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Sunday After Ascension Day

May 12, 2024

8:30am



Welcome to St. Laurence

Worshipping God in the Anglican Tradition Since 1951

Visitors

If you're new with us, we're so glad you're here! Please fill out a visitor card and let us know a little bit about you and if we can provide you with any information about us. Just drop the card in the collection plate or hand it to an usher. If our service is a little different than what you are used to, we encourage you to participate without any concern for doing things "the right way." We sit, stand and kneel a lot but you can follow along in this bulletin. We want you to feel comfortable and welcome here.

Children

Your children are welcomed and loved here. We have many families with children of all ages so your kids will make friends quickly. If you prefer that they stay with you in Church, please do so. The voices of small children are always welcome!

We offer both a nursery and Children's Chapel. Our nursery is in the Parish Hall, the building to the north of the Church. Children 5 and under are welcome during the service and Sunday School time. Children's Chapel is a worship service just for kids age 8 and younger. Children start in the big Church with their parents and then when called, follow the cross to a service just for them in the Parish Hall. They will re-join their families in time for Holy Communion.

Who We Are

We are a Christ-centered, liturgical Church, in the catholic tradition of Anglicanism. We are in the Diocese of Ft. Worth, serving under Bishop Ryan Reed, in the Anglican Church in North America. Want to learn more? Check out our website at saintlaurencechurch.org.

For Those With Disabilities

Hearing assistant devices are available in the Church Narthex. If you or a loved one need any accommodations that we can make for you to be able to participate in our worship service, please let us know at office@saintlaurencechurch.org.

How to Plug In

If you'd like to plug into the many ministry and fellowship activities available at St. Laurence, you may scan the QR codes to:

- Sign up to receive our emails



- Learn more about ministry and fellowship groups



Preparation for Worship

We encourage all to have a time of prayer and preparation before the service begins. Chatting with friends is best saved for after the service. Consider this prayer before the service begins:

Guide and direct us, O Lord, always and everywhere with your holy light, that we may discern with clear vision your presence among us, and partake with worthy intention of your divine mysteries. We ask this for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Voluntary in A Major
John Stanley

Regina Coeli (Stand)

Entrance

Hymn 494

The Liturgy Of The Word

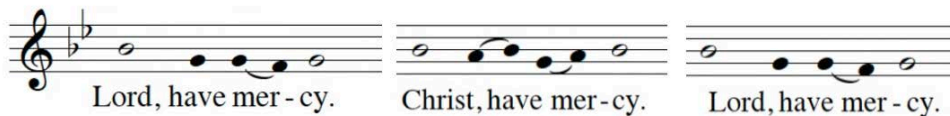
The Acclamation

2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 123

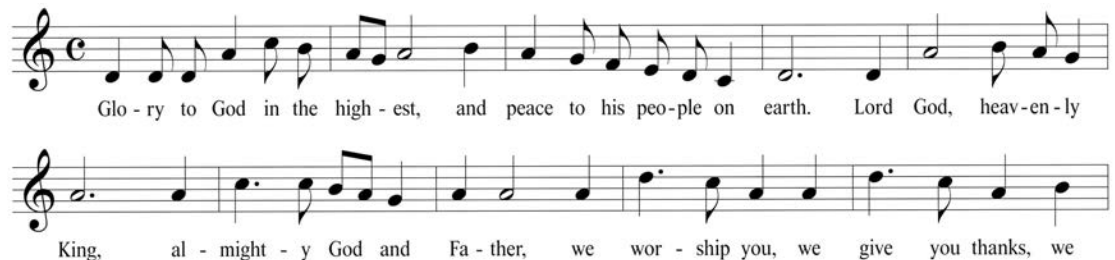
Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Kyrie



Gloria



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praise you for your glo - ry. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
Fa - ther, Lord God, — Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are — seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our pray'r, — re - ceive, — re - ceive our
pray'r. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone — are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect for the Day

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Children's Chapel Procession

First Reading (Sit)**Acts 1:15-26**

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, 'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it;' and 'Let another take his office.' So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 47**

- 1 O clap your hands together, all you / peoples; *
O cry aloud unto God with shouts of / joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be / feared; *
he is the great King over all the / earth.
- 3 He shall subdue the peoples / under us, *
and the nations under our / feet.
- 4 He shall choose our inheritance / for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he / loved.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout of / triumph, *
the Lord with the sound of the / trumpet.

