



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

March 5, 2023

The Second Sunday in Lent

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

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

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

Masks are STRONGLY recommended but not required. 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.

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.

Hymn # These hymns are located in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew.

WLP # These hymns are located in the green hymnal books located near the library entrance to the church.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude _____ Come with Us, O Blessed Lord, Wood

Opening Hymn #401 Please stand & join in singing _____ The God of Abraham praise

A Penitential Order _____

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Decalogue Please stand or kneel _____

Presider Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider Honor your father and your mother.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not commit murder.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not commit adultery.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not steal.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not be a false witness.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

Confession of Sin *Please stand or kneel* _____

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

People **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.**

Absolution _____

Presider 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

All eternal life.
Amen.

Trisagion

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Hol - ly Im - mor - tal One,
Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

S 100-Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray together.
All **O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading *Please be seated* _____ *Genesis 12:1-4a*

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm _____ *Psalm 121*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
 from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
 the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
 and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
 shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
 the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
 nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
 it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Second Reading _____ *Romans 4:1-5 13-17*

Reader A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

Sequence Hymn #691 *Please join in singing* _____ *My faith looks up to thee*

The Gospel Reading *Please stand* _____ *John 3:1-17*

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

The Sermon *Please be seated* _____ The Rev. Paul Brunell

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 Let us pray.

Behold, children of God, it is the Lord who watched over you. As people sent forth into the world, let us pray, saying, “Lord, bless us, **so that we may bless others.**”

Lord, preserve your Church from all evil. May we, who have been born of water and the Spirit, proclaim the kingdom of God in all the world.

Please add your own thanksgivings.

Silence.

People Lord, bless us,
So that we may bless others.

Intercessor O God, may the leaders of the nations ever seek the truth. Open their hearts to true conversion and divine guidance.

Silence

People Lord, bless us,
So that we may bless others.

Intercessor Maker of heaven and earth, you have blessed us with a wondrous and dynamic creation. Protect us from its rage; comfort us by its tranquility. Give us eyes to see your handiwork in the world around us.

Silence

People Lord, bless us,
So that we may bless others.

Intercessor Lord, your eyes never close on your people. We thank you for your mindfulness of us and our community. Be our help and our safety.
Silence

People Lord, bless us,
So that we may bless others.

Intercessor You did not send your Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world may see and experience your salvation. Bring wholeness to those who look to your Son for their help.
Please add your own petitions.
Silence

People Lord, bless us,
So that we may bless others.

Intercessor O God, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist, keep the dying and the dead from this time forth and for evermore. Give eternal life to all those who trust in you.
Silence

People Lord, bless us,
So that we may bless others.

Intercessor Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Jude's Episcopal Church. Be with us and lead us as we seek a priest for our church.
We ask your direction and guidance for those who shall choose our new spiritual leader that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.
Grant us perception, faithfulness, and joy, so that we may hear your

voice in all our deliberations. Grant us also the desire and the ability to truly hear each other and those who have entrusted us with this process. Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us.

We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presider God of Abraham and Sarah, the great I AM, we give you thanks for the signs of your radiant presence in the faith of our forebears. Bless us with awe to receive their testimony. Transfigure us by the gift of faith for our life's journey, until we behold face to face your glorious beauty, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *Please stand* _____

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

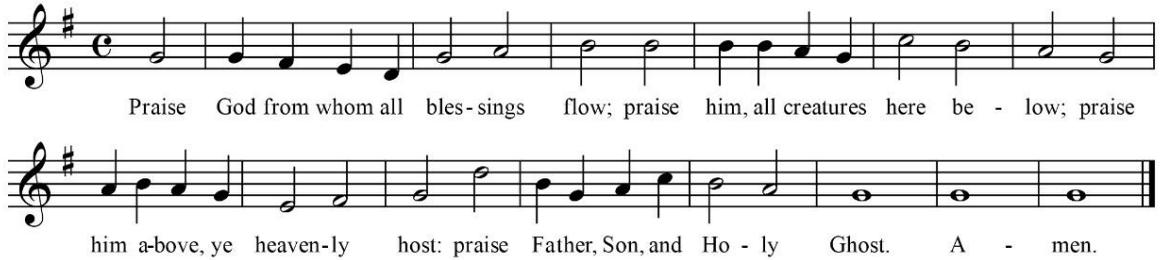
Presider Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalms 50:14*

