



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost:
September 23 & 24, 2023**



*Our Mission: **To know Christ and to make Christ known.***

*Our Vision: **To follow Christ's teaching in an atmosphere of love, joy, and healing.***

**Please respect the Sacred Silence
As you enter the Sanctuary**

All are welcome!

We are so glad you are here today to celebrate with us the day of the Lord!

Please respect those who seek time for quiet reflection before worship begins and while listening to the prelude. Our sanctuary is a sacred place for all to prepare for worship in meditation and prayer. We encourage you to socialize and greet others in the Gathering Hall (entrance hall) and in the Parish Hall.

Guests, friends, and family, please fill out a pew card and take the time to introduce yourself to us. We would like to know you! Let us know how the people of St Luke's can serve you and your family. Be sure to sign our guest book before you leave! Flyers about St. Luke's are available in the entry hall.

Holy Eucharist

September 23 & 24, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Cycle A

Prelude

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Gene Clark

Kay Houser, Organist

Announcements

Chimes

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn H-522, v.1-2 *Glorious things of Thee are spoken*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise (*spoken at 5:30pm & 8am, sung at 10 am*)

Glory to God S-280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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.***

The Collect of the Day

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

A reading from the Book of Exodus:

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole

congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

4 Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad of their going, because they were afraid of them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, so the river ran in the dry places.

42 For God remembered his holy word and Abraham his servant.

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.
Hallelujah!

The Epistle

Philippians 1:21-30

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of

suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn H-678, v.1

Surely it is God who saves me

The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew✠

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to

me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn H-678, v.2

Surely it is God who saves me

Homily

The Rev'd Richard Lassiter

Nicene Creed

All stand.

***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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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.***

***With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified.***

He 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.***

Prayers of the People: Form V

Prayer leader

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Jennifer, our Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers; in the Anglican Communion, for The Church Ireland and its Primates, The Most Rev'd John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh, and The Most Rev'd Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin; and in the Diocese of Arizona, for Emmause Church Plant in Surprise, and their vicar, The Rev'd Deb Tickell; and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety,

they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For Tizoc, Brandon, Paulie, Riley, Timothy, Margaret, Jerry, M.J., Len, Dick, Jeff, Carol, Vera, Emily, Jane, Steve, Jaclyn, Tom, Ana, Karen, Fred, Sherry, Tani, Bishop Michael, and John; [and _____]; and those we now name silently or aloud (pause), let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Casper, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all good gifts to your people, including the birthdays of Linda, Dave, Jim, Darlene, and Jerry; and for the anniversaries of Trent and Betsy, and David and Deanna; that we may be truly grateful and always acknowledge your goodness toward your people, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, (with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs), with St. Luke, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Celebrant: For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:

The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

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

***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 stands and says

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.

Amen.

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we

pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

The celebrant says:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Anthem: *Keep your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*
The Choir of St. Luke's

Presentation Hymn H-380 v.3 *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-129 (*spoken at 5:30pm & 8am, sung at 10 am*)

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with blessed St. Luke and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

***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.***

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

Eucharist Anthem

Mary Bowers, Soprano

Eucharist Hymn H-341, v.1-4 *For the Bread which you have broken*

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love

**and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. May the God of peace sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. And may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn H-660, v.1-4 *O Master let me walk with Thee*

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude *Voluntary in C Major* Henry Purcell