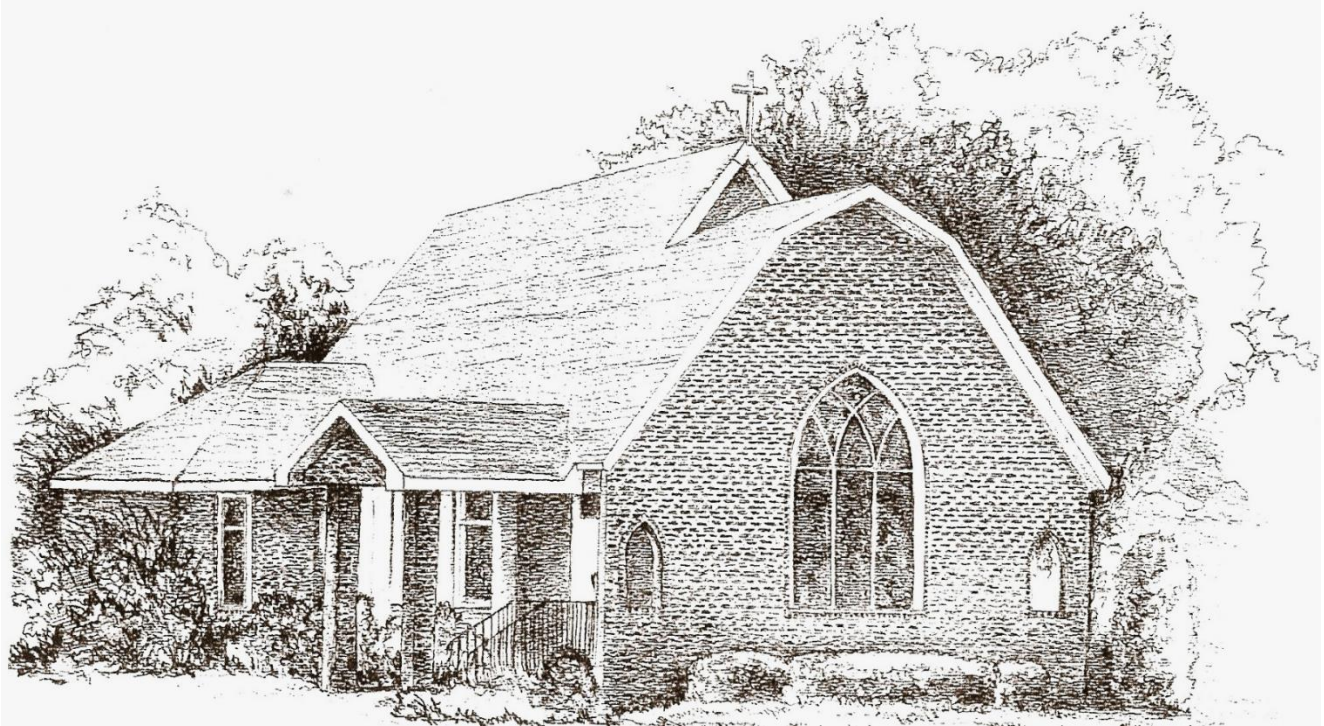


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Wednesday Eucharist: 10:30 am

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Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 15, 2021

PRELUDE...Rhosymedre (or Lovely) Ralph Vaughan Williams
Processional Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #427

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Celebrant may say

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.***

Hymnal 1982 - S280 - Gloria (*service music is located in the front of the
1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter "s"*)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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.***

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen..*

First Lesson

A Reading from the First Book of Kings 2:10-12;3:3-14.

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a

little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.”

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.



Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,



*as it was in the beginning, is now, ever shall be, world without
end, Amen.*

The Epistle

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians (5:15-20)

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

Gradual Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #539

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (6:51-58)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down

from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #488

The Sermon

The Rev. Cn. Donald Woodrum

The Nicene Creed

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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

Form IV

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

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.

For 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

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

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

Silence - The People may add their own thanksgivings

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

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions

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

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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 Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn- 1982 Hymnal- #538

The Great Thanksgiving- Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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 him thanks and praise.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Hymnal 1982 - S129 - Sanctus (*service music is located in the front of the 1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter "s"*)

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. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He 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 Father, 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 Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

People and Celebrant

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Hymnal 1982 – S164 - Fraction Anthem (*service music is located in the front of the 1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter “s”*)

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

The Communion of the People (*All Baptized Christians are invited and encouraged to receive the Holy Sacraments of Bread and Wine*)

Communion Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #306

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,*

*and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Blessing:

The Priest offers a blessing.

Recessional Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #523

The Deacon, dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

The People respond ***Thanks be to God.***

POSTLUDE.. ... Hornpipe.... (Water Music)...G.F. Handel.

