



St. Lawrence

Episcopal Church

Our Mission:

Growing relationships, serving in community, empowered through worship

Our Vision:

A vibrant, engaged community feeding those who hunger in body, mind or spirit, celebrating God's love and offering a spiritual home for all

Our Promise:

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, St. Lawrence welcomes you. We celebrate diversity and, following Jesus' example embrace ALL God's children. As a community, we cherish your uniqueness as God has made you: across cultural backgrounds, skin color, citizenship/immigration status, political views, age, gender identity/expression/attraction, marital and economic status, and physical and cognitive abilities. Whoever you are, whomever you love, wherever you are from, WE WELCOME YOU!

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Morning Worship

August 2, 2020

The preface to the order of service:

Ruth Meyers, dean of academic affairs and Hodges-Haynes Professor of Liturgics at Church Divinity School of the Pacific, shares, "In the celebration of the Eucharist, we experience the real presence of Christ, not only in the bread and wine that are blessed and shared but also in the Word proclaimed and broken open in homily, in the community gathered as the body of Christ, in song and prayer. This real presence is always in tension with real absence. We glimpse Christ's presence, getting a taste of the heavenly banquet, yet on this side of the grave we never experience the fullness of that presence. Real absence draws us forward to the time when we shall see God face to face. **Real absence makes room for the mystery of God whose presence we can neither compel nor control.**"

Opening Acclamation

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Officiant Let us say together the Gloria

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
 For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Response *Laudate Omnes Gentes/Sing Praises (Sing together three times in whichever language you wish).*

All

Ostinato Chorale

Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi -
 Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the

num. Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num!
 Lord. Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord!

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

All

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

Lector A reading from Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:
"Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you."

All Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Officiant Let us say together Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22.

All **8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

**9 The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.**

**15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

**16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.**

**17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**

**18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.**

**19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.**

**20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.**

**21 The LORD preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.**

**22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.**

Second Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

Deacon A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

All Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Homily

Deborah DeManno

Officiant Let us say together The Nicene Creed.

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Because we have been fed and called, and our lives joined forever in Christ, we unite our voices in prayer saying: Bread of heaven, on you we feed.

Intercessor O God, we know we are called to be the Body of Christ: make us worthy of that calling, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jeffrey our Bishop, Joy our Priest, Hal our Deacon, Kate and Jacki our Wardens, and the entire leadership team. Make us all fervent in our prayers and worship, loving, faithful and honest in our lives, so that the whole Church displays what God is like. Bread of heaven:

All **On you we feed.**

Intercessor O God, awaken in us our need of you and make us hungry and thirsty for you, both as individuals and as the Church of God. Let no other issues side-track us from seeking you, and increase our love and compassion so that we long to serve out your love to the world around us. Bread of heaven:

All **On you we feed.**

Intercessor O God, allow our world to see the true value of things, so that the worthless and dangerous is unmasked and real needs acknowledged. Guide our leaders, especially *Donald* our President, in wisdom and integrity, and enable us all to cooperate in proper care and stewardship of the world's resources. Bread of heaven:

All **On you we feed.**

Intercessor O God, be with those who struggle for peace and justice in the world. Guide their efforts, that they may act with prudence and vision to plant the signs of your dominion in the world. Bread of heaven:

All **On you we feed.**

Intercessor O God, be with all victims of religious oppression, ignorance, injustice or intolerance, those who are afraid, and those who seek to offer comfort and consolation (*pause*), that they may be granted the security only you can give. Bread of heaven:

All **On you we feed.**

Intercessor O God, we call upon you to answer the needs of all those desperate for your blessing. Moved by compassion, heal the sick and suffering ones we hold in our hearts this day. Bread of heaven:

All **On you we feed.**

Intercessor O God, welcome into your eternity all who have spent their lives coming to you and now come to be with you forever. Have mercy on all those approaching death and do not know you but reject what they imagine you to be. May they respond to the true and living God and know your love forever. Bread of heaven:

All **On you we feed.**

Intercessor O God, with grateful hearts we celebrate the blessings in our lives even as we pray for the special needs and concerns of our congregation. I now invite you to add your own thanksgivings and petitions as you so desire (*pause*).
Bread of heaven:

All **On you we feed.**

Intercessor O God, your generosity floods the world with goodness and you shower creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for food to satisfy both body and heart, that in the miracle of being fed we may be empowered to feed the hungry in Jesus name.

All **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **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.**

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

Hymn *I am the bread of life*



1	I	am	the	bread	of	life;	they	who
2 (The)	Bread	that	I	will	give	is	my	
3 (Un-)	less		you	eat	of	the		
4	I	am	the	re - sur -	rec - tion,			
5 (Yes,)	Lord,	we	be -	lieve	that			



1	come	to	me	shall	not	hun -	ger;	they	who	be -
2	Flesh	for	the	life	of	the	world,	and	they	who
3	Flesh	of	the	Son	of	Man		and		
4	I	am	the	life.	They	who	be -			
5	you	are	the	Christ,		the				



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 2 eat _____ of this bread, they shall live for
 3 drink _____ of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
 4 lieve _____ in me, e - ven _____ if they
 5 Son _____ of God who _____ has



1 me _____ un - less the _____ Fa - ther draw them.
 2 ev - er. _____ they shall live for ev - er.
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.
 4 die, _____ they shall live for ev - er.
 5 come _____ in - to _____ the _____ world. _____

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. _____ 5 Yes, day.
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last day. _____ 2 The
 3 Un- day.
 4 -
 5 Yes,
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The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.

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Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

Spiritual Communion

Priest Since we cannot share in the Body and Blood of Christ at this time, you are invited to join in the following prayer. The very intention to receive is enough to receive the spiritual blessing of the sacrament.

Let us pray.

Priest In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me.... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you or from my sisters and brothers in Christ; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.

All **Amen.**

Blessing

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**