

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 5, 2020

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE TWO

Call To Worship

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Beloved God, as we approach your Presence, guide and stir us with your Holy Spirit, that we may become one body, one spirit in Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The Gloria

Celebrant and People

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Liturgy of the Word *(All sit for the Lessons)*

First Lesson: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Lector: A reading from the book of Genesis.

So he said, ‘I am Abraham’s servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, “You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.” ‘I came today to the spring, and said, “O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, ‘Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,’ and who will say to me, ‘Drink, and I will draw for your camels also’—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master’s son.” ‘Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, “Please let me drink.” She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, “Drink, and I will also water your camels.” So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, “Whose daughter are you?” She said, “The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.” So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.’ And they called Rebekah, and said to her, ‘Will you go with this man?’ She said, ‘I will.’ So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, ‘May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.’ Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, ‘Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?’ The servant said, ‘It is my master.’ So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 145:8-15

- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.
- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *

- and speak of your power;
12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

Second Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a

Lector: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel of the Day: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.” For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’ At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; 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.’

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

Sermon

The Rev. John D. Sutton

Period of Silence after the Sermon.

Affirmation of Faith *(All stand)*

Leader: Let us affirm our faith by saying together:

*We are not alone,
we live in God's world.*

*We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.*

We trust in God.

*We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.*

*In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.*

*We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.*

From The United Church of Canada

Prayers of the People

Leader Gathered in this place, we have come to celebrate God's Spirit dwelling among us, in us and through us. Let us give voice to that spirit in the prayers we offer together:

For the Church, for clergy and for all the people of God, that we may be inspired to joyfully use our gifts and talents for the common good, we pray:

People ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

Leader In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Dioceses of Malaita, Melanesia; Tirunelveli, India and Harare, Zimbabwe.

People ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

Leader For the world so loved by God, that the power of God's grace working in us might restore the beauty of its created image, we pray:

People ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

Leader For this congregation and this local community. In the St. Anselm's Cycle of Prayer we pray for our youth. May the coming of the Spirit find us steadfast in prayer and strong in love, we pray:

People ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

Leader For all who are in need of our prayers that they might know the healing presence of your Love, we pray:

People ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

Leader For those who are alienated from loved ones, who are bitter, afraid, and without hope, that they may rediscover God's breath of life within them, we pray:

People ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

Leader For all those who have died that light perpetual may shine upon them, we pray:

People ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

Leader For your countless gifts O God, we give you thanks and praise. Above all, we thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit.

People ***Amen.***

Celebrant I invite your prayers of petition and thanksgiving at this time, either silently or aloud.

Participants are invited to offer their own prayers at this time.

Closing Collect

Celebrant Gracious God, receive our prayer; hear our hearts' deep yearnings. Give us the courage to yield ourselves, all that we are and have yet to become, to the transforming motion of your Holy Spirit, and carry out in us and through us your work of new creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Call to Confession

Celebrant Jesus, we are not worthy to ask your forgiveness.

People ***But only say the word, and we shall be healed.***

The people stand or kneel. A period of silence follows.

Celebrant & People

God of all creation, we confess that sometimes we fear your Spirit. In those moments when the Spirit challenges and pushes us toward the unknown, we often choose to cling to comfort, to what is familiar. Forgive our hesitations and renew the ability in us to entrust our lives to you. Move us again beyond boundaries of language and nationality, into your endless compassion and extravagant love. In this world, so in need of forgiveness, peace, and healing, may we be among those who overcome fear, offer messages of hope, and practice your infinite graciousness. We pray in the name of your son, Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Celebrant People of God, let the winds of forgiveness blow through your soul. Know that God loves you beyond all measure. Believe with one heart that the Spirit of God will never desert you. Rise up, forgiven, into newness of life. ***Amen.***

The Peace *(All stand)*

Celebrant The peace of God be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Announcements

At this time, the Celebrant may make announcements.

Prayers for Individuals

Participants now pray for those who have notified the church in advance of their birthdays and/or anniversaries.

Birthday Requests:

Prayer for Birthdays: *O Lord, watch over your children as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Anniversary Requests:

Prayer for Anniversaries: *O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true Godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
(Ephesians 5:2)

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

Celebrant The Lord is here.

People ***God's Spirit is with us.***

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 offer our thanks and praise.***

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But

we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother who cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Celebrant and People

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

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues.

