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Rogation Sunday

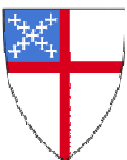
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 8:00 am

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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:

The Erickson family, in loving memory of Lillian & Ralph Ives.

Pattie & Scott Rotondo, in celebration of their anniversary.

Please keep the following people in your prayers. Do you need prayers? Email: prayers@saintjudes.org

Prayer of Meditation

Creator God, Jesus teaches us through the beauty and abundance of creation to put our trust in you for all things. We ask you now to bless our fields and gardens our hills and streams our rivers, lakes, reservoirs and seas that in all these things we might glimpse a reflection of your glory and your gracious love for each one of us. Bless, O Lord, the houses and farms and all the homes in this place. Give us good health, purity of spirit, strength and humility, hospitality, a spirit of forgiveness and firm knowledge of our need to seek you in all things. We pray in the name of Jesus, creative Word of God. Amen.

Those serving today:

Clergy: Wilma Jakobsen (wilma@saintjudes.org), Sarah Lapenta-H (sarah@saintjudes.org), Bruce Bramlett (bruce@saintjudes.org)

Greeters: Judy & Doug Bailey

Altar Guild: Kathy Yates

Readers: Carolyn Bowker, Peter Troop, Mary Stiles

Chalice Bearers: Carolyn Bowker, Peter Troop

Coffee Hosts: Bet Messmer

Eucharistic Visitors: Frank & Diane Snow, Susan Isetorp

Communion Bread Baker: Kathy Yates

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.

Collect for Purity

(You are invited to pray this silently before the service begins.)

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.



Welcome & Announcements

Wilma Jakobsen

Processional Hymn: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Descant
All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,
Refrain
All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.
1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
Repeat Refrain
he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815); tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878), alt.
Music: Wir Pflügen, Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747-1800)

The Liturgy of the Word

◆ Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord, O my soul, for the heavens tell of Your glory;

People: and the firmament proclaim Your handiwork. You are very great!

◆Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God, you never cease the work you have begun and prosper with your blessing all human labour: make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts that we may serve the common good, maintain the fabric of our world and seek that justice where all may share the good things you pour upon us.

Amen.

The Lesson: Genesis 2:4b-9,15-25

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermonette

Sarah Lapenta-H

◆Blessing of our orchard

Giver of life, we give you thanks that in the richness of the soil, nature awakens your call to spring. We praise you for the smell of freshly tilled earth, the beauty of a cleanly cut furrow, the abundant fruits of our trees, and for all those who voluntarily and graciously care for this orchard. Help us all to be good stewards of this land that it may continue to bless newcomers and neighbors. In the name of the one who gives us new life, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Psalm 104:1-2, 14-17, 24-30

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; * O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness! you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
- 2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak * and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- 14 You make grass grow for flocks and herds * and plants to serve mankind;
- 15 That they may bring forth food from the earth, * and wine to gladden our hearts,
- 16 Oil to make a cheerful countenance, * and bread to strengthen the heart.
- 17 The trees of the Lord are full of sap, * the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,
- 24 Man goes forth to his work * and to his labor until the evening.
- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, * which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you * to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; * you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; * you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

Sermonette

Wilma Jakobsen

◆Blessing of the Coulter Pine tree and the renovated courtyard (written by Barbara Simmons)

Sheltering God, we thank you for our time with our beloved Coulter Pine, for the many years of roots that delved deep into the earth of our church campus, for the canopy whose branches provided densely needled shade that sent us gentle cover, for the massive trunk, reminding us of a strength that supported the whole tree, reminding us of the strength You provide us for our journey. Nourished by the pine tree's presence, we mourn her passing, and celebrate the reminder she leaves of longevity: in her pine cones, in her wood which we will continue to use, in the spaciousness of land upon which she stood. Now, as we plan for our courtyard and new playground, we remember our pine tree - remember God's plan for us -- with our branches reaching for heaven and our roots finding meaning for good on earth. May the planning team for this renewed space envision the message of our pine tree, with your guidance that these blessings may continue. Amen.

Minister: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

◆The Gospel: John 4:1-15

When Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John”—although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized—he left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

Minister: The Gospel of the Savior.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermonette

Sarah Lapenta-H

◆Blessing of water

Sustaining God, who covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, and makes grass grow on the hills, we give you thanks for an end to our drought, for the smell of the earth after rain, for water's welcome cooling and necessary hydration for the land. We pray that rain will come as often as it is needed, so that our gardens and beautiful landscapes may flourish. And we pray that our gardeners and their work may continue to overflow with goodness. Amen.

◆Prayers of the People

Eternal God, we praise you for your mothering care in creating a universe that proclaims your glory. Fill us with awe and a sense of connectedness. Guide us in strengthening our relationships with you and all of creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

We thank you for the beauty and resources of the earth, living creatures of every kind, for the diversity of land and sea. Give us the will to cherish this planet and honor the delicate balance of nature. Help us use its riches for the good and welfare of all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

We thank you for the vastness of the universe and the mysteries of space. We pray for all who extend the boundaries of our knowledge. As we contemplate the wonders of creation, remind us that we are known and loved by you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

We also offer up in prayer those people and things that give joy to, or burden, our hearts, including... and those we now name... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

God our creator, **you have filled the world with goodness; open our eyes to behold your gracious hand all around us; that rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with hope and gladness; in Jesus' name. 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.**

(We are trying a new order of special prayers, in hopes of consistently including children for blessings at 10:30 am.)

Prayer for Healing *(sit or 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.

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.

◆Offertory and 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, whose love knows no limit, when you spoke your Word into darkness, sun, moon and stars shone forth, seas teemed with life and the play of Leviathan. Mountains rose, earth sprouted grass and trees; Lambs jumped, birds soared, wolves howled and people joined in singing creation's hymn as now we praise and bless you:

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.

Blessed are you, holy God, for Jesus the Christ who healed the sick, spoke truth to power, loved the unloved, and promised the coming of your new community. The night before he died when Jesus was at supper with his friends, he took bread and gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, saying: "Take, eat: This is my Body given for you. Do this to remember me."

When supper was ended, Jesus took a cup of wine, thanked you, and gave it to his friends saying: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me." Life-giving God we ask you now to bless these our gifts of bread and wine and make them holy. Fill us with the joy of the Holy Spirit as we receive this bread and wine and then send us out in peace to share your love with 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 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 soumets 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 "Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises"

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es! All our
 Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness! Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
 bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

Fine

prai - ses! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!
 ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.

Christ the Lord to us said: "I am wine, I am bread, I am
 Je - sus says to us still: "All who do the Lord's will, all who

wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger!"
 do the Lord's will are my sis - ters and my bro - thers." **D.C.**

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!