- 6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our / God; *
O sing praises, sing praises unto our / King.
- 7 For God is the King of all the / earth; *
think upon his mighty acts and praise him with a / song.
- 8 God reigns over the / nations; *
God sits on his holy / throne.
- 9 The princes of the peoples are gathered with the people of the God of / Abraham; *
for the mighty upon earth have become the servants of the Lord,
and he is very highly ex- / alted.

Second Reading

I John 5:6-15

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence (Stand)

Hymn 603

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel

John 17:11-19

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word,

and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.



Homily (Sit)

Fr. Jordan

The Nicene Creed (Stand)

2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 126

Celebrant and People: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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.

Prayers of the People

2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 128

The Reader will now read the prayers. After each prayer is the following response:

Reader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The Confession (Kneel)

2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 129

Deacon: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Deacon and People: 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace (Stand)

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

The Liturgy Of The Altar

Offertory

Hymn 483

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving

2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 132

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

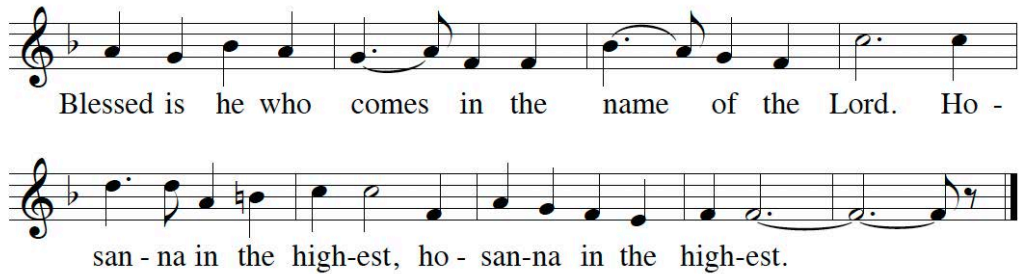
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.



Prayer of Consecration (Kneel)

2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 132

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 135

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
 God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Holy Communion

Hymn 307, 328, 310

Post Communion Prayer (Kneel) 2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 137

Celebrant and People: Heavenly Father, 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, Father, 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.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Procession Out

Postlude

Hymn 495

Trumpet Voluntary in C Major

Henry Purcell

What Are Your Kids Doing This Summer?

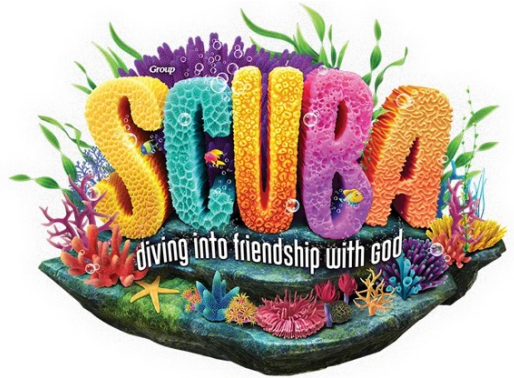
Vacation Bible School

June 3-6, 9:00am-Noon

Ages 4-12 (PreK-entering 5th grade)

Last Day for Early Bird Price of \$5/Child!

Sign your kids up now for our amazing Scuba Vacation Bible School and get the Early Bird registration price of \$5/child. At Scuba VBS, kids will dive deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about! Contact Hilary Hale at stlaurencechildren@gmail.com for more info. Early Bird Registration ends today and the price goes to \$15/child tomorrow so register now!



Scan to Register

Summer Camp at Camp Crucis

Sign your kids up for an incredible summer camp experience at Camp Crucis in Granbury. They'll enjoy sports, arts and crafts, music, swimming and nature. Camp Crucis has been our diocesan summer camp for over 75 years and is a great place to grow in Christ. Register now at www.campcrucis.org.

June 9-15	Sr. High	Grades 9-12
June 16-22	St. Michael's Conf.	Age 12-19
June 23-29	Confetti I	Grades 1-5
June 30-July 3	Family Camp	Grades PreK-3
July 7-13	Confetti II	Grades 1-5
July 14-20	Jr. High	Grades 6-8
July 21-27	Sr. Confetti	Grades 6-12
July 28-Aug. 3	Intermediate	Grades 3-5



Capital Campaign Prayer

Please join us in prayer about our expansion

Heavenly Father, we thank you for blessing our St. Laurence family.
We come to you with grateful hearts asking for your guidance in all
of the details of this capital campaign.

