



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!

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Morning Worship

July 19, 2020

Opening Sentence

Officiant Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

Confession of Sin

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

Silence may be kept.

All **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

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

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. Alleluia.

Officiant Let us say together **Christ our Passover**

All **Alleluia.
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.
Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

Officiant Let us say together Psalm 86:11-17

- 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.**

First Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

Lector A reading from Isaiah.

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.

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

All

Thanks be to God.

Canticle

Officiant

Let us say together The Second Song of Isaiah

Isaiah 55:6-11

All

**Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.
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.**

Second Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Lector

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus put before the crowd 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!"

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Alan Whaley

Officiant Let us say together The Apostles' Creed.

All **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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray together the Lord's Prayer.

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Suffrages B

Officiant Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
All **Govern them and uphold them, now and always.**

Officiant Day by day we bless you;
All **We praise your name for ever.**

Officiant Lord, keep us from all sin today;
All **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant Lord, show us your love and mercy;
All **For we put our trust in you.**

Officiant In you, Lord, is our hope;
All **And we shall never hope in vain.**

The Collect

Officiant 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.

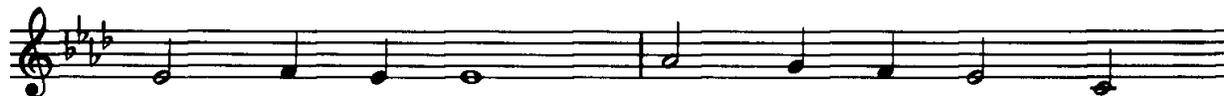
All **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

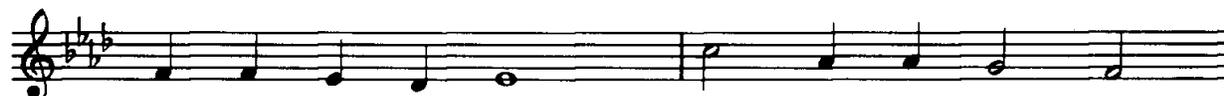
Officiant Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.

All **Amen.**

Hymn - Come Labor On



1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle
 2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is
 3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y
 4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing
 5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till



1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us
 2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to
 3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but
 4 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the
 5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows



1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
 2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our
 3 may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents
 4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its
 5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
 2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.
 3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.
 4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), alt.
 Music: *Ora Labora*, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

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Prayers of the People

Intercessor Lest the word of God return empty to the heavens, let us turn our hearts to the needs of others and plant seeds of justice, saying: In the Spirit we plead, hear us, O God.

Intercessor God of grace, we pray for our church leaders, especially *Michael* our Presiding Bishop, *Jeffrey* our Bishop, *Joy* our Priest, *Hal* our Deacon, *Kate* and *Jacki* our Wardens, and the entire leadership team, that they may embrace the justice of God in their own hearts as they call us into the life of God. In the Spirit we plead:

All **Hear us, O God.**

Intercessor God of all truth, we pray for our church, that its structures promote justice, its laws foster integrity of heart, and its ministry model compassion. In the Spirit we plead:

All **Hear us, O God.**

Intercessor God of mercy, we pray for those whose decisions influence our lives and the lives of others, especially *Donald* our President, that they be empowered to value all people, both here and around the world, treating them with dignity and respect. In the Spirit we plead:

All **Hear us, O God.**

Intercessor God our King, you have planted us in a complex and often confusing world. Give us patience to live with each other, not judging our neighbors but trusting in your wisdom. In the Spirit we plead:

All **Hear us, O God.**

Intercessor God of compassion, 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 set free from their sorrow and heartache. In the Spirit we plead:

All **Hear us, O God.**

Intercessor God of love, be with those who are stressed and overburdened, the overworked and the unemployed, that they may hear our prayers for balanced lives, for physical, mental and spiritual health, for patience in times of trouble, and for direction in times of confusion. In the Spirit we plead:

All **Hear us, O God.**

Intercessor Eternal God, may the righteous shine like the sun in your kingdom. We trust that, even in the grave, you are with us. In hope, save the dying and the dead. In the Spirit we plead:

All **Hear us, O God.**

Intercessor As we pray for the special needs and concerns of our congregation, I now invite you to add your own petitions as you so desire (*pause*). In the Spirit we plead:

All **Hear us, O God.**

Intercessor Steadfast God, teach us your way and your truth. Root us in you alone, help us to grow in grace and love, that we may fulfill our role and our work in the reign of Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Officiant Let us say together A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

All **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 as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

Blessing

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant 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.

Ephesians 3:20, 21

All **Amen.**

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Ministries for Sunday, July 19

- Officiant – Jenny Fredrickson
- 1st reading – Nolan Heier
- 2nd reading – Marge Alff
- Intercessor – Susan Colao