THE NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

WORSHIP

AUGUST 2, 2020
8:00AM & 10:00AM

ST. LUKE’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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“Joyfully seeking and serving Christ”
Please join in singing.

**HYMN 427**  
(Hymnal 1982  Words: German, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges  Music: Laudes Domini, Joseph Barnby)

When morning guilds the skies

1 When morning gilds the skies, my heart, awaking, cries,
2 When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No lovelier antiphon in all high heaven is known
4 Ye nations of mankind, in this your concord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Jesus Christ be praised! When evening shadows fall,
2 may Jesus Christ be praised! God’s holy house of prayer
3 than, Jesus Christ be praised! There to the eternal Word
4 may Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around
5 sing, Jesus Christ be praised! God’s whole creation o’er,

1 this rings my curfew call, may Jesus Christ be praised!
2 hath none that can compare with: Jesus Christ be praised!
3 the eternal psalm is heard: may Jesus Christ be praised!
4 ring joyous with the sound: may Jesus Christ be praised!
5 both now and evermore shall Jesus Christ be praised!

Words: German, ca. 1800; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt.  Music: Laudes Domini, Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)
OPENING ACCLAMATION  (Enriching Our Worship, p. 50)

Celebrant  Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People       Glory to God for ever and ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY  (Book of Common Prayer, p. 355)

All  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.
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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 Creator,
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 God:
    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 Creator. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY  (Book of Common Prayer, p. 232)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.
Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.
The Word of God

Please be seated for the readings.

First Lesson
A reading from the Book of Genesis (32:22-31)

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, ‘Let me go, for the day is breaking.’ But Jacob said, ‘I will not let you go, unless you bless me.’ So he said to him, ‘What is your name?’ And he said, ‘Jacob.’ Then the man said, ‘You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.’ Then Jacob asked him, ‘Please tell me your name.’ But he said, ‘Why is it that you ask my name?’ And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, ‘For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.’ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
We will say the appointed Psalm responsively by half verse.

**PSALM 17:1-7,16**  
*(St. Helena Psalter)*

Hear my plea of innocence, O God;  
give heed to my cry; *  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.

Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *  
I have heeded the words of your lips.

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *  
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them.

But at my vindication I shall see your face; *  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.
SECOND LESSON
A reading from the Epistle to the Romans (9:1-5)

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.
People        Thanks be to God.
Rise up ye saints of God

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things, give
heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.

2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom tarries long; Lord,
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong,
quick-ened by the Spirit’s power, rise up, ye saints of God!
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (14:13-21)

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ Jesus said to them, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’ They replied, ‘We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Rev. John A. Mennell
Please stand as you are able.

**THE NICENE CREED**  *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 358)*

_Celebrant_  
Let us stand together with Christians throughout the centuries and throughout the world today, and affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

_All_

**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,
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
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 and the Son.
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.
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant  As we turn toward God in all that we are and in all that we do, let us respond to each petition: “Hear our prayer.”

Leader  We pray for the end of racism and the racial injustice that is so ingrained in our society, and that we may be part of God’s new creation that faithfully honors all of God’s children. Lord, in your mercy.

People  **Hear our prayer.**

Leader  We pray fervently for the stop of the spread of the Corona Virus, for the development of an effective vaccine, for those who are immune compromised, and for those who have been infected, especially Keith P and Vinnie C.

Silence.

Leader  Lord, in your mercy.

People  **Hear our prayer.**

Leader  We pray for those who are isolated in care facilities and other places of quarantine – that they may find connection and the peace of Christ’s presence, especially Elena L, Adrianna D, Marie, Thomas, Lili, John M, Betty M, Liz S, Ellen M, Suzanne P, Marcelle G, and those who we now name.

Silence.

Leader  Lord, in your mercy.

People  **Hear our prayer.**

Leader  We pray for medical workers, that they may stay safe and have the strength, wisdom and compassion to continue to serve those in need, especially Willie, Julie, Sandra, Atif, Kandace, Sherida, Robby, Arianna, Allison, Ana, Enuma, Ruth, Karen, and those we now name.

Silence.

Leader  Lord, in your mercy.

People  **Hear our prayer.**

Leader  We pray for those putting themselves at risk to serve others, including first responders, delivery persons, grocery store clerks, Toni’s Kitchen Volunteers, and other essential workers.

Silence.

Leader  Lord, in your mercy.

People  **Hear our prayer.**
Leader  We pray for our families, that we may have patience with each other in close quarters and connection with those at great distances, especially those we now name.
Silence.
Lord, in your mercy.
People  Hear our prayer.

