Catherine Quehl-Engel: Morning Prayer “The Heavens Declare the Glory of God”

Sometimes the Sanctus makes me weepy. Even while I preside. It’s not all that different from those moments of knee-buckling beauty before the Divine as it drenches quiet earth, vast sky, and soaring hawk while I’m out on a morning run. Can I remain awake this day, continuing to consciously see God shining in and through everything? Can I have incarnational eyes to see?

The Eucharist helps train us for this sacred seeing and transfigured awareness. We take True Presence into our being; in doing so we are reminded of God dwelling so close as to be inside us and all creation.

My spiritual landscape paintings are a Sanctus. They point to heaven and earth being full of God’s glory. May these visual prayers offer those who gaze upon them a moment of entry into that quiet, humble awe. Into wonder. To linger and rest longer in conscious Communion with the Divine.

TO OUR GUESTS - WELCOME - THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY!
All spiritual seekers who are searching for an approach to faith that makes the most sense to them personally are welcome here!
In Need of Prayer or Home Communion?
St. Luke’s Prayer Ministers are available during the 10:30 AM service to pray with you. If you would like a name added to our Prayer Chain or someone who needs Home Communion, contact Beckie in the Church Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR.............

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:
Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Scott, our Diocesan Bishop and for ALL the people and parishes in our diocese. Pray especially for Veterans and their families. And for all people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the Lusitanian Church.

OUR NATION & ITS LEADERS:
Our government leaders that they may live & work in a spirit of calm reason & cooperation on behalf of the common good.

THOSE WHO ARE FACING SUFFERING & HARDSHIP:
Robert++++ (husband of Iris Thompson), Jennifer++++ (Strachan), Randy & Dave++++ (brothers of Beckie Raemer), Janet++++ & Joanne++++ (friends of Leslie Wood) Urs++++ (brother in law of Stacey Reko) Burr++++ (son of Linda Dugins) Gabrielle++++ (daughter of Bernadette Rothman), Dick++++ (brother in law of Derrell & Teddi Reeves) Fred+++ (brother in law of Linda Sears) Derrell++++ (Reeves), Chris++++ (son of Elizabeth Fetter) Slob Family++ and the health of their new baby (friends of Maribel Cedillo) Steve+ (husband of Beckie Raemer)

THE HUMAN COMMUNITY AROUND THE WORLD:
✞ Pray for our nation and the whole human community that we may find the wisdom to live in greater respect and harmony with each other and our planet home.
✞ For safety and recovery for all people effected by natural disasters throughout the world.
✞ For healing for every soul captured by fear, bigotry and resentment. May we all develop the ability to see the Sacred in those most different from ourselves.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED......

PLEASE GIVE THANKS FOR....... Our Coffee Hour and Kitchen Coordinator, Katherine Martz and her family.

For those having Birthdays this week:
David Reko on Monday; Susanne Burkett and Don Wood on Saturday.

If your birthday does not appear on our list, please notify Beckie in the office so that she can add it.

Our Parish Community Prayer list: ++ Please note that we will place a + after each name for each week the name is on our prayer list. After four weeks (++++) the name will be removed unless otherwise requested.
**The Scriptures**
Proper 27c - November 10, 2019

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:** Our hope to survive, to live a long and happy life rests at the core of our humanity. Some even hope to live forever and, yet, death comes to us all. We pray for the wisdom to live fully and fruitfully in the midst of this ever-present tension. We pray to be filled with a sense of urgency to live each moment of our lives giving ourselves fully to Love, Justice and Kindness in our relationships with every other member of the human community; with Jesus our Brother, Teacher and Lord. Amen.

**FROM THE HEBREW TRADITION:**
Our passage from the Hebrew tradition comes from the 1st chapter of the Book of the Prophet Haggai. Please read with me by reading the parts in bold print.

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts. Once again, in a little while, I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts. Here ends the reading.

