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



February 26, 2017

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
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 kindergarten and younger.

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God by:
Donna Araiza, in loving memory of her daughter Alice.*

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

Prayer of Meditation

God of tender care, like a mother you never forget your children, but comfort and quiet those who are restless and fearful; like a father you know already what we need. In all our anxiety, give us the spirit of trust; in all our worry, give us faithful hearts; that in confidence and calm we may seek the kingdom of Christ where your holy will of peace and justice has been made known. Amen.

Those serving today:

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

Greeters: Susan & Bryan Lanser

Altar Guild: Connie Lawrence, Linda Jimura

Readers: Peggy McNutt, Peter Troop, Kathy Yates

Chalice Bearers: Peter Troop, Kathy Yates

Coffee Hosts: Charlotte & Don Pannell

Eucharistic Visitors: Frank & Diane Snow, Connie Erickson, Gordon Mullin

Communion Bread Baker: Linda Morris

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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◆ *Indicates those who are able are invited to stand.*

Boldface type indicates responses by the people.



Welcome & Announcements

Wilma Jakobsen

◆ Hymn: “*Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*”

verses 1-3 Hymnal 460

◆ Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be our God.

People: For ever and ever. Amen.

◆ 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.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Isaiah 49:8-16a

Thus says the Lord: In a time of favor I have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages; saying to the prisoners, “Come out,” to those who are in darkness, “Show yourselves.” They shall feed along the ways, on all the bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Lo, these shall come from far away, and lo, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene. Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones. But Zion said, “The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me.” Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 131

- 1 O Lord, I am not proud; * I have no haughty looks.
- 2 I do not occupy myself with great matters, * or with things that are too hard for me.
- 3 But I still my soul and make it quiet, like a child upon its mother's breast; * my soul is quieted within me.
- 4 O Israel, wait upon the Lord, * from this time forth for evermore.

The Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing?"

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

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

The Sermon

Bruce Bramlett

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

◆Prayers of the People

Let us pray: Mothering God, guide us, our nation, and all in authority in fulfilling our highest aims and deepest potential. Shine your light into the uncertain shadows of our world and reveal the way toward more love, justice, and peace, that our unfolding stories may truly reflect, **Blessed are those who put their hope in you!**

Enable us to join your presence with those people and places suffering in body, mind, or spirit and help calm worries, quiet despair, and bring healing and hope. We especially pray for ... and those we now name... May our unfolding stories truly reflect, **Blessed are those who put their hope in you!**

Comfort those who are grieving the loss of expectations or dreams; the loss of physical joys; or the loss of loved ones. We also remember those who have enriched our lives and have died, including ... and those we now name... May our unfolding stories truly reflect, **Blessed are those who put their hope in you!**

Multiply our gladness for the goodness around us, drawing strength from our joys, including ... and that which we now name... May our unfolding stories truly reflect, **Blessed are those who put their hope in you!**

Caring God, you provide all that we need. May we practice being present to your vision and provision for our lives. May we discern with courage that which is ours to do from day to day and let go of the rest. May we know in ways beyond words that we are inscribed on the palms of your hands and that you will never leave or forsake us. All this we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Confession of Sin *(kneel as you are able)*

All: 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

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 eternal life. **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 *(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.

Minute for Ministry: Recognition of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

◆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.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

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, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Jude and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. 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.**

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

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 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 líbranos del mal, porque tuyo es el Reino, el poder y la gloria, por siempre. Amén

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.

◆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

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

◆Blessing

◆Closing Hymn: "O For a World"

Miriam Therese Winter, 1987 Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Glaser, 1828
Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839

Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.

The Dismissal

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!