Leader  We give thanks for the birth of
Lucas Amine Guttridge on July 24, grandson of Rachel & Tom Cochran, and
Leo Stephen Moser on July 17, grandson of Stephanie & Art Borsi.
Silence.
Lord, in your mercy.
People  Hear our prayer.

Leader  We pray for those of our parish family who celebrate birthdays this week.
Doug Calabrese, Rachel Cochran, Denise Kulhan on August 2,
Lettie Teague on August 3,
Ed Black on August 5, and
Noel Andrews on August 7.
Silence.
Lord, in your mercy.
People  Hear our prayer.

Leader  We pray for those members of our parish family who are sick or troubled, especially:
Sharon A, Charles M, Victoria B, Joan R, John & Jon, Caty, Leo, Ginni Z, Ed B,
Shahri G, Ann M, Pat D, Liz P, Judy, Tom L, Carol A, Lois L, Gerry K, Jiyeon,
Safia A, Robin W, Jess A, Jan & Mark, Mary C, Lysette H, Kayla H,
and those we now name.
Silence.
Lord, in your mercy.
People  Hear our prayer.

Leader  We continue to pray for: Sean M, Marie L, Marjorie S, Linda, Larry C, Anne M,
John, Vivian W, Dan S, John S, Chap O, Nick B, Kristin O, Rob R, Maggie G,
Mark E, Francoise V, Denny C, Kevin D, the unemployed, and our guests at Toni’s Kitchen.
Silence.
Lord, in your mercy.
People  Hear our prayer.
Leader
We pray for all who have died, especially
Barry Hartsfield on July 24 (Friend of the Curtin/Buchanan Family)
Hope Crawley on July 26 (Mother of Anne Mernin)
Silence.
Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Celebrant May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable. May we who have the flexibility to care for our families remember those who have no options.
May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.
As we walk with God, let us choose love during this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other. Give us patience to do your will and let us find ways to be the tender embrace of God to our neighbor.
Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.
THE CONFESSION AND Atonement

(Enriching Our Worship, p. 56)

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

Please kneel as you are able. Silence will be kept.

All God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of
Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life. Amen.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

(Book of Common Prayer, p. 360)

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Zoom attendees will be unmuted at this time and after the
service so we may greet one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

During the announcements a collection is offered as we look to give back to God in thanksgiving for all the
blessings in our life. As stewards of our gifts of treasure this opportunity to give back allows the church to
continue its work in the world serving those in spiritual, emotional and financial need. You may donate
electronically via Zelle to donate@slechurch.org or by texting “ThanksB2God” to 73256. You may also donate
via our Realm database.

Detailed information is available on the “Giving” tab of the website menu at slechurch.org. Please contact Chris
in the parish office at corso@slechurch.org if you need any assistance.
THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  (Eucharistic Prayer 2, Enriching Our Worship, p. 60)

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.

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
            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 say:

SANCTUS

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.
Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and creator of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN!
**The Lord's Prayer**  
*(Book of Common Prayer, p. 364)*

Feel free to pray in whatever language and words that bring you closer to God.

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All*

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Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Breaking of the Bread**  
*(Book of Common Prayer, p. 364)*

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

*All* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

**Invitation**  
*(Book of Common Prayer, p. 365)*

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving. Let us pray

*All* In union dear Christ, with the faithful at every altar of your church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to God, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you as I live and die in your love. Amen.
Great is thy faithfulness

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
   There is no shadow of turning with thee;
   Thou changest not, thy mercies, they fail not.
   As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

2. Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
   Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
   Join with all nature in manifold witness,
   To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
   Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
   Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
   Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed thy hand hath provided,

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER  (Book of Common Prayer, p. 365)

Celebrant Let us pray.
All Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
Be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing  (Book of Common Prayer, p. 339)

Celebrant May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of Christ, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen.
Please join in singing.

**HYMN 347 (Hymnal 1982  Words: John Raphael Peacey  Music: Liton, Erik Routley)**

Go forth for God

Go forth for God; go____ to the world in peace;
Go forth for God; go____ to the world in love;
Go forth for God; go____ to the world in strength;
Go forth for God; go____ to the world in joy;

be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
strength en the faint, give courage to the weak;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
to serve God’s people every day and hour,
in God’s good Spirit daily to increase,
help the afflicted; richly from above
render to no one evil; Christ at length
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,

till in his kingdom we____ behold his face.
his love supplies the grace and power we seek.
shall overcome all darkness with his light.
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit’s power.