**FROM THE HINDU TRADITION:**
Please read with me from the Hindu tradition by reading the parts in bold print.

When the practices taught by the Vedas and the institutes of law shall nearly have ceased, and the close of the Kali age shall be nigh, a portion of that divine being who exists of his own spiritual nature in the character of Brahma, and who is the beginning and the end, and who comprehends all things, shall descend upon the earth. He will be born as Kalki in the family of an eminent brahmin of Sambhala village, endowed with the eight superhuman faculties. By his irresistible might he will destroy all the barbarians and thieves, and all whose minds are devoted to iniquity. He will then re-establish righteousness upon earth; and the minds of those who live at the end of the Kali age shall be awakened, and shall be as clear as crystal. The men who are thus changed by virtue of that peculiar time shall be as the seeds of human beings, and shall give birth to a race who shall follow the laws of the Krita age, the Age of Purity. Whenever there is deterioration in righteousness and waxing of sinfulness, the glorious lord incarnates himself. Here ends the reading.

**FROM THE CHRISTIAN GOSPELS:** Luke 20:27-38


People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**OFFERTORY SENTENCES:**
Priest: Now my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, when you come to the Table of the Lord come not only to receive the presence of the Lord, but also to give your life completely to Him. As Jesus said, "The greatest commandments are these."

People: You shall love the Lord your God with all you heart, soul and mind; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

[Hebrew & Christian scripture passages are reprinted with permission from the World Council of Churches. Passages and commentary from World Scriptures were edited by Andrew Wilson.]

Copies of the full text of the sermon are located on the Information Table in front of the sound booth (just in case your curiosity was piqued. : )
Those Who Have Committed Themselves to the St. Luke's Covenant of Safe Disagreement

As of this week, the following have made the commitment…..and in doing so they have made St. Luke’s emotionally and intellectually safer for all of us.

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If you haven’t yet made the public commitment, will you please consider doing so soon…..for all of us??
TODAY’S SERMON: Will It Happen to Us?

When did Haggai live? During the time of the release of the people of Judah from exile in Babylon. In 587 B.C.E. the Babylonian destroyed Jerusalem (including the great Temple of Solomon) and deported a significant portion of Judah’s population. Fifty years later those who were still living were allowed to return home to their ruined nation.

Haggai wrote in a period AFTER the destruction of his nation about rebuilding. Question: will the U.S. experience destruction? Will it happen to us?

Recall the Commonwealth of Iceland (930 to about 1250 C.E.)? An early republic that self-destructed due to internal infighting.

Recall the Republic of Germany in the early 20th century? A Christian-dominanted democracy which under stress and insecurity gave itself over to the violence, cruelty and authoritarianism of Hitler.

History is littered with fallen nations and empires including failed republics and democracy. It’s a mistake to take our republic for granted.

Corruption is similar to acid. It gradually eats away the best of whatever it touches. The acids that eat away the infrastructure of societies are the lust for money and the lust for power.

Whether, like Haggai, the project is rebuilding a nation or, as in our circumstances, it is the protection and preservation of democratic freedoms, the approach is the same.

Haggai 1:1 - Notice the message is directed not only to the religious leaders, but also to the government, i.e., the king. The ancient Hebrews did not think in individualistic terms.

Haggai’s central message: rebuild the Temple of Solomon! Make it your national priority!! But things had stalled out.

The nation’s two greatest needs: a vision for the future and the hope of achieving it. The vision was partly economic because money is necessary.

Before prosperity there must be a reordering of priorities and allegiances. Shift away from you lust for money and power toward centering your lives in love, mercy, compassion and justice. (It wasn’t literally about building a big church. It was always about a transformation of the heart toward love and generous interdependency.)

Will it happen to us? Are we going to maintain a commitment to money and power or allow our hearts and minds to turn toward love and compassion for all?

Let us declare, “We choose one another over the endless accumulation of stuff….we choose to save our republic!”
An Appeal for Help from Your Rector

Dear Friends and Family of St. Luke’s,

As the Spirit of Acrimony and Enmity build in our nation there is so much work to be done to combat it. There are a number of things I would like to accomplish in the next few months in this regard and I must have your help to accomplish them.

1st - The Third Better Angels Red-Blue Workshop on Saturday, December 14th:

A Better Angels Red-Blue Workshop is essentially a 3-hour experience of practicing how to listen carefully and respectfully to those with whom you may disagree politically. During the first half of the morning participants engage in an exercise that allows both sides to identify stereotypes that members of the other side have about them. We discuss what is inaccurate or distorted about the stereotypes and how they should be corrected. Both sides share their findings with each other in a respectful manner.