Glory, honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every culture and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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 forever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant & People *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

Celebrant May Christ's holy, healing, and enabling Spirit be your guide every step of the way. And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. *Amen.*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. ANSELM'S HAS A VENMO ACCOUNT

We have had some requests to establish a St. Anselm's Venmo account so that folks who might want to support the church can do so without writing and mailing a check. If you already have the app installed on your mobile phone, you will find us either by **name (Saint Anselms)** or **@username (@st-anselms)**. If you do not have the app, the following instructions will assist you in getting set up:

If you don't have a Venmo account and would like to set one up, here are the instructions:

- Download a Venmo mobile app: iOS & Android (Venmo does not have a Windows app)
- Open the Venmo app.
- Choose your sign-up method and create a secure password (between 8 and 32 characters long).
- Verify your phone number and email address.
- Add and verify a U.S. bank account, credit card, or debit card to make a payment.

Once the app is installed, click on the icon with pencil and square with a dollar sign. You will use the above name or @username to find Saint Anselms (you should recognize our profile photo of our lovely sanctuary). You will then go to the "Pay or Request" page where you type in an amount in the right corner. Below the name of the church you may designate the gift if you want. Toward the bottom of the screen you will click the blue box to "pay."

Sending a check remains an option, since Cathy Witkay is checking the mail once a week. The mailing address is: 682 Michael Lane, Lafayette, CA 94549 Thank you!

COMING SOON!

The Christian Formation Commission is excited to announce that we will be presenting a new course on racial reconciliation, created by the national church, called *Sacred Ground*. A free 10-week course, it covers Native Americans, African Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, and South Pacific Islanders. Each week there is a documentary film, readings, and a discussion group. We plan on watching the films and doing the reading on our own. The discussion will take place at Bible Study, which is Wednesdays 10:30-11:30. If you are interested but cannot attend at that time, we could possibly start another group. If you want more information, go to the church website episcopalchurch.org. Scroll down until you see a small picture of a bridge, titled Racial Reconciliation, and click on that.

We don't have a definitive start date yet, but are aiming for sometime in July. If you are interested or have questions, call Anne Brown, (925) 788-0664 or e-mail her annehalfantbrown@gmail.com. If you want to register for the course, please let Cathy Witkay or Anne Brown know.

COVID-19 TESTING IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Contra Costa County offers an appointment for COVID-19 testing to any resident who believes they need one, regardless of insurance, ability to pay or whether they have symptoms or not.

Residents can make an appointment to visit one of eight sites throughout the county. The county is operating five drive-through sites located in Antioch, Concord, Martinez, Pittsburg, San Pablo and San Ramon. Patients must visit these sites in their vehicles, as testing is done in the car. Appointments can be made by calling 1-844-421-0804. For appointments at county-run sites, a screener will take the information necessary to begin the process. Callers will then get a call back from a health professional during which an appointment will be scheduled. There is no up-front cost for testing. County residents do not need medical insurance to get tested. However, if you have health insurance, your insurance will be billed.

Additionally there are three state-run sites in Brentwood, Pinole and Walnut Creek, that are accepting walk-in patients by appointment only.

While you don't need symptoms to get tested, symptoms that may warrant a test include cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, fatigue, muscle ache, sore throat, headache, vomiting, nausea, diarrhea, recent loss of taste or smell, or confusion, particularly in older adults.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

If you would like to have an emergency contact registered with St. Anselm's, please contact Cathy Witkay in the office with their information and we will keep it on file.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2020 Work Parties: August 29th and November 14th

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Genesis 25:19-34, Psalm 119:105-112, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.
If you would like to receive the readings on a weekly basis, please contact Cathy Witkay in the office.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

July 5-11, 2020

Katheryn Dunn
Barbara Hewitt
Jordan Lipscomb
Ron & Iris Hillman

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF VIRTUAL MEETINGS:

July 5th -- Cancer Support Group will meet via Zoom at 12:00 noon. To be invited, email Julie Rinkenberger at jrjpmaggie@hotmail.com.

July 7th -- Grief Support Group will meet via Zoom at 12:00 noon. To be invited, email Father John at suttonj@comcast.net.

July 8th -- Morning Prayer will be led by Deacon Naomi via Zoom at 9 a.m. To be invited, email Deacon Naomi at orchidsnrch@yahoo.com.

July 8th -- Contemporary Bible Study will meet via Zoom at 10:30 a.m. To be invited, email Father John at suttonj@comcast.net.