If you wish to give online, point your phone's camera at the QR code to the right and tap the webpage that pops up. It will take you to the St. Jude's online giving form!



Offertory Anthem _____ *God So Loved the World, Stainer*

The Doxology *Please stand* _____



Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise
him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - - men.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

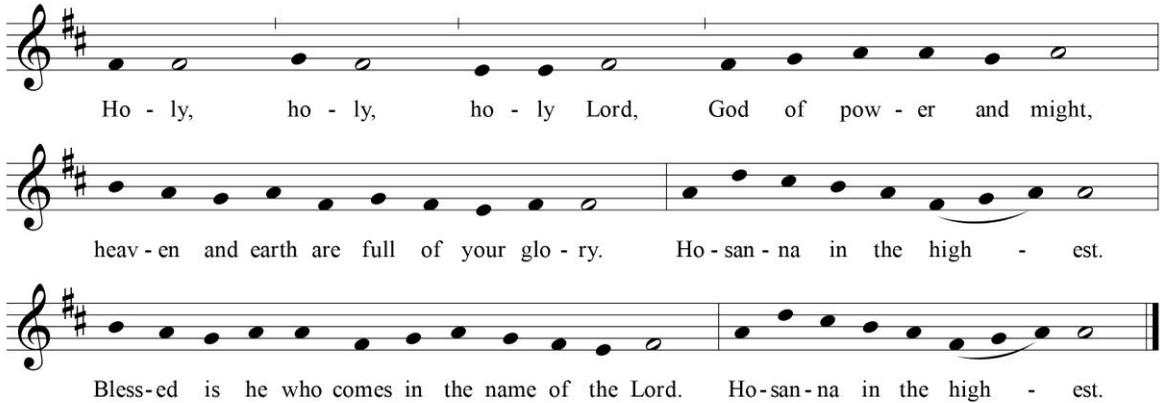
The Eucharistic Prayer *Please remain standing* _____

- 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 him thanks and praise.**
Priest 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; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

S 124-Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Priest

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Priest
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

All
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

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

All

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 Fraction

First Cantor, then all

1. 2.

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord. My Lord.

Those who eat my flesh and drink by blood dwell in me, and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

S 169-Setting: Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

Priest

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.

Communion *Please be seated*

We are now distributing Communion in both kinds: bread and wine.

If you wish to drink wine, please drink from the cup only. Do not intinct (dip your bread) in the wine.

No one is obliged to receive. If you would prefer not to receive communion, 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.

If you wish to receive bread only, please take the bread and walk back to your seat or, if you wish to remain at the rail, place your arms across your shoulders when the Lay Eucharistic Minister comes by with the cup to indicate your preference.

Communion Music _____

Prayer after Communion *Please stand* _____

Priest

Let us pray.

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 _____

Priest

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Sending Out of LEV's _____

Priest or Deacon gives LEV the Visitation Kit,

Priest

Let us all pray together:

People

In the name of this congregation, we send you out bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

The Sending Out

Milestones & Announcements *Please be seated* _____

Sending Out Hymn #473 *Please join in singing* _____ *Lift high the cross*

Sending Out _____

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

Thanks be to God!

Postlude _____ *Improvisation on “Lift High the Cross”, Manz*

Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, March 12 is Daylight Savings Time. Please make sure you “spring ahead” one hour at midnight on Saturday to ensure you are not the only one at the church super early that Sunday morning. 😊

Nursery

The nursery downstairs is now open each Sunday for parents who would like to take their children downstairs during the service. We have wifi in our downstairs so you can stream the service from Facebook on your phone or tablet if you wish.