Remind us to seek you first before every decision is made.

Give us a spirit of unity and generous hearts.

Direct us to build up your church staying rooted in the Truth.

Expand these walls so that they may honor you,
and bring others to know you and love you.

We ask these things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Worship Schedule

Daily Mass

Sunday	8:30 & 10:45am
Monday	9:30am
Tuesday	9:30am
Wednesday	6:30pm
Thursday	12:10pm
Friday	9:30am
Saturday	9:30am

Morning Prayer

Sunday	7:45am
Monday-Saturday	9:00am

Evening Prayer

Sunday	5:00pm
Wednesday	6:00pm

Confessions

Saturday	10:00am
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Activities for Week of May 12

Sun, May 12	Toast to Mothers Event	9:50am
Mon, May 13	Sacred Arts Icon Class	10:00am
	Vestry	6:30pm
	Men's Bingo at Union Gospel Mission	7:00pm
Tues, May 14	Parent's Day Out	9:00am
	Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:00am
Wed, May 15	St. Laurence Chorale Rehearsal	7:30pm
Thurs, May 16	Last Day of School - Parent's Day Out	9:00am
Fri, May 17	Men's Bible Study	6:30am
Sat, May 18		

Announcements

Summer Activities Booklet Now Available. Trying to make plans for your family this summer? Check out our Summer Activities booklet! We've got so many great things happening that we know you'll want to be a part of. Pick a booklet up in the Church Narthex, Parish Hall or online.

Worship

Funeral for Helen Madden - May 22. The funeral for Helen Madden is Wed, May 22 at 11:00am, followed by a luncheon reception. All are welcome. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Evening Prayer Tonight. Evening Prayer will be said tonight at 5:00pm instead of Evensong and Benediction due to Mother's Day. The last Evensong before the summer break will be next Sun, May 19.

Baptisms will be Celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. Anyone interested in baptism is asked to contact Fr. Jordan or the Church office at office@saintlaurencechurch.org.

Capital Campaign

Today is Commitment Sunday. We hope everyone will participate in our Capital Campaign for the expansion by making a financial pledge. If you brought your pledge card, please drop it in one of the baskets when you come up for Communion. There are extras in the pew rack if you forgot yours. You can also drop it in the mail to us this week. We know everyone has been in prayerful consideration of what you can give to build up God's house at St. Laurence. If you are ready, we ask that you now complete the pledge card so we can begin the process of building our new Parish Hall. Exciting times are ahead! To get the construction loan that is necessary, the bank will require a signed pledge card from each donor. For this reason we are not offering an online way to pledge.

Service

Men's Bingo Night at Union Gospel Mission - May 13. All men of the Parish are invited to Bingo Night at UGM on Mon, May 13. Join us for a great night of fellowship with the men at Union Gospel Mission in Ft. Worth. Meet at Swift Lindley's House at 6:00pm to car pool. Bingo starts at 7:00pm.

Fellowship

Toast to Mothers Celebration is Today! Bring your mom and join us for our annual outdoor Mother's Day celebration today. Our elegant affair is held between the services at 9:50am and is on the lawn between the Church and Parish Hall (or inside the Parish Hall if it's raining). There'll be live jazz music, mimosas, and light finger foods (so you can still enjoy your brunch afterwards!). Happy Mother's Day!

St. Laurence Women - May 21. All women of the Parish are invited to the final meeting of the year for the St. Laurence Women on Tues, May 21 from 6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Hall. We're talking "The Language of Flowers" this month! Come for dinner at 6:30 and then we'll learn the basics of floral design and make an arrangement to take home. Cost is \$10 for the flowers and \$10 for dinner. Childcare will be available. Contact Linda Weaver for more information.

Sign Up Now for the Bishop Iker Golf Tournament. The tournament is on Fri, June 7 at Squaw Valley Golf Course in Glen Rose and all proceeds go to support Camp Crucis. Frank Folger will be walking around the Mother's Day event today with sign up sheets. For more information on the tournament, go to thebishopikerchallenge.com.

Clergy & Staff

Fr. John Jordan, Rector
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