



# St. Jude's Episcopal Church

*Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others*

June 13, 2021  
Third Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 am Communion Service

----- A Special WELCOME to all! -----

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.**

## *The Gathering of the Community*

### Open Acclamation & Collect \_\_\_\_\_

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

*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.**

### Gloria \_\_\_\_\_

*All* **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.

Collect of the Day \_\_\_\_\_

*Priest* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Let us pray.

*All* Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Proclamation of the Word*

The First Reading \_\_\_\_\_ *Ezekiel 17:22-24*

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.  
I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it  
    on a high and lofty mountain.  
On the mountain height of Israel  
    I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
    and become a noble cedar.  
Under it every kind of bird will live;  
    in the shade of its branches will nest  
    winged creatures of every kind.  
All the trees of the field shall know  
    that I am the Lord.  
I bring low the high tree,  
    I make high the low tree;  
I dry up the green tree  
    and make the dry tree flourish.  
I the Lord have spoken;  
    I will accomplish it.

*Reader*            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm** \_\_\_\_\_ *92:1-4, 11-14*

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, \*  
    and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
    and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
    and to the melody of the harp.

4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;

14 That they may show how upright the Lord is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

## **The Second Reading** \_\_\_\_\_ *2 Corinthians 5:6-10, [11-13], 14-17*

A Reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if

we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel Reading** \_\_\_\_\_ *Mark 3:26-34*

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

The Sermon \_\_\_\_\_ The Rev. Tracie Little

The Nicene Creed \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

*Intercessor*      Let us pray.

Gracious God, open our ears to hear your word.  
Open our hearts to receive it and transform us.  
Make your Church the fertile ground in which your  
love can grow.

*People*            **In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*      Give leaders everywhere a heart for their people and  
the commitment to the common good. Cultivate in  
each of us seeds of peace and justice.

*People*            **In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*      We pray for healing for those who suffer from any  
ailment, or isolation, or want. We pray for a  
peaceful end for those who will die today. And  
comfort for those who mourn. Sow in all of us seeds  
of compassion. Those for whom we pray today: ...

*People*            **In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Strengthen your image in our lives that we may reflect your goodness, your righteousness, your kingdom in all that we say or do.

*People* **In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest* ...

*All* **Amen.**

## Confession

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*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.**

## The Absolution

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

## The Peace

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*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## *The Celebration of the Eucharist*

## The Doxology

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

## The Eucharistic Prayer

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*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
*Presider* We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious  
God, source of life abundant.  
From before time you made ready the creation.  
Your Spirit moved over the deep  
and brought all things into being:  
sun, moon, and stars;  
earth, winds, and waters;  
and every living thing.  
  
You made us in your image,  
and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;  
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,  
you would not forget us.  
Time and again you called us  
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in  
the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,  
lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

## Sanctus

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*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.**

*Presider*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living  
God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death  
and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked  
with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she  
might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child  
of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the  
sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we  
were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the  
cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by  
you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Jude and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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

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*Presider*

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

**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

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*Presider*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People*

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

*Presider*

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

## Communion

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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 for Meditation with the Elements

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*If you are unable to receive communion at the drive-through Eucharist, in this time of meditation, remember your loss at not receiving the bread and wine, give thanks for all the other ways God is present with you and feeds you, and pray that you may be a part of how God feeds others.*

## Prayer after Communion \_\_\_\_\_

*Presider*

Let us pray.

*People*

God of abundance,  
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of  
salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people in  
heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the  
world and continue for ever in the risen life of  
Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## Blessing \_\_\_\_\_

*Presider*

May the quiet fire of God's love arise within you.  
May its flames of joy and peace enlighten your steps  
in this world,  
And may you be like the burning bush,  
The presence of God for each other,  
That holy healing light of love,  
The breath of God made manifest in you.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Be with you now and remain with you always.

*All*

**Amen.**

## *The Sending Out*

Milestones & Announcements \_\_\_\_\_ *Please be seated*

## Sending Out

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*The Deacon dismisses the congregation, after which the people respond:*

**Thanks be to God!**

We have enjoyed being with you in this in-person service! Please watch for e-mails and Facebook posts that will alert you to any changes in this pattern for worship.

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8 am - Morning Prayer on Facebook  
10:30 am - Communion Service in Church Parking Lot  
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