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October 1, 2017

The Feast of St. Francis

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 8:00 am

St. Jude the Apostle Episcopal Church

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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, preschoolers and younger.

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

Marilee Dunn, in memory of her wedding at St. Jude's.

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

Those serving today:

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

Altar Guild: Bet Messmer, Jill Batterson

Readers: Mary Stiles, Barbara Simmons, Kathy Yates

Chalice Bearers: Barbara Simmons, Kathy Yates, Carolyn Bowker

Coffee Hosts: Bob & Opal Hebson

Eucharistic Visitors: Frank & Diane Snow

Communion Bread Baker: Marcia Landis

Prayer of Meditation

Holy God, you reach out in love through Jesus Christ to save us so that we may live as faithful servants of you alone. Unchain us from our desire for wealth and power so that we may, in turn, release others from the prisons of poverty, hunger, and oppression. Amen

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 C, edited by Kimberley Bracken Long, and Worship for All Seasons, edited by Thomas Harding.

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◆ Indicates those who are able are invited to stand. **Boldface type indicates responses by the people.**



Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Sarah Lapenta-H

◆ **The Liturgy of the Word**

◆ Hymn: "All Creatures of our God and King"

verses 1,4 ,7

1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the

1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain
O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

◆ Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Together;

People: **We welcome God the Creator.
We greet God the Redeemer in each other.
We bless God the Sanctifier.**

◆ 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 for St. Francis

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce the vanities of this world that, following the way of blessed St. Francis, we may delight in your whole creation with perfect joy. **Amen.**

Reading: From *The Life of St. Francis* by St. Bonaventure

When Francis considered the primordial source of all things, he was filled with even more abundant piety, calling creatures no matter how small by the name of brother or sister, because he knew they had the same source as himself....

Once when he was walking with a friar through the marshes of Venice, he came upon a large flock of birds singing among the reeds. When he saw them, he said to his companion: "Our sisters the birds are praising their Creator; so we should go in among them and chant the Lord's praises and the canonical hours." When they had entered among them, the birds did not move from the place; and on account of the noise the birds were making, they could not hear each other saying the hours. The saint turned to the birds and said: "Sister birds, stop singing until we have done our duty of praising God!" At once they were silent and remained in silence as long as it took the friars to say the hours at length and to finish their praises. Then the holy man of God gave them permission to sing again. When the man of God gave them permission, they immediately resumed singing in their usual way...

...It happened once that a poor man met him on his return from Siena, when because of an illness he was wearing a short mantle over his habit. When his kind eye observed the man's misery, he said to his companion: "We should return this mantle to this poor man because it is his. For we got it on loan until we should find someone poorer than ourselves." But his companion, considering the need of his devoted father, obstinately refused, lest Francis provide for another by neglecting himself. But Francis said, "I believe that the great Almsgiver will charge me with theft if I do not give what I have to one who needs it more." Therefore concerning all that was given him to relieve the needs of his body, he was accustomed to ask the permission of the donors to give it away if he should meet someone in greater need. He spared nothing at all, neither mantles, tunics nor books; not even decorations from the altar—all these he gave to the poor when he could, in order to fulfill his obligation of piety.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

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◆ The Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I thank you, Abba God, Creator of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by God; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Minister: The Gospel of the Savior.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Sarah Lapenta-H

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

◆Prayers of the People

Creating God, we give thanks for the diverse gifts in creation so freely given to us and for a world filled with wonder and surprises, including the sounds and sights that greet us as we gather this morning, that which we could not imagine for ourselves, life we cannot see without the aid of microscopes, and all that we can only see in pictures from remote regions of this planet earth. Creator God, **We are so blessed!**

Grant that we may so conduct ourselves that the habitats which your creatures need in order to live may be protected and sustained, not in the least that we may continue to be blessed by creation as our source of food, water, recreation, and companionship. Creator God, **may we be mindful and respect your diverse creation.**

Grant that we may treat all animals with decency, including caring for their needs, not abandoning them, and setting aside our excuses of business or fatigue to tend our relationship with creation. We also remember our human family and those in need this morning, including ... and those we name... Creator God, **may we be mindful and respect your diverse creation.**

We remember today especially those animals who have enriched our lives and are no longer with us physically or have died, including those we now name. . . We also remember our human family and those who have died, including ... and those we name... Creator God, **may we be mindful and respect your diverse creation.**

And we remember those animals that live among and bless us this day, as well as the many blessings in our lives, including ... and those we name now ... Creator God, **may we be mindful and respect your diverse creation. 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.**

Prayer for Healing

You are invited to stand in place, and others around you are invited to lay hands on you 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.

Prayer for Celebrations: *please come forward next week for a Special Blessing.*

1 Peter 4:10: Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1. How have you experienced God's grace at St Jude's?

- Travel back in time and reflect upon where you were and what you were doing at the time you joined St Jude's. How did you experience grace then?
- Since then, how have you experienced God's grace through others at St Jude's?
- How have you experienced grace at St Jude's in spiritual or mystical ways?

◆ The Holy Communion

◆ Offertory and Presentation *(Please stand as the gifts are brought forward.)*

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 God 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 has 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 Tagalog

Ama namin, sumasalangit Ka Samabahin ang ngalan Mo Mapasaamin ang kaharian Mo Sundin ang loob Mo Dito sa lupa , para nang sa langit. Bigyan Mo kami ngayon ng aming kakanin sa araw araw At patawarin Mo kami sa aming mga sala, Para nang pagpapatawad naming Sa mga nagkakakasala sa amin. At huwag Mo kaming ipahintulot sa tukso, At iadya Mo kami sa lahat ng masama Sapagkat Iyo ang kaharian, at kapangyarihan, At ang kadakilaan, magpakailanman. 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 Spanish

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venganos tu Reino. Hágase tu voluntad, como en el cielo, así también en la tierra. El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy. Perdónanos nuestras deudas, como también nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. No nos metas en tentación, sino libranos del mal, porque tuyo es el Reino, el poder y la gloria, por siempre. Amén

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We are one bread, one body.

People: We will love one another as Christ loves us.

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

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

attributed to St. Francis

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships so that you may live deep within your heart. May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace. May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain to joy And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done. In the name of God, Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker. **Amen.**

◆Hymn: "*Amen, Amen, Amen*"

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The Dismissal

Minister: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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