

Come As You Are Eucharist

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

5:00 PM



Saint Luke's Parish
Darien, Connecticut

Welcome!

Whoever you are and wherever you may be on your spiritual journey, we are so glad you have joined us for worship today. May you know the presence of the living God who welcomes you here. Everything you need to participate in today's service is included in this leaflet. Ushers are available to answer any questions or direct you as needed. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete and return a welcome card so we can be in touch. May God bless you now and always.

About Today's Service

Today we continue to journey through the long Season after Pentecost, sometimes also called Ordinary Time. (Ordinary not as in "typical" so much as numbers or "ordinals," as in the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost.) The liturgical color is green, a reminder that it is a season of growth and renewal. We look and listen for the ways in which the Holy Spirit is inviting us to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

At Saint Luke's, today is also Youth Sunday, the Sunday where youth are involved in (almost) every aspect of the service. Youth Sunday is important because it showcases the youth of the parish in leadership roles and gives youth a unique opportunity to experience the liturgy they have grown up with in a new light.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus heals a blind man. It is the man's faith which gives him his sight. The rules of religion understood blindness to be caused by sin, so this man was excluded from the life of the people. Jesus, however, welcomes him, heals him, and includes him among his followers.

In the first reading Jeremiah tells that one day God will reach out to his people and call all of them back. No one will be left out, but all will come rejoicing into God's family. The story of the blind man in today's Gospel reading is a sign that what Jeremiah foretold is coming true in the ministry of Jesus.

Our second reading continues the letter to Jewish Christians. This was probably written after Jerusalem and its Temple were destroyed, thus there were no more sacrifices offered. The writer is reminding his readers that Jesus' own self-offering makes continued sacrifices of animals by fallible human priest no longer necessary. Jesus' one sacrifice of himself is eternally effective for all humanity.

In the Eucharist our use of physical bread and wine as the elements of spiritual communion with God remind us of this truth. We become part of the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus so that we can live in his life eternally. We cannot live apart from God or apart from moral responsibility to all people. In baptism, our spiritual blindness is healed, and we are called to grow into a Body of people committed to justice, reconciliation, and righteous living.

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Prelude “Came to My Rescue”

Greeting and Opening Prayer

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You (2x)

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy, Holy
I want to see You

The Word of God

The First Lesson | Jeremiah 31:7-9

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,

“Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Welcome to visitors and members alike. Our church's motto is: “The Episcopal Church Welcomes You” and we hope you find this a most hospitable place to worship, to grow, and to be.

The order for our service is from the **Book of Common Prayer**. The order is called the liturgy, which means “work of the people.” It is responsive and participatory because your contribution to worship is what truly makes us a worshipping community.

“Open the Eyes of My Heart” By Paul Baloche
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The Lectionary: The choice of readings comes from the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle of readings covering the whole Bible that we share with other major Christian denominations.

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great high priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in Heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin

Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Praise the One, risen Son of God

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I am
The King of glory and of grace

One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ, my Savior and my God

Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Praise the One, risen Son of God (x2)

The Gospel | Mark 10:46-52

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

There is always a **Gospel** reading and it is proclaimed by the deacon or priest from among the people. The gospel is the story of Jesus Christ among us, but it is also our story, the good news of our faith.

The Homily

Hope Johnson
Naomi Cunningham

“Way Maker”

You are here
Moving in our midst
I worship you (x2)
You are here
Working in this place
I worship you (x2)

You are
Way maker
Miracle worker
Promise keeper
Light in the darkness
My God
That is who you are

You are here
Touching every heart
I worship you (x2)
You are here
Healing every heart
I worship you (x2)
You are here
Turning lives around
I worship you (x2)
You are here
Mending every heart
I worship you (x2)

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The Prayers of the People | Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

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 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; Ian and Laura, our Bishops in Connecticut; and for all bishops and other ministers; **For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions.

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The prayers of the people are always responsive. They are “of the people” because everyone gives voice to the supplications. It is part of our liturgy where it is most evident that we would be noticeably less without the contribution of each person present.

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.

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.

The People may add their own petitions.

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

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant stands and 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 Peace

Welcome & Announcements

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory, we gratefully offer back to God a portion of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. To make an electronic gift today, please either visit www.saintlukesdarien.org/give or scan the QR code below with your phone.

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Offertory Song

“God I Look to You”

The **Peace** has been exchanged at the Eucharist since the time of the Apostles. It is both the proper response to the Word, and our expression of reconciliation with one another before we come to the altar to be reconciled with God.

The **Offertory** is where we bring our gifts of bread, wine, money, and our very selves to present to the Lord as our initial act of Thanksgiving, which is what Eucharist means.

Eucharistic Prayer *All stand.*

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 God 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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 & Benedictus

Sung by all.

Mark Miller

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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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.

For Episcopalians, the **Eucharist**, rather than the sermon, is the principle act of Christian worship. The Eucharistic prayer always entails a full proclamation of the heart of the Gospel.

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. It is a form on which we can model our prayers.

The Eucharist, or **Communion**, is reminiscent of the Passover meal that Jesus shared with his disciples before his death. Now he shares it with us and invites all of us to share symbolically in his life, death, and resurrection, through it. It should remind us that we are Christ's body in our time.

The **Postcommunion Prayer** concludes the Eucharist. In it we always say "thank you" to God for the gift of Christ, the Spirit, and the community of the Church.

One of the roles of the priest is to declare the eternal truth of God's ever-present blessing to God's people.

The **Dismissal** is an important part of the service. Having heard the gospel and been served at the table of Christ, we are sent out into the world to proclaim the good news and be Christ's hands and feet on earth.

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.**

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 Gifts of God for the People of God.

At the Communion

All are welcome to come forward to receive Christ's Real Presence in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion will be administered in one kind (only the consecrated Bread) due to COVID precautions. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please request one. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Song "Let There Be Light"

Postcommunion Prayer

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.

The Blessing & Dismissal

The Celebrant blesses the people and then dismisses them, saying.

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

“Forever”

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, Sing praise

With a mighty hand, and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever

Sing praise, Sing praise
Sing praise, Sing praise

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, and ever, forever

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God, we will carry on
His love endures forever

Postlude Music

“Forever”

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Participants in Today's Service

Officiant	Jake Wilson
Celebrant	The Reverend Ryan C. Fleenor
Preachers	Hope Johnson, Naomi Cunningham
Lay Readers	Charlotte Ward Kaitlyn Holmes
Musicians	Anna Jacobson, Vocals, Violin Tod Baharian, Guitar, Vocals Bob Leinbach, Piano, Vocals Tod Hedrick, Bass Tom Barracco, Percussion

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Next Sunday | Oct. 31

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist (Rite I with hymns)
9:00 AM	The Forum
9:50 AM	Church School
10:00 AM	Family Worship (Rite II with choir)
11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
5:00 PM	Come As You Are Eucharist (led by the CAYA Band)

Upcoming Events

Oct. 30	Oyster Roast
Oct. 31	All Hallows Eve Family Worship
Nov. 1	All Saints' Day Evensong
Nov. 7	All Saints' Sunday & Run with the Saints 5K
Nov. 14	Remembrance Sunday & Fauré Requiem
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
Nov. 28	The First Sunday of Advent