



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!

Third Sunday After Pentecost

Morning Worship

June 21, 2020

Opening Sentence

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

Confession of Sin

Officiant 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.**

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 Psalm 100

All **Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Psalmist Let us say together Psalm 66

All **1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.**

**2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies
cringe before you.**

**3 All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name."**

- 4 Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.**
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him.**
- 6 In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against him.**
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;**
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.**
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.**
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.**
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.**
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;**

**17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

**18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.**

All **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.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Lector

A reading from Jeremiah

O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughing-stock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!'
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, 'I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name',
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
For I hear many whispering:
'Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!'
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
'Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him.'
But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonour
will never be forgotten.

O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.
Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

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

Officiant Let us say together Canticle F, A Song of Lamentation
Lamentations 1:12,16; 3:19,22-24,26

All **Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? ***
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,
Which was brought upon me, *
inflicted by God's fierce anger.
For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears, *
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage.
Remember my affliction and my bitterness, *
wormwood and gall!
The steadfast love of God never ceases, *
God's mercies never end.
They are new every morning; *
great is your faithfulness.
"God is my portion," says my soul, *
"therefore will I hope in God."
It is good that we should wait quietly *

**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

Luke 12:49-56

Lector A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:
father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

The Rev. Clarence Langdon

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 A

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;
All **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
All **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
All **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;
All **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;
All **Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
All **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
All **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect

Officiant O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

Officiant O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

Great is thy faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Great is thy faithfulness'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three verses provided. The first verse is 'Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,'. The second verse is 'Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,'. The third verse is 'Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,'.

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
 2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

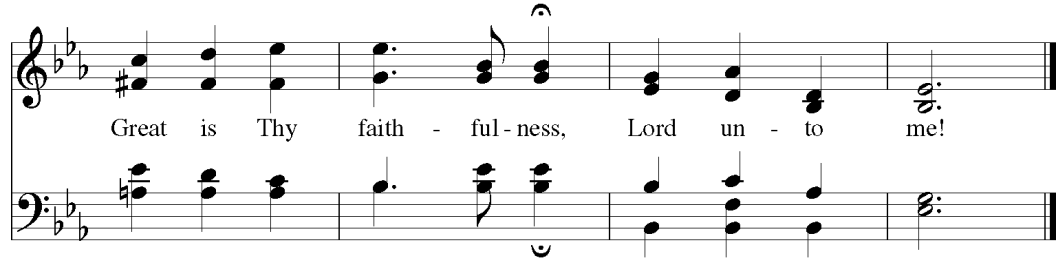
1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
 2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
 3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,



Prayers of the People

Intercessor We hope to see God's work in this world, answering God's call and not fighting against it. Let us pray with one voice, saying: God, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Help us to heed and not to harm the messenger of peace,
we pray to you, O God:

All **God, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Help us to bear and not to break the discipline to truth, we pray to you, O God:

All **God, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Help us to feel and never fear the love of Christ, we pray to you, O God:

All **God, hear our prayer**

Intercessor To those who must bear a message of peace, give a Christlike courage,
we pray to you, O God:

All **God, hear our prayer**

Intercessor To those who must teach the ways of truth, give a Christlike strength,
we pray to you, O God:

All **God, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor To those who must love when hatred rules, give a Christ like heart,
we pray to you, O God:

All **God, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Take away intolerance; take away lies; take away hatred,
we pray to you, O God:

All **God, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send us prophets; send us teachers; sons and daughters of your name,
we pray to you, O God:

All **God, hear our prayer.**

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.

Silence

O God, we have learned what to ask you through your Son, the peacemaker,
the teacher of truth, who loved without limit. It is you that he revealed.
We want to be like you in him, through whom we pray.

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.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the
power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

All **Amen.**

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