Lenten Adult Study

This year we will be watching the movie *Chocolat*. The story is about a woman and her daughter who move into a small French Village and open a chocolate shop across from the Catholic Church during Lent. We will watch about 1/5 of the movie (25 minutes) each week and then have discussion time. No prework necessary, but please encourage others to attend. We will start on Sunday, February 26th and run through March 26th.

Spring Break School Lunch Program

On Saturday, March 25, we will be distributing food to families who need the assistance in the Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden school districts to help cover meals during their kids school break. We need volunteers who are willing to help pack meals on Wednesday,

March 22 and many volunteers to help with the distribution itself here at St. Jude's on the 25th. There is a sign up for different jobs on the Outreach board in Vandenberg Hall. Please consider signing up to help with this wonderful outreach opportunity for our community!

In the past, we have done a cereal drive, but this year, the food bank has plenty of cereal that we can buy for much cheaper than at the stores. **So please do NOT bring in cereal this year!** What they don't have but we need is pancake mix (the kind that you just have to add water). **So please bring in (add water only) pancake mix now through Sunday, March 19!**

Online Morning Prayer

After three years of providing a weekly Online Morning Prayer Service, our team has decided to take a break. We wish to thank all of you have faithfully prayed with us on Wednesday mornings. **Our last service took place on Wednesday March 1, 2023 at 8 am with The Revs. Judy and Mike Marinco.**

Other Episcopal churches in our Diocese offer daily online services if you wish to continue to “attend” and pray with other online communities:

Christ Church, Owosso offers daily online Morning Prayer services led by the Rev. Paul Brunell at 9 am: <https://www.facebook.com/ChristEpiscopalOwosso>

St. Dunstan's, Davison offers daily online Evening Compline services at 9 pm: <https://www.facebook.com/StDunstansDavison>

Good Friday Vigil

We will be offering a time of vigil again this year from 9 p.m. on Maundy Thursday until noon on Good Friday. There will be a sign up online for those who choose to participate online and on the bulletin board in Vandenberg Hall on Sundays. The link is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084daeac23a0fe3-at-home#/>

Prayer List

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Prince, our Bishop Provisional; Judy, our Deacon; for the Search Committee and Vestry.

For Al; Bill; Laura; Rita; Kathy & Tom; Todd; Diane; Sue; Barbara & Joe; Cindy; Cathy; Molly; Sue; Linda; Marcia; Gabe; Kathy; Rose; Joan; Rex & Judi; Jim; Jim; Sharon; June; Barbara & Ed; Carl; Sydne; Becky; Laura; Mike; Mary Lou; Randy; Jack; Sherry; Kathy & Tom; Pam; Marsha; Leonard; Ellen; Glenn; Jim; Patti; and Brad.

SERVING TODAY

LEM(s): Dee Grossmann
Reader/Prayers: Dave & Denise Rayner
Ushers: Charlie Johnston & ???
Altar Guild: Dee Grossmann & Lisa Cronk
Vestry P. of Day: Paul Dolza
Coffee Hour: Bill & Theresa Anderson

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Amy Freeman
3/6 Monday Counter: Nancy Day
3/7 Tues. Office Volunteer: Nancy Day
3/9 Thus. Office Volunteer: Lynne Ronthi

Serving Next Week, March 12 Morning Prayer Service

Leaders: Dave & Denise Rayner
Reader/Prayers: Katie Young
Ushers: Lisa & Kelly Cronk
Altar Guild: Terri Huthcins & Francine Johnston
Vestry P. of Day: Bill Anderson
Coffee Hour: Amy Freeman

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Dee Grossmann
3/13 Monday Counter: Diane Putnam
3/14 Tues. Office Volunteer: ???
3/16 Thus. Office Volunteer: Nancy Day

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