

Sunday August 31, 2025 10:00 A.M.

12th Sunday 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**)

Welcome

Affirming Statement

Land Acknowledgement

HYMN # 27 Creator God You Gave Us Life *(Red Book)*

Celebrant: The grace of God enfold you,
the grace of Christ be in you,
the grace of Spirit be with you.
People: 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
Inviting God, laying open your table to those without status or power, and setting a place for the foreign and the unwanted: overturn our tables of power and teach us to receive bread from strange and wounded hands;
through Jesus Christ,
the one given for all.**Amen.**

First Reading: Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16
Reader: Carol Gardiner
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Proverbs 25: 6-7
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PSALM HYMN # 340 Praise, I Will Praise You Lord *(Blue Book)*

The Gospel Reading: (*standing*)
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke
People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: Luke 14: 1, 7-14
Reader: Deacon Elinor Smith
The Gospel of Christ
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon – *The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland*

The Prayers of the People – *Carol Gardiner*

Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN: Bring Many Names vs. 1, 2 ,3 & 6 (*See Insert)*

Eucharistic Prayer
Celebrant: May God be with you
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Open your hearts to the One who is Love
People: We open our hearts to you, O God
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God our Creator
People: For the One who gifts us with life, we give thanks

Celebrant: Holy God, lover of creation,…….
……. We proclaim your glory, singing:

Holy, Holy, Holy # 203 (*Red book)*
O holy, holy holy God,
O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above
bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n,
creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes
and bears your name always!

Celebrant: With Nicodemus, the Woman of Samaria,…….
……. And to proclaim our faith:

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!

Celebrant: Breath your Holy Spirit, …….
……. Bless your holy name for ever.

Great Amen # 205 *(Red book)*
Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One,
Hosanna and Amen!

A Paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer
Loving Creator
we honor you,
and we honor all that you have made.
Renew the whole world
in the image of your love.
Give us what we need for today,
and a hunger to see the whole world fed.
Strengthen us for what lies ahead;
heal us from the hurts of the past;
give us courage to follow your call in this moment.
For your love is the only power,
the only home, the only honor we need,
in this world and in the world to come. Amen.
Sarah Dylan Breuer

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

Chant # 81 Love Us into Fullness *(Red Book)*

THE COMMUNION

HYMN # 74 For the Bread
Which You Have Broken *(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 # 631 The Kingdom of God
Is Justice and Joy (*Blue Book*)

The Dismissal

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AN INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY

RECTOR THE REV. DR. JANE ROWLAND
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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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