**DISMISSAL (Book of Common Prayer p. 366)**

**Celebrant**
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People**
Thanks be to God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
**WELCOME TO ST. LUKE’S**

*We are very glad that you are able to join us.*

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**Organist**

Tim Mannion

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Parish Annual Meeting Results
Thank you to the strong slate of candidates who stood for elections, and the Nominating Committee for their hard work.

The following individuals were elected at last week’s Annual Meeting elections. You can view pictures and learn more about the candidates in their statements on our website, slechurch.org:

Warden (Two-Year Term): Wendy Drake-Schneider

**Warden (One Year Term):** Stuart Christie

**Vestry**
Joe Carter
Ken Dalton
Kayode Oyegbite
Stevie Tryson

**Convention Delegates**
Kayode Oyegbite
Dan Salvito
Martha Thalheimer

**Foundation Committee**
Sudhir Frederick
Jim Short

**Convention Alternates**
Lou Balsamo
Wendy Drake-Schneider
Sudhir Frederick

Virtual Coffee Hour
Join us for 10 to 15 minutes after the service to meet other St. Luke’s worshippers. At the end of the 10:00am Sunday service, Zoom will assign folks to “breakout rooms” where a smaller number of people can chat. It will only take a few minutes and you can feel free to continue the conversation if you so desire.

Peace & Justice Ministry Meeting – *Tuesday August 11 at 7:00pm via Zoom*
Please join us as we continue our discussion on actions we can take to address the dismantling of systemic racism. We will be discussing activities to address changes in policing in Montclair and a recent meeting of New Jersey Together and their efforts to bring change on issues including youth incarceration and affordable housing. You can find details about their call for action and register for their Statewide Virtual Action at https://www.njtogether.org/action2020. Our goal is to get as many St. Luke’s parishioners as we can registered for this statewide event with Governor Murphy. As we need to keep a headcount of how many are attending, please email Dan & Charlene Salvito at salvito@slechurch.org to let us know if you’ve registered to attend. If you have any questions about the upcoming meeting or the non-partisan action we are engaged with New Jersey Together, please email Dan Salvito at salvito@slechurch.org.
Toni’s Kitchen – The Work Continues
Toni’s Kitchen has continued to expand operations to meet the increased (and growing) need in our greater Montclair community. We salute the volunteers and donors who have made it possible for us to expand from 4,200 meals per week to over 20,000 meals currently sent into the community on a weekly basis—work garnering wide attention through articles in Episcopal New Service and AARP. Please consider supporting the ongoing work being done to serve our brothers and sisters in need. Visit toniskitchen.org to donate, learn more, or register as a volunteer.

Spiritual Explorers Book Club – Monday, August 3 at 7:00pm via Zoom
This month, we’ll read two articles that trace the history of race and racism through the practice of American Christianity in its history. Specifically, we’ll deal with the realities of how race was first used to exclude enslaved Africans and then, in an ‘innovative’ (if craven) twist, used to make them more docile and servile. Since these times, the emphases in our practice of Christianity have also begun to diverge. What does this tell us about our faith and how we choose to practice it? We’ll explore this and other thought-provoking and, hopefully, faith-inducing questions. Please contact Walter Booker at booker@slechurch.org for links to the articles and the Zoom meeting link.

Congregation Connection
We have started a pilot using Zoom for community gathering in small groups during this COVID time. It’s made a real impact on us to have the opportunity to meet virtually, sometimes over coffee (sometimes over wine) and catch up, share what’s going on in our lives, and even kvetch a little. We encourage you to consider joining this effort. It’s a great opportunity to get a respite from quarantine fatigue and connect with your community at St. Luke’s. Send an email to info@slechurch.org to be included, and join us via the Zoom link in the St. Luke’s calendar at slechurch.org.

Forward Day by Day Devotions
Forward Day by Day is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings. The meditations are rich in substance and offer a wide range of witness and experiences. These meditations—usually provided at the back of church—are available for home subscription for monthly booklets or can be received via daily email. Send an email to orders@forwardmovement.org to receive the daily email.

