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**St. Laurence Parish
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**The responder today on
behalf of everyone is Peter
Hodges**

Welcome

Hymn

Father, Lord of all creation,
ground of being, life and
love;
Height and depth beyond
description,
only life in you can prove:
You are mortal life's de-
pendence:
thought, speech, sight are
ours by grace;
Yours is every hour's exist-
ence,
sovereign Lord of time and
space.

Jesus Christ, the man for
others
we, your people, make our
prayer
help us love, as sisters,
brothers
all whose burdens we can
share
where your name binds us
together
you, Lord Christ, will surely
be
where no selfishness can
sever

there you love the world
may see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, bringing
wind and flame of Pentecost
fire our hearts afresh with
yearning
to regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
never more to speak alone:
God, in us, abolish faction,
God, through us, your love
make known.

In the Name of God: Father,
Son and the Holy Spirit .
Amen.

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Collect for Purity

**Almighty God to whom all
hearts are open all desires
known and from whom 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**

Penitence

In silence let us call to mind
our sins...We confess :

God our Father, we come to
you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our
lives; Father, forgive us:
Save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you; Father,
forgive us:
Save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say; Father, forgive us:
Save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be
drawn away from you by
temptations in the world
about us; Father, forgive us:
Save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son; Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prayer before receiving the Word of God — Before we read, we pray together

Eternal God, in the reading of the Scriptures, may your Word be heard; In the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and In the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

First Reading - Genesis 14:17-20 read by Ann Hodges

17 After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlamer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, 19 and he blessed Abram, saying,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,

Creator of heaven and earth.

20 And praise be to God Most High,

who delivered your enemies into your hand.”

Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

This is the word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;

teach me your paths,

Guide me in your truth and teach me,

for you are God my saviour.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,

and your love are from of old.

In your kindness remember me,

because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Good and upright is the LORD;

thus he shows sinners the way.

He guides the humble to justice

and teaches the humble his way.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Gospel John 2:1-11 read by Alison Jones

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

4 "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

8 Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10 and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the gospel of the Lord
[Praise to you O Christ](#)

The Reflection

The Creed - said together

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, 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 worshipped 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 Church -
led by Felicity Robinson**

As we share a common faith and hope, let us pray trustingly together to the God who made us and sustains us.

Loving God, we come to the end of the special week of prayer for Christian unity for your church, and pray with Jesus that we may all be one, united in love of you and in service to your world. We pray for our fellow Christians throughout your world, thinking particularly of all those for whom worshipping will lead them into dangers and difficulty. Be near them and give them courage and strength in their witness. Make them aware at all times that you are with them. Lord in your mercy, [Hear our prayer](#)

We rejoice in all who answer to your call and we pray for each other asking that we may be true to the Gospel . We ask you to uphold Bishop Justin and Bishop Rose and all clergy and leaders as they guide us in your way. Lord in your mercy, [Hear our prayer](#)

This week has marked the arrival of a new President of the United States and with his coming an upsurge of hope for peace there and in the world. We pray for him and for all who will work with him. We pray for the leaders of the countries of the world. Help them so that together they may pursue the search for peace. We continue to pray for Elizabeth our Queen
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Above all we pray for those parts of this world where life is a continual struggle and where peace is too often a dream drowned under a sea of sectarian violence.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

This world is a place of richness and delight for many but not for all. Greed and minimal concern for your wonderful creation has brought about prosperity for some and poverty for others. Help us never to forget that we are guardians of the many treasures which we possess. We hold them in trust for you and for

our children and children's children. Help us once again to commit ourselves to carrying out those responsibilities faithfully and well. Lord in your mercy , **Hear our prayer**

Let us pray for governments and decision-makers during the pandemic: may wisdom, justice and compassion guide them towards bringing about the greatest good for the greatest number of people.
Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

We bring before you in the quietness of our minds those people for whom we have especial concern. In the silence let us remember the – the sick and the sorrowing – the lonely and the oppressed – those who mourn or struggle for meaning in their lives – all for whom today will be marked by difficulty beyond their powers to cope. Help them to find their rest and support in you, and may you give strength and courage to those who are carers.
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all those who have died: Those recently departed: **Jean French, Rupert Hodges, Ronnie Baker, Leila Wood, Laurence Wield, Derek Christie, Colin Attwood**

Those who Year' Mind occur at this time: **Jack Travers, Evelyn Waghorn, Eleftheria Corfield, William Richard Phillips, Butler, Hilary Wood, Cecille Mallinson, Lily Collins, Malcolm Dreyer, Richard Dyke, Jane Barker, Olaf Phillips, Doris Bird, Gilbert French, Rosaline Beeny, William Fawcett, Stephen Barker, Isoleine Vaughan, Hylda Reynolds, Kathleen Wood, Sheila Maugham, Sylvia Smith, Prudence Bilsby...** Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

We keep a time of silence as we offer to God our own particular petitions

Merciful Father
Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our

Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.

The Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the sceptre, His the throne.

Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him

when the forty days were
o'er,
shall our hearts forget His
promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our
stay.

Alleluia! Here the sinful
flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sin-
ners,
earth's Redeemer, hear our
plea
where the songs of all the
sinless
sweep across the crystal
sea.

As Christ has taught us we
are bold to say:

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 tres-
passes, as we forgive
those who trespass
against us. And lead us not
into temptation; but deliver
us from evil. For thine is

the kingdom, the power
and the glory, for ever and
ever. **Amen.**

Jesus, Lamb of God: **have
mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins:
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the
world: **give us your peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who
takes away the sin of the
world. Blessed are those who
are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to re-
ceive you, but only say the
word, and I shall be healed.**

**A Prayer for those joining
us on Zoom who are mak-
ing their Spiritual Commu-
ion**

Lord Jesus, may we, who
cannot now physically
receive your sacrament,
receive you more fully in
our heart, mind and soul.
Help us unite ourselves to
you in spirit, so that we may
be drawn closer to those
from whom we are isolated
in body. Through sharing

your life given up in death for us all, may we grow together in love into a richer and more profound communion of life. **Amen.**

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Father almighty we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. **Amen**

The Blessing

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in your hearts and fill your lives with his joy and peace. and the blessing ...

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ.
Amen.**

Hymn

The Church's one founda-
tion

Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and
sought her
To be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He
bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one
birth;
One holy Name she
blesses,
Partakes one holy food,

And to one hope she
presses,
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consumma-
tion
Of peace for evermore;
Till, with the vision glori-
ous,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victo-
rious
Shall be the Church at
rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in
One,
And mystic sweet commun-
ion
With those whose rest is
won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that
we,
Like them, the meek and
lowly,
In love may dwell with
Thee.

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