



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

September 27, 2020 17th Sunday After Pentecost
10:30 am Holy Eucharist

----- A Special **WELCOME** to our Visitors! -----

We are pleased to have you worship with us this morning and hope you feel warmly welcomed.

If you forgot your face covering, masks are provided on the sign-in table.

Please make sure to leave us your name and contact information for contact tracing purposes. The lists will be kept in the church office so we can notify you to isolate for 14 days should anyone in attendance test positive for Covid-19.

Please be sure to place your chair 6 feet away from anyone else.

Hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the worship space.

If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become a part of the
St. Jude's Church Community.

Worship: Daily at 8 am on Facebook Live and Zoom
& 10:30 am in-person outside on church grounds
Adult Formation: Sundays 9:30 am online

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The Gathering of the Community

Open Acclamation & Collect

Presider Blessed be God who has brought us to this day.
People **Blessed be the God of all our days.**
Presider Thanks be to Jesus who restores us to wholeness.
People **Thanks be to Jesus in whose death is our life.**
Presider Praise to the Spirit who calls us to service.
People **Praise to the Spirit who leads us in love.**
Presider 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.
All **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Priest God is with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Let us pray.
All O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever . **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading *Please be seated* _____ *Exodus 17:1-7*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your

hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm _____ *78:1-4, 12-16*

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
 and what our forefathers have told us, *
 we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
 the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
 and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
 in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
 he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
 and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
 and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
 and the waters gushed out like rivers.

The Second Reading _____ *Philippians 2:1-13*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you

look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

The Gospel Reading *Please stand* _____ *Matthew 21:23-32*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another,

“If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon *Please be seated* _____ The Rev. Judy Marinco

The Nicene Creed *Please 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 *Please stand or kneel* _____

Intercessor In turning to the ways of God our lives are saved from the grip of the Evil One, and the humility of love lightens our path. We offer our prayers, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Intercessor For the grace to move from grumbling to shared responsibility, from accusation to a search for truth, from humiliation and shame to God's compassion and mercy;
Silence.

People Let us pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor That we may bear witness to the wonderful works of God, so that our children and the generations to come may walk in the path of faith and announce the mystery of faith through their lives;
Silence.

People Let us pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor That we may bend the knee of our hearts to those who live in despair and great need, knowing that they are Christ to us, a gift of the Holy Spirit who fills us with compassion, and transforms the way we live;
Silence.

People Let us pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For those who work at night, staying awake while others sleep, guarding our streets, and healing the sick, that they may labor in safety and receive the rest that prepares them for another round;
Silence.

People Let us pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For our President, his advisors, the members of Congress and the Supreme Court, that they may be honest and vigilant in their duties, knowing that their decisions affect the peoples of our land, and of the nations of the world;
Silence.

People Let us pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For those who have died and now reside on another shore and in a greater light, that their faith may inspire our own, and their generosity encourage the way in which we use our gifts;
Silence.

People Let us pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister, Connie. We thank you for giving her to us, her family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before.
Silence

People Let us pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Connie's family in their grief. Surround them

with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come.

Silence

Let us pray.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Let us continue our prayers for all who live in the shadows of lie, and those who have commended themselves for our remembrance.
Please add your prayers of thanksgiving and intercession silently or aloud.

Priest God, you are a God of mercy, a God who does not deal with us according to our sins nor make your love contingent on our good behavior. Be merciful to your people everywhere, and hear our prayers for those who are in need. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Confession *Please stand or kneel* _____

Priest Let us confess our sins to God.

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.**

Absolution _____

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. **Amen.**

The Peace *Please stand* _____

In order to maintain the health and safety of all of our worship participants, the Peace will be touch-free.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Doxology

Priest All things come from thee, O Lord.
People **And of our own have we given thee.**

The Eucharistic Prayer *Please remain standing*

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Priest It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voice with all creation as we say:

Sanctus

All **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.**

Priest Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all peo-

ple. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Memorial Acclamation

Priest

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Priest

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Jude and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.

The Fraction

Priest Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
All Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Communion

In order to maintain best practices for safety protocols, the following instructions for receiving Holy Communion will be observed:

- *No one is obliged to receive. As the priest approaches you, if you would prefer not to receive, please place your arms across your shoulders indicating you would like to receive a blessing. The priest will not touch you, but will extend hands towards you and offer the blessing.*
- *Only wafers will be distributed. Gluten-free wafers are available. Simply ask to receive one. Anglican theologians have long held to the traditional teaching of the church that reception in one kind only (either bread only, or wine only) is a sufficient reception of the fullness of the sacrament; thus, wine will not be distributed.*
- *Communion will be brought to you in your seat so we avoid the need to walk on uneven ground.*
- *Once the priest is at least 6 feet away, please remove your mask and consume the wafer, and replace your mask.*

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.
People Loving God,

we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing _____

The Sending Out

Milestones & Announcements *Please be seated* _____

Sending Out _____

The Presider dismisses the congregation, after which the people respond:

Thanks be to God!

The worship is ended, the service begins...

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