

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

19 July 2020 ✠ 10:00 A.M.

Morning Prayer

The Reverend Allison Caudill, *Celebrant & Preacher*

The recorded choral selections that will be played today feature St. Luke's Choir's excellent performance at the National Cathedral, on May 21, 2006. Our choir sang a 25-minute Choral Prelude to the worship service that morning, which was "Kentucky Day" that year. Regrettably five of those voices you'll hear have passed into God's everlasting care: John Ackman, Gerry Boden, Carla Rueckert, Steven Slaton and Harry Sladen.

Organ Voluntary **"Sonate I – Allegro vivace assai"** **F. Mendelssohn**

Choral Introit **"I sat down under his shadow"** **Edward C. Bairstow**

I sat down under his shadow with great delight.
And his fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought to the banqueting house
And his banner over me was love.
Song of Songs 2: 3,4

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.**

Venite *Psalms 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 86:11-17

Chant: John Cantrell

Lydia Lewis, soprano

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

¹² I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.

¹³ For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

¹⁴ The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my
life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.

¹⁵ But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.

¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be
ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

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 44:6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

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

16 The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus* *Luke 1: 68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 Second Lesson

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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

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

The Sermon

21 You are God *Te Deum laudamus*

You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

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.

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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen***

Offertory Anthem “Let all mortal flesh keep silence” Edward C. Bairstow

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and stand with fear and trembling,
and lift itself above all earthly thought.

For the King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God,
cometh forth to be our oblation,
and to be given for Food to the faithful.

Before Him come the choirs of angels
with every principality and power;

the Cherubim with many eyes, and wingèd Seraphim,
who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn: Alleluia!

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.**

Postlude

“Praise and honor to the highest good”

Johan Ludwig Krebs

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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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=bUZFYjRhZD1hUDNmck9sb0VYa1Budz09>

Meeting ID: 284-582-639

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

Pilgrimages – Sunday 9am Class

The Sunday morning class on pilgrimages is still ongoing. It is interesting and fun, and I hope you will join. We spent a couple weeks in Canterbury, and are currently on the famous Camino de Santiago. We have several more to talk about. **Have you ever been on a pilgrimage? We would love to have you join the class and share your experiences.**

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 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 Michael Goad in loving memory of his parents, Jerry & Epha Goad.

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:

**July 25-26: I Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136;
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.**