

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Morning Prayer

The Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

The Reverend Anne Harris, *Celebrant & Preacher*

Organ Voluntary

“Blessed Jesus, at thy word”

Johann Walther

Opening Hymn

“Father, we thank thee who hast planted”

Hymnal, 302

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,
in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -
Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giving in Christ the
was in this broken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

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Music: *Rendez à Dieu*, melody and harm. att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

Opening Sentences

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.” (Psalm 43:3)

Confession of Sin

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The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

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 alone stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

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All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

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.



- O COME let us sing | unto • the LORD;
* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of | our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with | **thanksgiving**;
* and show ourselves | glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a | **great** God;
* and a great | King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the corners | of the earth;
* and the strength of the hills is | **his** also.
- 5 The sea is | his and • he made it;
* and his hands pre|pared • the **dry** land.
- 6 O come let us worship and | **fall** down,
* and kneel before the | LORD our **Maker**.
- 7 For he is the | Lord our God;
* and we are the people of his pasture,
and the | sheep of **his** hand.
- 8 O worship the LORD in the | beauty • of holiness;
* let the whole earth | stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he cometh, for he cometh to | judge the earth;
* and with righteousness to judge the world,
and the | peoples with his truth.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son,
* and | to the **Holy** Ghost;
- As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever shall be,
* world without | **end. Amen.**

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- ⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- ¹⁰ You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
- ¹¹ You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- ¹² You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- ¹³ May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- ¹⁴ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

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 First Lesson

Isaiah 55:10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the

trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

After the lesson, the Reader says The Word of the Lord.
And the People respond **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 623 “Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our Fathers” [1940 Hymnal]



BLESSED art thou, O Lord | God of • our fathers:
* praised and exalted above | all for **ever**.

2 **Blessed** art thou for the | Name of • thy Majesty:
* praised and exalted above | all for **ever**.

3 **Blessed** art thou in the temple | of thy holiness:
* praised and exalted above | all for **ever**.

4 **Blessed** art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest be|tween the Cherubim:
* praised and exalted above | all for **ever**.

5 **Blessed** art thou on the glorious | throne of • thy kingdom:
* praised and exalted above | all for **ever**.

6 **Blessed** art thou in the firma|ment of heaven:
* praised and exalted above | all for **ever**.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son,
* and | to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever shall be,
* world without | **end. Amen.**

The Second Lesson

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

*After the lesson, the Reader says
And the People respond*

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

The Sermon

Sermon Hymn

"Blessed Jesus, at thy word"

Hymnal, 440

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

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The Apostles' Creed

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Officiant and People together, all standing

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

The People stand or kneel

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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Prayers of the People – Form II

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In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Terry, our Bishop, for this gathering; for Michael, Allison, Anne, Art, and Jim, our clergy and for all clergy and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, .

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

I ask your prayers for **Al, Amy, Angela, Ann, Annie, Bethann, Betsy, Barry, Bill, Braxton, Bud, Christy, Dan, Dave, Diana, E.J., Elizabeth, Gene, Helga, Hugh, Ira, Jackson, Jen, Jerry, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Kailee, Kathy, Ken, Lacey, Lee, Linda, Liz, London, Lynn, Martha, Monica, Nancy, Natalia, Natalie, Nina (Nine-ah), Paul, Phil, Phyllis, Rob, Ronald, Sara, Scott, Steve, Sue, Susie, Tim, Tracy, Trish, Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Wynn; for the men and women of our armed forces, especially Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Steve.**

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen***

Offertory Trio

“Thou visitest the earth”

Maurice Greene

The General Thanksgiving

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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 ourselves 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.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. ***Amen.***

Processional

“Spread, O spread, thou mighty word”

Hymnal, 530

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
 2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
 3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
 4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
 5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
 2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
 3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
 4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
 5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

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Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Voluntary in D”

William Boyce

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Our Wednesday morning Bible study Zoom, starting at 9:45, will be studying the Psalms for several weeks. These poems, designed to be said or sung aloud as personal devotion or at public worship, are a great resource for cultivating our spirituality, our relationship with God. The Psalms are bluntly honest emotionally, very human in their expression, so it's easy to make a connection with them. Of course, since there are 150 Psalms, we won't study them all closely. That would take 3 years! Instead, we will look at the various categories of Psalm and focus on a few exemplars of each type. There are Psalms of lamentation, thanksgiving, pilgrimage, and Psalms serve to educate about the great deeds our God of creation and covenant has done, along with much more.

Thursday Night Bible Study

The Basics of the Bible Study continues on Thursday evenings with Mother Allison! We are using The Path to guide our study, but all you need is a Bible and access to the internet to join us. We are gathering every Thursday evening from 6:45-7:45 on Zoom to discuss the foundational stories of our faith and to explore how these stories connect to our own journeys. Please follow this link on Thursdays at 6:45 to join us!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/284582639?pwd=bUZFYjRhdlhUDNmck9sb0VYa1Budz09>

Meeting ID: 284-582-639

If prompted to enter a password, please enter our parish office phone number - 2458827

Pilgrimages – Sunday 9am Class

Have you ever been on a pilgrimage? We would love to have you join the class and share your experiences. Have you always thought about going on one? Come learn about some you may have never heard of. We will be starting with the pilgrimage to see the Cathedral of St. David, the patron saint of Wales. We will cover a pilgrimage to Canterbury, the famous Camino de Santiago, and several others. We will talk about the stories behind the pilgrimage and the paths to get there.

The link to the class is:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75615923261?pwd=ejk2NmhEUDZaUVFXNnprbHd0MU8wUT09>

Meeting ID: 756 1592 3261

Password: 6nfVZF

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer has gone from once a month to TWICE a month. Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, **July 14 and 28, 6pm to 7pm**, on ZOOM until we can all join back in the Lyman Office.

Link to Centering Prayer Group:

<https://zoom.us/j/662061797?pwd=RVhkL2FWY3NEc204UHQweVovK3R5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 662-061-797

Plan to join us!!

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you've had a birthday or anniversary over the past several weeks, or have one coming up in the weeks ahead, please let Dawn know, admin@stlukesanchorage.org. Let her know your birthday, or the date of your wedding anniversary and how many years you've been married, and we will offer a blessing over you during our recorded worship.



Hold Control and hover Left Mouse button
over green button to activate link.

The Flowers on the Altar are given by Lynn & Pat Cline in loving memory of their parents, Edna May & Wally Cline and Ken & Peg Ulmer.

In our prayers . . . Al, Amy, Angela, Ann, Annie, Bethann, Betsy, Barry, Bill, Braxton, Bud, Christy, Dan, Dave, Diana, E.J., Elizabeth, Gene, Helga, Hugh, Ira, Jackson, Jen, Jerry, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Kailee, Kathy, Ken, Lacey, Lee, Linda, Liz, London, Lynn, Martha, Monica, Nancy, Natalia, Natalie, Nina (Nine-ah), Paul, Phil, Phyllis, Rob, Ronald, Sara, Scott, Steve, Sue, Susie, Tim, Tracy, Trish, Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Wynn; and our men and women serving in our armed forces and their families. We offer prayers of blessing and thanksgiving for all men and women serving in the armed services, especially these persons known to us: Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Steve. We pray that they have safe journeys and know the loving concern of friends and family. May God watch over them and grant them strength and courage to face perils which beset them.

Readings for:

**July 18 - 19: Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17;
 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.**