During the second half of the morning participants perform a “Fish Bowl” exercise in which each side gets to eavesdrop on a conversation among members of the other side and then talk about what they learned.

I need your help to recruit 14 men and women to participate in the listening exercises that compose the workshop. Joe Kernon will once again partner with me as my co-moderator, but I need to recruit 7 people who vote Republican most often and 7 people who vote Democrat most often. Will you please help me find these people? If yes, will you please tell me?

2nd - Our First Better Angels Debate - Tuesday, February 4th:

A Better Angels Debate is a debate structured upon Parliamentary Procedure rather than traditional debate rules. The purpose of the 2-hour conversation is not competition, but collaboration. About 30 people come together to think out-loud about a particular resolution, e.g., “Be it resolved that healthcare is a human right.” The debate consists of people taking turns making 2-minute arguments for and against the resolution. All follow-up questions to the presenters are directed at the chairperson, e.g., “Mr. Chair, the speaker said that healthcare cannot be a universal human right because that would conflict with free market principles. Did the speaker intend to assert that the rules of capitalism supersede human rights?” In this way no one directly confronts anyone else. This gives just enough emotional distance to help everything remain civil.

I need your help by agreeing to participate in the debate on Feb. 4th. (I will be back in touch soon with the resolution to be discussed.) AND, I need you to talk about the event with your friends and encourage them to sign up when the time comes. Will you please help? If yes, will you please contact me?

3rd - The Project for Deeper Understanding Planning Team:

Even with the Better Angels events coming online there will be a continued need for the Project for Deeper Understanding’s community forums. Most of the members of the current planning team have been with me in this effort for many, many years. And with the exception of two or three, most have grown weary and/or have become involved in other worthy community projects.

I need, therefore, about 6 people from our congregation to join the Project Planning Team. Between August and May, the Planning Team meets for one hour approximately 12 times to plan events and coordinate their implementation. The day and time of each meeting is or can be negotiated among team members.

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, January 13th at 4:00 PM in the Church Office. Will you please help? If yes, will you please contact me?

With Affection,

Charles

Contact Charles at:
- Cell Phone: 435-901-2131
- Email: pastor@stlukespc.org
WINTER SUPPLIES FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND ADULTS:

It's time for us to begin collecting clothing and supplies that will help little boys and girls and adult men and women survive the elements while living on the streets. Yes, many of the homeless are the age of your kids and grandkids.

Please set aside a portion of the money you would normally spend on Christmas presents and "other stuff" in order to be able to buy clothing and supplies that may make all the difference this winter for children and adults who are without stable, reliable shelter.

Here are some suggestions:
+ Buy a good-quality child's backpack and fill it with tooth-brushes, tooth-paste, other toiletries, socks (really warm socks), long underwear, regular underwear, winter shirts and pants, winter gloves, etc.
+ Go through your closet and donate the coats and winter apparel you and your kids will no longer be using.
+ Buy and donate a couple of heavy-duty sleeping bags: child-size and/or adult.
+ Snow-boots for children and adults - new or used in good condition.

What else can you think of that would be useful to you and your children or grandchildren if you were going to be sleeping in a park in January???

Bring all of your donations to St. Luke's in Snyderville anytime. If the front doors are locked and no one is in the Church Office, just leave your donations on the porch and we will take them inside later.

Are You Receiving the Weekly Email from Charles?

Each Thursday, Fr. Charles sends out an email that let’s each one of you know about upcoming events and any special projects that are going on.

Also, for those of you who missed his sermon or would like to read the full text version of his sermon, it is also attached to the email.

We have noticed that only about fifty percent of the emails are being opened. So…. if you are not receiving the emails, please check your spam and junk email boxes just to make sure that the emails are not directly going to those folders. If for some reason you just are not receiving them but would like to please let Fr. Charles know at pastor@stlukespc.org.

Don’t miss out on the events!
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:
You will find info about our church and what to expect when you visit. www.stlukesparkcity.org. There is information about our missions, finances and programs. You can view previous sermons through a link to You-Tube on your phone or home computer. Go to You Tube, St Luke’s Episcopal Church Park City, UT.

