

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
The Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

26 July 2020 ✱ 10:00 A.M.

Morning Prayer

The Reverend Allison Caudill, *Celebrant*
Mr. Ben Cowgill, *Preacher*

Organ Voluntary **"Swing low, sweet chariot"** **Ralph Simpson**

Opening Hymn **"Be thou my vision"** **Hymnal, 488**



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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Opening Sentences

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
(*Psalm 122:1*)

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 prepared • 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.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰ When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.

¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.

¹³² Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.

¹³³ Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴ Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.

¹³⁵ Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

**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

I Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

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 13:31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

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

The Sermon

Sermon Hymn

"Eternal Light, shine in my heart"

Hymnal, 465

Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal light, shine in my heart; e - ter - nal
2 E - ter - nal life, raise me from death; e - ter - nal
3 un - til by your most cost - ly grace, in - vit - ed

hope, lift up my eyes; e - ter - nal power, be
 bright-ness, help me see; e - ter - nal Spi - rit,
 by your ho - ly word, at last I come be -

my sup - port; e - ter - nal wis - dom, make me wise.
 give me breath; e - ter - nal Sa - vior come to me:
 fore your face to know you, my e - ter - nal God.

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 Music: *Ach blieb bei uns*, melody Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654); harm. Seth Calvisius (1556-1615)

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, Lisette, 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 God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen***

Offertory Anthem

“O for a closer walk with thee”

C. V. Stanford

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.***

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Final Hymn

"Thy kingdom come"

Hymnal, 615

1 "Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;
 2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;
 3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;
 4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,
 5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king - dom's day.
 2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.
 3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near:
 4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;
 5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929) Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

Postlude

"Jacob's Ladder"

Ralph Simpson

African-American composer Ralph Simpson's (b. 1933) education includes: BM, Alabama State University (1954); MA, Columbia University, studying with Thomas Richner, Henry Cowell, Norman Coke-Jephcott (1957); PhD, Michigan State University (1964).

Simpson has held positions with the following universities and churches: church organist pre-college, Alabama; Alabama State Teacher's College; Dillard University; Professor of Music, University Organist, Chair Emeritus, Music Department, Tennessee State University; Organist, First Church of Christ, Scientist, Nashville.



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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

This morning, we finished the section on the Camino de Santiago, and began talking about the pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Have you ever been on a pilgrimage? We would love to have you join us for the talk on pilgrimages. The link to the class is:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75615923261?pwd=ejk2NmhEUDZaUVFXNnprbHdOMU8wUT09>

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 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.

The Flowers on the Altar are given by Earl Lentz in loving memory of his wife, Martha Jean Lentz, and his son, Thomas Allan Lentz.

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, Lisette, 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:

**August 1 & 2: Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22;
Matthew 14:13-21.**