Community Resources
Our St. Luke’s family continues to support one another in this time of separation. Please also know of the following resources in our community:

- NJ Mental Healthcare (866)202 HELP (4347)
- Peer Support and Suicide Prevention (855)654-6735
- Domestic Violence (800)572-SAFE
- Addiction Resource has compiled a list of resources at this link: https://bit.ly/3i64R02
Join us throughout the week for these opportunities to Connect, Worship and Contemplate

Join Us for Noonday Prayer – Monday - Saturday via Facebook Live
Each day, we join together on Facebook Live for Noonday Prayer. This service lasts 10-15 minutes and is accessible to all at facebook.com/pg/SLECMontclair/videos; you do not need a Facebook account to participate. Find The Order of Service and Prayers of the People on the website.

Contemplative Prayer – Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm via Zoom (link in calendar on website)
Does your soul long for quiet in this time of anxiety? St. John of the Cross said, “Silence is God’s first language. Everything else is a poor translation.” We invite you to join our meditation group that meets virtually at 6:00pm on Wednesday evenings to transform our fear into love.

Join Us for Wednesday Evening Prayer
Rev. John Mennell and Rev. Peter Savastano continue to offer Evening Prayer on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. You may access the service on Zoom via the worship link on our website.

Zoom Connection
We hope you have been able to join us for Zoom conferences and meetings. If you have any issues connecting, please reach out to Chris Corso in the (remote) Parish Office at corso@slechurch.org and she will do her best to guide you.

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK’S SERVERS
AUGUST 2, 2020

Virtual Verger: Stevie Tryson  
Music Director: Jim Millar  
Audio Engineer: Stephan Wojtecki  
Cantor: Pete Tamburro

Readers – 8:00am
First Reading: Keith Kawecki
Psalm: Walter Booker & Candace Raymond
Second Reading: Jason Andersen
Intercessor: Wendy Drake-Schneider

Readers – 10:00am
First Reading: Martin Cowart
Psalm: Matthew & Denise Price
Second Reading: Gordon Frey
Intercessor: Shahri Griffin

ONLINE SERVICES
All Zoom links and service leaflets are found on slechurch.org

Sundays
8:00am Worship
9:00am Celebrate!
10:00am Worship

Saturdays:
10:00am Morning Prayer

Wednesdays:
7:00pm Evening Prayer

Join us for Noonday Prayer on Facebook Live
Monday: Wendy Drake-Schneider
Tuesday: Stevie Tryson
Wednesday: Roxie Zeek

Thursday: Susan Andersen
Friday: Martha Thalheimer
Saturday: Kathy DeWalt
Please join us in these prayers, and your own, this week:

We pray fervently for the stop of the spread of the Corona Virus, for the development of an effective vaccine, for those who are immune compromised, and for those who have been infected, especially Keith P and Vinnie C.

We pray for the end of all gun violence.

We pray for peace in Syria, Israel, Palestine, all areas of unrest, and for those suffering the effects of natural disasters.

We pray for the end of racism and the racial injustice that is so ingrained in our society, and that we may be part of God’s new creation that faithfully honors all of God’s children.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for new Province of Alexandria - created from the former Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa in the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy; wardens; vestry and people of St. James’ Church; Ridgefield, Christ Church; Ridgewood, and St. Elizabeth’s Church; Ridgewood.

We pray for those of our parish family who celebrate birthdays this week, especially:
Doug Calabrese, Rachel Cochran, Denise Kulhan on August 2,
Lettie Teague on August 3,
Ed Black on August 5, and
Noel Andrews on August 7.

We give thanks for the birth of Lucas Amine Guttridge on July 24, grandson of Rachel & Tom Cochran, and Leo Stephen Moser on July 17, grandson of Stephanie & Art Borsi.

We pray for those who are isolated in care facilities and other places of quarantine – that they may find connection and the peace of Christ’s presence, especially Elena L, Adrianna D, Marie, Thomas, Lili, John M, Betty M, Liz S, Ellen M, Suzanne P, and Marcelle G.

We pray for medical workers, that they may stay safe and have the strength, wisdom and compassion to continue to serve those in need, especially Willie, Julie, Sandra, Atif, Kandace, Sherida, Robby, Arianna, Allison, Ana, Enuma, Ruth, and Karen.
We pray for those putting themselves at risk to serve others, including first responders, delivery persons, grocery store clerks, Toni’s Kitchen workers, and other essential workers.

We pray for our families, that we may have patience with each other in close quarters and connection with those at great distances.

We pray for those members of our parish family who are sick or troubled, especially:

We pray for all who have died, especially
    Barry Hartsfield on July 24 (Friend of the Curtin/Buchanan Family)
    Hope Crawley on July 26 (Mother of Anne Mernin).

We continue to pray for:

To include someone on the prayer list, please email The Rev. John Mennell at mennell@slechurch.org.