AUTUMN GOSPEL GROUP
FOR WOMEN 50ish & UP: Autumn Gospel meets the fourth Saturday morning of each month from 10 to noon, in members' homes. We use books as a springboard to share and discuss our own spiritual journeys at this stage of our lives. We are reading "Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others" by Barbara Brown Taylor. Please join us for coffee, fellowship and a lively discussion! For more info please call Nancy Conrow, nancy.conrow@gmail.com or 435-640-0556.

A COURSE IN MIRACLES: Our ACIM Study Group meets every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. in the St. Luke’s Library. A Course in Miracles is a curriculum focusing on forgiving grievances, leading to a change of perception (the Miracle), which leads to inner peace. Feel free to join us. Our next meeting will by September 9th. For more information, call or text Ann Fiery, 304-617-5714

SHOP AT SMITH'S FOOD & DRUG & FLOURISH BAKERY WILL RECEIVE A DONATION!
To participate in the program, visit the Smith's Food & Drug web site, log into your account, click on INSPIRING DONATION PROGRAM, search for Flourish Bakery SLCC by name (or use HE559, the Bakery's nonprofit number with Smith's). Every time you use your fresh values card related to your account, Smith's will donate .5% of your purchase to Flourish Bakery. It's that simple! Flourish appreciates your support and this inspiring program.

CONSIDERING JOINING THE ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY? JUST WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH?
Our rector would be delighted to make an appointment to meet with you. He will do his best to answer your questions and to help you to feel welcomed and included at St. Luke's. When you are ready to have a conversation, just let him know at either: pastor@stlukespc.org or 435-901-2131.

CENTERING PRAYER:
Meets Friday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Library. Please join us in this contemplative practice of Holy Silence.

TAI-CHI:
Tai Chi is over for this year and will resume in the spring. Watch for the announcement.

A FREE COURSE ON ISLAM:
We meet each Wednesday at 4:00 in the Church Office area. 30 minute lecture followed by an hour of discussion. Come anytime.....you do not need to have attended earlier classes to benefit from the class this week. BYOB or your favorite beverage and snacks to share. For info, call Charles+ at 435-901-2131. All are welcome!!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE CHOIR?
St. Luke's Church Choir is looking for new members! A love of singing is the only requirement, although the ability to read music would be helpful. Whether you are a soprano, alto, tenor or bass, you’ll be most welcome! We meet to practice at 9am each Sunday, plus Thursdays at 6pm if you can make it. If you are interested, please see Manuel after the service, or email him at pianospecialists@gmail.com.

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY:
All women are invited to join an ecumenical Bible study led by Cheryl Popple at Park City Community Church on Thursday’s at 9:30 a.m. We will be using the book, Pleading, Cursing, Praising: Conversing with God through the Psalms by Irene Nowell. The book can be purchased through Amazon in new or used condition. If you have any problems finding the book, please contact Cheryl. 435-901-3978 crpopple@comcast.net

ST. LUKE'S CARE GUILD:
If you or someone you know has any requests or needs, please contact Katherine at katharinemartz@comcast.net or Harriet, harrietmstephens@gmail.com, (435) 655-1888.

WOMEN'S GATHERING:
We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. The November 12th gathering will be held at the big church.

WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY:
We are studying The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For and Believe by Richard Rohr. We meet each Wednesday from 6:30-7:45 in the Library at the Church. Please order the book through your favorite book vendor. We will have discussion questions weekly. For more information, please contact Mary Parsons at Mary.Parsons@hsc.utah.edu. All are welcome.

CHRISTIAN CENTER FOOD PANTRY:
Please bring canned goods and non perishables to St Luke's as we will be making regular donations to the Christian Center's food pantry. Please donate only the kinds of foods you would want to feed your own family. Let's fill the red wagon each week in the foyer! PCHS senior, John Reko, will be picking up our donations and making regular deliveries to the Christian Center. Thanks for supporting this important ministry!

You can now make a donation directly from your mobile phone, computer or a tablet.
Go to our new website: www.stlukesparkcity.org
 to make a one time donation or set up a recurring donation from a credit card or checking account.
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