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*Saint Jude's is a spiritual oasis where lives are transformed.*



*In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge. Psalm 31:1*

**May 14, 2017**

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

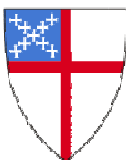
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 8:00 am

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# Welcome

Welcome to our visitors. Please sign the guest register near the front entrance so we can get to know you better. There is childcare for your children kindergarten and younger.

**The flowers today are given to the glory of God by:**

*Ned & Sherry Snow, in memory of Joy Witt & Estelle Snow.*

*Chelsey & Adam Souza, in honor of Mary Souza, "you are amazing!"*

Please keep the following people in your prayers. Do you need prayers? Email: [prayers@saintjudes.org](mailto:prayers@saintjudes.org)

For those who have died and the ones who loved them: Lee Mason (Andy Mason's sister, Sharon's sister-in-law)

**Those serving today:**

*Clergy: Bruce Bramlett ([bruce@saintjudes.org](mailto:bruce@saintjudes.org)), Canon Jesus Reyes of the Diocese of El Camino Real*

*Greeters: Susan & Bryan Lanser*

*Altar Guild: Susan Davenport & Scott Siebers*

*Readers: Bet Messmer, Kathy Yates*

*Chalice Bearers: Kathy Yates, Noriko Kunimi*

*Coffee Hosts: Will & Connie Lawrence*

*Eucharistic Visitors: Frank & Diane Snow, Gordon Mullin*

*Communion Bread Baker: Dan Putler*

Our liturgy at St Jude's is taken from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer and the Enriching our Worship series, authorized for use in our diocese by Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves. The prayer of meditation found on the inside cover, prayers of the people and the blessing are drawn from these and other sources, including the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer, Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, edited by Kimberley Bracken Long, and Worship for All Seasons, edited by Thomas Harding.

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◆ *Those who are able shall stand.*

**Boldface type indicates responses by the people.**



Welcome & Announcements

Bruce Bramlett

Processional Hymn: "O Love of God"

**Hymnal 455**

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

◆ Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

◆ 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.**

◆ Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

*After the lesson the reader says:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5,15-16

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; \* deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \* make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; \* for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \* for you are my tower of strength.

- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \* for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \* rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \* and in your loving-kindness save me.”

Minister: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

◆The Gospel: John 14:1-14

Jesus told his disciples, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Minister: The Gospel of the Savior.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Jesus Reyes

*(Silence is observed after the sermon for meditation or reflection)*

◆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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Let us pray: Gracious God, thank you for filling us with your Spirit and leading us in life-giving ways.

We pray for those people and places in need of protection, comfort, and renewal; for those who are alone, sick, hungry, thirsty, or in physical or emotional pain; for those struggling with cancer, other illnesses, and disabilities; for all caregivers; and for ... and those we now name... we pray, **may your loving-kindness save us all.**

We also pray for the dying, for those who have already passed into your peaceful embrace, and for all who mourn for them, including ... and those we now name... we pray, **may your loving-kindness save us all.**

On this Mother's Day we give thanks to God for the divine gifts of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hope to have children has been disappointed; for all mothers who have lost children; for all men and women who have been a mothering and nurturing presence to others in any way -- those who have been our substitute mothers and those who have done so for those in need.

And we give thanks for the good in the world and the small things that brighten our day, for smiles and laughter, and those who work to give others joy, including Jesus and other Diocesan staff and for...and those we now name... we pray, **may your loving-kindness save us all.**

Receive these prayers, O God, **and transform us by your spirit that our lives may shine your gracious presence to those around us. Amen.**

◆The Peace *(Please stand and offer the Peace to those nearby.)*

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

Blessing for Celebrations *(sit or kneel as you are able)*

**Loving Creator, You are the source of life and the source of love. We thank you for all who celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and special events today. Watch over them as their days increase, bless and guide them wherever they may be. May your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives, and may your love for the world shine through them and the deep relationships they cherish, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Prayer for Healing *(kneel as you are able)*

*Those who are unable to get to the altar rail are invited to stand in their places, and others around them are invited to lay hands on them during the prayer.*

**O God, the source of all health: So fill our hearts with faith in your love, that with calm expectancy we may make room for your power to possess us, and gracefully accept your healing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

◆Offertory & Presentation

*(Please stand as the usher presents the gifts at the altar)*

## ◆ The Holy Communion

Celebrant: 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 our thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our fathers and mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebekah, Leah Rachel and Hagar; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in Christ's name. **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Holy God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

◆The Contemporary Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ taught us, we pray in the language or version of our choice:

**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.**

Lord's Prayer in Chinese

我們在天上之父，願人都尊父的名為聖，願父的國降臨，願父的旨意行在地，如同在天。我們日用的飲食，求父今日賜給我們。又求饒恕我們的罪，如我們饒恕得罪我們的人。不叫我們遇見試探；拯救我們脫離凶惡。因為國度、權柄、榮耀，全是父的，從現在至到永遠。阿們。

Lord's Prayer in French

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, Que ton nom soit sanctifié, Que ton règne vienne, Que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour. Pardonne-nous nos offenses Comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés. Et ne nous soumetts pas à la tentation, mais délivre-nous du mal, car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, aux siècles des siècles. Amen.

Lord's Prayer in Japanese

天にいられます私たちの父よ。み名があがめられますように。み国が来ますように。み心が天で行われるように、地でも行われますように。私たちの日ごとの糧を今日もお与えください。私たちの負い目をお赦してください。私たちも、私たちに負い目のある人たちを赦しました。私たちを試みに会わせないで、悪からお救いください。国と力と栄えは、とこしえに あなたのものだからです。アーメン

◆The Breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table to receive Communion of bread and wine, or to receive a blessing. If you do not wish to receive the wine, or only want to receive a blessing, cross your arms in front of your chest when the priest comes to you. Gluten-free wafers are available, please ask the priest.*

◆Sending of Eucharistic Visitors (*please stand as you are able*)

In the name of Christ and this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts to those who cannot be with us today: (*names*) .....Let them know that they are in our prayers and that this is holy food for holy people.

**People: We who are many are one Body because we share one bread, one cup.**

◆Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**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

May the God who shakes heaven and earth, whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us, bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the gospel! **Amen. Alleluia!**

◆Hymn "*Jesus I have Promised*"

**Hymnal 655**

The Dismissal

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**