

The Rev. Jenifer M. Chatfield, *Rector*

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
(*Philippians 1:2*)

Confession of Sin

Officiant 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.**

The Priest says,

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 (*Invitation*)

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

***All:* Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God: Come let us adore him.**

Officiant and People

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.

Anthem

In the Garden

Arr. Mark Hayes

Rebecca Tomlinson, Soprano Soloist

I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses
And He walks with me and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am his own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known

He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet
The birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He give to me
Within my heart is to ringing.

I stay in the garden with Him,
Though the night around me is falling.
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling.

Text by C. Austin Miles, based on John 20:14

All Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Psalm 100

**1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**2 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.**

**3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**4 For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

All: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

The First Lesson

Exodus 19:2-8a

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

Answer

Thanks be to God.

The Second Lesson

Romans 5:1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

Answer

Thanks be to God.

All join in singing the following hymn

Hymn 528

Rowthorn



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your serv - ice: "In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bo - dy,
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



1 preach the word." Lest the Church ne - glect its mis - sion
 2 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 3 this my blood." Let your priests, for earth's true glo - ry,
 4 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 5 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



1 and the Gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness to your
 2 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new fer - vor,
 3 dai - ly lift life hea - ven - ward, ask - ing that the world a -
 4 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and mer - cy
 5 may we serve as you in - tend, and, a - mid the cares that



1 pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;
 2 draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty;
 3 round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty; with the
 4 lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty;
 5 claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty;



Spi - rit's gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.]”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

Answer Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Reverend Jenifer M. Chatfield, *Rector*

The following anthem is sung by members of the St. Edmund's Choir.

Anthem

Amazing Grace

James Newton, arr. John Ness Beck

*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now, I see.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares...
I have already come.
Tis Grace has brought me safe thus far...
and Grace will lead us home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years...
bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise...
than when we've first begun.*

The Apostles' Creed *(An Ancient Baptismal Creed reminding us of our common baptism as the basis of our common prayer.)*

Officiant and People together

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.

Officiant and People

**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.**

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; John and Diane our bishops; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world. God of love... **Hear our prayer**

God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love. God of freedom...**Hear our prayer.**

God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools especially St. Edmund's nursery school; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home. God of peace...**Hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons. God of mercy...**Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those whom we know celebrating their birthdays, anniversaries or other special occasions this week. Especially..... Gracious God People **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, and those who struggle: Especially all those who are affected by Covid-19, financial insecurity and all other trauma caused by this crisis. That the hope born of Easter gives them peace, and brings renewal, Merciful God...
Hear our Prayer.

God of grace, we pray for those who have died: May they know the joy of your eternal Kingdom. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light. God of grace...**Hear our prayer.**

The Officiant then says the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Reconciliation

Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, And your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, That through their work many will be restored to health; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Blessing for those Graduating

Heavenly Father, We praise you for your glory and for the gift of learning. For the accomplishments of these graduates associated with St. Edmunds whom we now name (...NN....) Look upon them with your love. Bless them as they leave their schools as they move forward in life. May your spirit give them many talents and skills and help them to use their gifts for your glory. And for the good of all people. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with you and the holy spirit, *Amen.*

A moment of silence for individual prayers and thanksgivings

Please keep these members of the community in your prayers:

Elizabeth, Iris, Margaret, Ralph, Toby, Blake A., Iswari C., Janice C., Jeff D., Ellen E., Chuck C. Mimi., Marguerite H. Michael J. Maria K. Sandy L., Jean L., John M., Edward M., John M., Natalie P., Garret R., Krishan S., Patty T., The Simpson Family

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.**

The Blessing

May God give you grace never to sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Deacon Let us bless the Lord. *All Thanks be to God.*

Postlude Praise To the Lord

J. Alfred Schehl