

Sunday, November 19, 2023
10:00 A.M.
25th after Pentecost

We're so pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. While this bulletin is a guide to the service, if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. After the service please join us downstairs for coffee, tea, and juice.

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

Greeting

HYMN # 577 God of Grace and God of Glory
(Blue Book)

The grace of God be with you,
The grace of Christ be with you,
The grace of Spirit be with you.
And also with you.

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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 Savior. Amen.

Collect
You, O God, are our dwelling-place
from generation to generation,
our shield from anguish and distress.
You arm us as children of light
with the hope of salvation,
and you protect us by your love.
Give us grace to build up
and encourage one another,
as we seek wisdom and abundant life
in the strength of your Word
and the assurance of your Spirit. **Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11
Reader: Spencer Stevens
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Psalm 123
Reader: Spencer Stevens
A Song of Ascents.
To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
As the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid
to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you,
until you have mercy upon us.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
Our soul has had more than its fill
of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

HYMN # 70 Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts
(Blue Book)

The Gospel Reading: (*standing*)
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 14-30
Reader: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland
The Gospel of Christ

Sermon – *The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland*

The Prayers of the People: *Corinne MacLean*
Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # 599 Awake! Awake! Fling off the Night (*Blue Book*) (Tune is Blue book #14)

Eucharistic Prayer
May God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Holy One.
Let us give thanks to our Loving God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant: God of life…….
……..in song your gracious love:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord; God of pow'r and might;
Heav'n and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest x2

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Blessed is he who comes in the names of the Lord.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord; God of pow'r and might;
Heav'n and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

Celebrant: The table we share,….
……..now and forever.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Chant # 220 Hope Shines as the Solitary Star
(Red Book) vs 1 (x3)
THE COMMUNION

HYMN # 179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery
Vs 1,5,6a,6e & 6f (Blue Book)

The Prayer after Communion

Glory to God,
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

HYMN # 120 My Soul Cries Out
(Red Book)

The Dismissal

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St. Laurence is an Anglican congregation that feels called to create an intentional community seeking to practice a renewed Christian spirituality in order to deepen members' experience of God and share this path with others as a response to the growing hunger for meaning and hope in the surrounding community and society.

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