PRAYER LIST The prayers of the parish are requested for: The Family of Joan Downie, Alysia Pena, Marie Brian, Judy Bass, Jon Boggus, Rocco Cooler, Wyman Harvard, Robert Burns, Joe & Judy Paul, Opal Law, Doris McClain, Sue Mobley, Phyllis Taylor, Bill Taylor, Rachel Hingson, Meredith Mobley, Lila Poston, Reece Hopkins, Doug Helgeson, Rick Buxton, Sarah Giddens, Tanya Fulgham, Albert Sutton, Dennis and Marianne Roy.
Sustained Illness/Concern: Craig Jacobsen, Brad Green, and Brittany Smith, Sister Maria Ann, Brent Trost, Kris Cheatham, Vivian Bass, Bill Green, DeLaine Cribb, Susanne Walters, Bob Stross, Kristen Braddy, Russell Johnson, Glenn Miller, Mtr. Tulia, Herrington/Thomas families

Our soldiers deployed: Jonathan Richichi, James Smith, Casey Brewer, Sean Beegle, Cody Beegle, Edward Owen and stateside; Brent Trost, Matthew Beegle, Lincoln Queale, Dillon Ellis, Andy Chamberlain, and Robert Ice.

Pray for the Diocese of Cuba, our companion church: Fielés á Jesus, and their rector Mtr. Tulia. Pray for Dukatole and the children, and Shepherd's Hands of the Suwannee Valley Free Clinic

ALTAR FLOWERS are given this morning by Barbara Mann in memory of her husband, Mike Mann.

DEACON'S CORNER: On the Cuba front we have some good news for a change. We have been able to get money to them and it is in their bank account. They were so excited they found a store where that had something to sell and bought a small package of chocolate cookies for the girls just to see if their card worked. It did!!!! We had to use Osmani's passport to be able to do this, so now he has money to renew his passport so we can continue to send them money. Thank God!!!! We also hope to send them medicines from Canada. Fr. Ken is working on this. Thank God for him and his ability to help our sister church in Cuba. He will send them by Canadian Post. This first time is just a trial run, and if it works, we will send them more.

This past week Tulia has had dengue fever and has been very sick. At the hospital they sent her home and told her to rest and drink a lot of water. They could do nothing else for her. But God had other plans and he sent them a friend, a retired cardiologist, who had access to antibiotics! He gave them to her and she has been on the mend ever since. Thank God!!! The food order from 3 weeks ago was finally delivered, so now I have sent them another order of food. We have much to be thankful for, but in general things in Cuba are still heart

breaking, so please keep praying for them. Thank you for your faithfulness! **Remember, today is Cuba Sunday!**

RECORDING HELP: The communications ministry has asked for back up help pressing the record button before service. This is easily trained, and you'd be doing a great service for St. Luke's. Please call or email Jasmine in the office to help.

Looking ahead at next Sunday, Aug 22

Altar Duty: Andy & Anne

Acolyte: Andy@9am/Graeson @11am

Lectors(readers): 9am: Tony & Andy/ 11am:Emma, Graeson, Graeme

Ushers: 9am: Maureen/11am:Mike & Denice

Coffee Hour: **Suspended**

A Message from your Vestry:

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ;

We had a very productive Vestry Meeting Monday night but here's the gist:

Janice Baucom from the Lake City Medical Center came by to give us an update on Covid & the Delta Variant. Basically, she scared me.

While we here at St. Luke's seem to be pretty healthy and most of us that wanted to be vaccinated have taken that step --- Less than 1/3 of Suwannee County has been vaccinated. We come in contact with those people six days out of the week.

In order to protect our physical and mental health we are forced to take a couple of steps back in order to protect ourselves and fellow congregants.

- * First off, if you haven't received a vaccination - Please Do So. Please!
- * If it makes you feel more comfortable, please continue to wear your mask.
- * We are going to go back to a form of social distancing by skipping every other pew.
- * We will have to halt coffee hour until we can get a grip on this new and deadly variant that is hitting North Florida especially hard.
- * The DOK and Men's Group can continue to meet but we will have to ask that you not share any food.

*We will continue taking Communion with our Priest and Deacons taking every precaution to keep us safe and still protecting the sanctity of the Rite of Communion.

Only 4-5 people at a time at the altar rail

You may take Communion one of three ways:

Wafer only

Tincture

Wafer and Wine

If you do not feel comfortable with either of these, the officiant can come to you.

As Senior Warden, I do not like having to take these measures, but this new variant is killing our fellow citizens and filling up our hospitals at an alarming rate. Please continue to pray for our nurses and teachers who are amongst the general population. And please pray for the health of our members and Church at Large. I remain

Sincerely,

Brantly Helvenston, Sr. Warden.