



THE FEAST OF CONSTANCE AND HER COMPANIONS  
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD  
SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 | 10:00 AM

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ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING ACCLAMATION

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Celebrant**  
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.*

OPENING ANTHEM

**Celebrant** Lord, have mercy.  
**People** *Christ, have mercy.*  
**Celebrant** Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.  
**People** *And also with you.*  
**Celebrant** Let us pray.

We give you thanks and praise, O God of compassion, for the heroic witness of the Martyrs of Memphis, who, in a time of plague and pestilence, were steadfast in their care for the sick and dying, and loved not their own lives, even unto death; inspire in us a like love and commitment to those in need, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

LESSON

**Reader** A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.  
**People** *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL

**Gospeller** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**People** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

## **John 12:24-28**

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

**Gospeller**      The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People**          *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**SERMON**                      **THE REV. JOHN CAMPBELL, CURATE**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Reader**            The Lord be with you.

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

**Reader**            Let us pray.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s); for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people, especially those suffering from COVID-19, those caring for them, and those working on treatments. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, those on the prayer list of our parish, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially victims of Hurricane Laura. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died, especially Nick Karas, brother of Ellen Karas. *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

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.**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **OFFERTORY**

##### **Celebrant**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*We are grateful for your tax-deductible contributions, which enable us to continue our work.*

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#### **OFFERTORY SONG**

*The gifts are presented and placed on the Altar.*

**DOXOLOGY**

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

*Celebrant and People say together*

**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.**

**A GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

*Celebrant and People say together*

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.**

**We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.**

**We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.**

**Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.**

**Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**Celebrant**

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you this day and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

**Celebrant**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People**

**Thanks be to God.**

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**WORSHIP MINISTERS**

Celebrant: *The Rev. John Campbell, Curate* | Reader: *Patti Peacock* | Technology Support: *Brad Powell*

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

Contact [office@stlukesonthelake.org](mailto:office@stlukesonthelake.org) to add yourself or a loved one to this list.

Names remain on this list for four weeks unless otherwise requested.

Names of those who have died are read during Prayers of the People for two weeks.

**Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially:**

**These Members and Loved Ones Serving Our Country:** Amos, Brian, Christine F., Christine M., Christopher, Isabelle, Jacob, Jason, Mark, Marshall, Phillip, Raymond, Russell, Scott, Travis, Trev, Weston.

**These Members and Loved Ones Who Are COVID-19 Heroes:** Anna, April, Aurelia, Bethany, Beau, Brenda, Brett, Christine, Daryl, Dennis, Dustin, Elizabeth, Jason, Jenny, Jim, Laura, Lucia, Michelle, Niki, Noël, Pito, Rick & Wendy, Riley, Ryan, Sherry, Sterling, Tamara.

**Those Whose Needs Have Been Made Known To Us:** Beverly, Breese, Caitlin, Chris G., Chris M., Corinne, Craig, Dana, Deborah, Elizabeth, George, Janet, JoAnne, John F., John H., Karen, Kristi, LoriAnn, Marilyn, Margaret, Mark, Mary, Nelle, Pat, Peg, Rachel, Sarah-Nelle, Shana, the Sevilla Family, Scott Grant & Family.

**All St. Luke's Ministry and Mission Partners,** including our St. Luke's workers in the field: K & K & children, V.B..

**Those Who Have Died:** Nick Karas, brother of Ellen Karas.

### The Staff of These Local Medical Practices:

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## ABOUT CONSTANCE AND HER COMPANIONS [THE MARTYRS OF MEMPHIS]

### 9 SEPTEMBER 1878

In 1878 the American city of Memphis on the Mississippi River was struck by an epidemic of yellow fever, which so depopulated the area that the city lost its charter and was not reorganized for fourteen years. Almost everyone who could afford to do so left the city and fled to higher ground away from the river. (It was not yet known that the disease was mosquito-borne, but it was observed that high and dry areas were safe.) There were in the city several communities of nuns, Anglican or Roman Catholic, who had the opportunity of leaving, but chose to stay and nurse the sick. Most of them, thirty-eight in all, were themselves killed by the fever. One of the first to die (on 9 September 1878) was Constance, head of the (Anglican) [Community of St Mary](#).



Sister Constance

Source: <http://www.satucket.com/lectionary/Constance.htm>