



St. Luke's Episcopal Church Ada, OK

Morning Prayer: Rite Two
19th Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Our Mission: To live in Christ, to love the world, and to serve one another.

Prelude: *Andante* By Charles Wood

Opening Hymn: #509 *Spirit Divine, Attend our Prayers*

Officiant:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Philippians 1:2*)
Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant and People together, kneeling:

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.*

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Please stand.
Lord, open our lips.

People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant: The earth is the Lord's for he made it.

People: *Come let us adore Him.*

Officiant: Let us now say together the Venite.

All: Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Officiant: The earth is the Lord's for he made it.

People: *Come let us adore him.*

The Psalm

Psalm 124

Nisi quia Dominus

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

Officiant and People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

A Reading from the Book of Esther.

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he,

who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Officiant: Let us say together the Song of Zechariah.

The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *

 he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *

 born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, *

 from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *

 and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *

 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *

 holy and righteous in his sight

 all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation*

by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God*
the dawn from on high shall break up on,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Officiant and People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

The Second Lesson

James 5:13-20

A reading from the letter of James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Officiant: Let us sing together A Song of Praise.

A Song of Praise S-236

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;

 You are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;

 We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;

 On the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;

 We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;
In the high vault of heaven, glory to heaven.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
We will highly exalt you. Glory to you!

The Third Lesson

Mark 9:38-50

A reading from the book of Mark.

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Homily **Rev. Robert Willis**

Officiant: Let us say together our Doctrine of Faith in the Apostle’s Creed

The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*
Officiant: Let us Pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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.*

Suffrage

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. *Govern and uphold them, now and always.*
V. Day by day we bless you;

R. ***We praise your Name for ever.***
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. ***Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.***
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. ***For we put our trust in you.***
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. ***And we shall never hope in vain.***

The Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Collect for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Daniel, Bishop of Uruguay; Bobby and Robert, our Deacons, and the clergy and people of the diocese of Oklahoma, especially St. Peter's, Coalgate; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Martin of Tours, Pryor, St. Paul's, Claremore, and Posada de Belén, shelter for children living on the street, Diocese of Uruguay; and all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

For those serving our country at home or abroad:

McKinley Noel Eli Walling Paige Perkinson Kait & Collin Rivers

We also pray for our veterans, especially for those still struggling with wartime wounds, let them feel your comfort and healing grace.

For those who are in hospitals and others who need healing:

Robert Martinez	Michael Hughes	Jack White	Laura Beth Thompson
Jeanna McQuay	April Nesbit	Judy Coy	Lynne & Harold Cline
River Northcutt	Lisa Ainsworth	Tonya Dyer	Richard Blaylock
Libby Thomas	Renee Hogue	Rusty Hall	Salyer Roebuck
Yvonne Carver	Jim Lasley	Carl Taylor	Melinda & Evelyn Morgan
Lindsay McDonald	Winnie Hobbs		

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Chris, Paula, William, & Naomi Vandever, Joy White, Teresa White, and Mark & Vanessa Mancill Willis.

For those celebrating birthdays this week: James Criswell, Elliot Riden, Shirley Mixon, and Kaytlin Alm.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. The altar flowers are given by Rob Muntz in loving memory of his parents, Dr. E. Russell Muntz and Lindy Muntz. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your name forever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Velta Wingard and Larry Cox, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. And we pray for comfort for their grieving family and friends.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Officiant:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

People: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory

An offering of money is received. Everyone worshipping this morning is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. Many support Saint Luke's through pledged offerings made via mail or online through Tithe.ly. Together our gifts make possible for us to live fully into our mission of to live in Christ, to love the World, and to serve one another.

Offertory Anthem: *Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place*
By Lanny Wolfe Sung by Kevin Turney

Doxology: Sung to the tune of hymn #380

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Officiant: Let us say together our general thanksgiving.

General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

Officiant:

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn: #344 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

Dismissal

The People Respond: *“Thanks be to God.”*

Postlude: *Grand Chœur* By Théodore Salomé **Serving Today:**

Officiant: Rev. Robert Willis

Deacon: Rev. Bobby Saunkeah

Lector: Denver Davison

Choir Director: Christopher Bragg

Organist: Carson Taylor

Guest Vocalist: Kevin Turney

Acolyte: Flossie Walling

Ushers: Angus McFarlane & Ben McFarlane

Altar Guild: Johnnie Caufield

Vestry Members:

Senior Warden: Angus McFarlane

Junior Warden: Katrina McCurdy

Treasurer: Barbara Sues

Vestry Secretary: Diane Criswell

Erin Bigelow-Jacob Phillip Cody Anne Escobedo

Bridget Forshay Joy Dawn Miller Shirley Mixon

Phyllis Wallace Tonya Wood

