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NORTH PARK



A SERVICE OF WORD, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER

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Proper 10

PRELUDE (Swahili) “Sifu Bwana,” St. Luke’s Musicians: Matrída Taleshiwe, Donny Kleinhen, Suzy Laku, Apalasi Mwenebatu, Martin Japtok

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Revs. Colin and Laurel Mathewson (Co-vicars, St. Luke’s)
and The Rev. Brenda Sol (Rector, St. Andrew’s)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Rev. Brenda Sol: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE “Ameniona,” St. Luke’s Musicians

THE COLLECT

The Rev. Brenda Sol: Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from Isaiah 55:10-13 (*Led by the Hamel family, St. Andrew’s*)

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,

and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE *Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-14 (Prayed responsively by half verse)*

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
**they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.**
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
**O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.**
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
**the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.**

- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

A POEM "Crowned with Keys," by Yaar Kwai

GRADUAL SONG "Lord, Make us Servants of Your Peace" (St. Andrew's)

Lord, make us servants of your peace:
where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive;
where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
where all is night, may we sow light;
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts,
but look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return,
but seek to love unselfishly,
for in our giving we receive,
and in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live, and are reborn
through death's dark night to endless day:
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
to wake at last in heaven's light.

THE GOSPEL

The Rev. Colin Mathewson: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (13:1-9,18-23):

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

SERMON The Rev. Laurel Mathewson

THE NICENE CREED

Led by Colin and Laurel Mathewson

**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

St. Luke's Lay Leader Robin Withers

God of mercy and healing, you who hear the cries of those in need, receive these petitions of your people that all who are troubled may know peace, comfort, and courage.

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 Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Susan our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, 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, especially our president Donald, our Governor Gavin, our mayors, and public health leaders in this time of pandemic and public reckoning with racist violence: 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, especially those workers who are unable to stay at home and who are at increased risk through their labors, 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 our two congregations (for those who are present, and for those who are absent from this online gathering), 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 all who have died in the communion of your Church, 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.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, Andrew, 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

The Rev. Brenda Sol: Ancient Gardener, your holy word is planted in our hearts as good seed in fertile soil. So nurture us that we may bear fruit abundantly. Heal our lives, that we may acknowledge your wonderful deeds and offer you thanks from generation to generation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

The Rev. Brenda Sol:

The peace of the Lord be always with you

People:

And also with you.

We invite you to offer peace to those in your household, AND to take a moment to send a text message to someone in your life who doesn't live in your house who might be strengthened by an offering of God's peace.

THE OFFERING

Colin: Many of you are already or will soon be struggling financially -- please let us know how we can help you through this difficult time. Others may have more to give to the church now. If you'd like to give to St Luke's online, please [click here](#). If you'd like to give to St. Andrew's online, please [click here](#). We thank God for every one of you and strive to remain as connected and as mutually supportive as possible during this time when we cannot physically be together.

OFFERTORY SONG

"God of Grace, God of Glory" (St. Andrew's)

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient Church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise:
grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;

let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore.

COMMUNITY AND PASTORAL PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Explanation of Eucharist and spiritual communion while apart from the elements: Each time we pray the great thanksgiving, we bring and offer our gratitude for the saving acts of God in history, especially Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. We are reminded that Jesus promises to nourish us and commune with us in more ways than the Holy Communion, and so we meditate on the gift of Jesus' life and continued presence to us, asking for the graces of communion with God even when we are not physically able to receive.

At the end of the eucharistic prayer, you are invited to gaze upon the elements of communion and remember Christ's presence to us now, in our very lives and bodies, as real and as close as the blessed bread and wine. Offer to God, in the silence, a prayer that you might receive more and more of Christ's strengthening and peace-filled presence in your life. Jesus promises to be with us always, even to the end of the age: the gift of communion is one way we receive Jesus, but not the only way.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Form 1

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

Gracious God, we give you thanks and praise for the gifts of creation: the sun, stars, moon, plants, animals, and our very lives. We offer our praise for the ways in which you have continually sought to draw near to this vast and complex creation, revealing yourself to us and offering means by which we might know and love you more fully: for the calling of Israel to be a light unto all the nations, for your word spoken through the prophets, and above all through the revelation offered through the incarnation of Christ Jesus, your Son, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

In this time of pandemic when we are not able to physically gather together, we still raise our hearts in gratitude, wherever we are, for the glorious resurrection of Christ, by which we are reconciled to you and receive a new depth of hope, assured of your bountiful forgiveness and ultimate victory over death's grasp.

And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and earth (heaven and earth) are full of your glory.

Hosanna! In the Highest. Hosanna! In the Highest.

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

Hosanna! In the Highest. Hosanna! In the highest.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Father, we now celebrate the memorial of your Son. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again.

Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise.

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 forever. AMEN.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER, SUNG (Swahili) St Lukes Musicians

Baba yetu uliye mbinguni,

Jina lako litukuzwe,

Ufalme wako uje,

Mapenzi yako yatimizwe,

hapa duniani kama huko mbinguni.

Utupe leo riziki yetu.

**Utusamehe makosa yetu,
kama sisi tunavyowasamehe
waliotukosea.
Na usitutie majaribuni,
lakini utuokoe na yule mwovu.
Kwa kuwa ufalme ni wako,
na nguvu, na utukufu, hata milele.
Amin.**

*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

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*The body of Christ, the bread of heaven, broken for you.
The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation, poured out for you.*

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At this time, you are invited to gaze upon the elements of communion and remember Christ's presence to us now, in our very lives and bodies, as real and as close as the blessed bread and wine. Offer to God, in the silence, a prayer that you might receive more and more of Christ's strengthening and peace-filled presence in your life. Jesus promises to be with us always, even to the end of the age: the gift of communion is one way we receive Jesus, but not the only way. Allow the bread and wine to be signs of Christ's gracious gift of forgiveness, and presence to us in our earthly lives.

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After a moment of silence, the following prayer is said:

Prayer for Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

**Jesus, I believe that you are truly present
in the Sacrament of the Word and Altar.
I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

COMMUNION SONG “Amazing Grace” (St. Andrew’s)

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
’tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
than when we’d first begun.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CLOSING SONG St. Luke's Musicians

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DIOCESAN CLERGY STATEMENT ON THE TWIN PANDEMICS OF RACISM AND COVID-19

As part of the Jesus Movement and the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, we pledge to love our neighbors and protect the most vulnerable among us, remembering our baptismal vows to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." We live these pledges out by actively engaging in dismantling racism. For many of us, this will mean learning more about our racial identity, listening to those who have experienced racial prejudice, speaking out against racism, and showing up alongside those in our community working to change unjust systems in our society. We also live out this pledge at worship during this pandemic, by wearing face-coverings, respecting distancing guidelines, foregoing the common cup and refraining from congregational singing.