



THE FEAST OF BIRGITTA OF SWEDEN  
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD  
OCTOBER 7<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.

O God, who beholds all things and whose judgment is always mercy; by the example of your servant Brigitta of Sweden, give to us in this life the vision of your kingdom where Jesus Christ is all and in all, that we may pattern our earthly lives on things heavenly, where our lives are hidden with Christ in you, who with him and the Holy Spirit live and reign for ever and ever. *Amen.*

LESSON

**Reader** A Reading from the Book of Acts.  
**Acts 23:23-35**

23 Then he summoned two of the centurions and said, ‘Get ready to leave by nine o’clock tonight for Caesarea with two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen. <sup>24</sup>Also provide mounts for Paul to ride, and take him safely to Felix the governor.’ <sup>25</sup>He wrote a letter to this effect:

26 ‘Claudius Lysias to his Excellency the governor Felix, greetings. <sup>27</sup>This man was seized by the Jews and was about to be killed by them, but when I had learned that he was a Roman citizen, I came with the guard and rescued him. <sup>28</sup>Since I wanted to know the charge for which they accused him, I had him brought to their council. <sup>29</sup>I found that he was accused concerning questions of their law, but was charged with nothing deserving death or imprisonment. <sup>30</sup>When I was informed that there would be a plot against the man, I sent him to you at once, ordering his accusers also to state before you what they have against him.’<sup>31</sup>

31 So the soldiers, according to their instructions, took Paul and brought him during the night to Antipatris. <sup>32</sup>The next day they let the horsemen go on with him, while they returned to the barracks. <sup>33</sup>When they came to Caesarea and delivered the letter to the governor, they presented Paul also before him. <sup>34</sup>On reading the letter, he asked what province he belonged to, and when he learned that he was from Cilicia, <sup>35</sup>he said, ‘I will give you a hearing when your accusers arrive.’ Then he ordered that he be kept under guard in Herod’s headquarters.<sup>36</sup>

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

**GOSPEL**

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

**Luke 16:10-15**

10 'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

14 The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they ridiculed him. <sup>15</sup>So he said to them, 'You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of others; but God knows your hearts; for what is prized by human beings is an abomination in the sight of God.'

**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 Gulf Coast hurricanes and West Coast wildfires.  
*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.  
*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**

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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.**

## WORSHIP MINISTERS

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

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## 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, Joan, 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..

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**The Staff of Dell Children's Hospital,** especially those serving patients in PICU, Mental Health, and 3-Central.

## BIRGITTA OF SWEDEN Mystic and Prophetic Witness, 1373

**Brigitta (Bridget) of Sweden** (1303 – 23 July 1373); born as Birgitta Birgersdotter, was a mystic and saint, and founder of the [Bridgettines](#) nuns and monks.

The most celebrated saint of Sweden was married at the age of 14 to Ulf Gudmarsson, to whom she bore eight children. In 1344 Ulf died, after which Birgitta devoted herself wholly to a life of prayer and caring for the poor and the sick. It was about this time that she developed the idea of establishing the religious community which was to become the Order of the Most Holy Saviour, or the [Brigittines](#). One distinctive feature of the pre-Reformation houses of the Order was that they were double monasteries, with both men and women forming a joint community, though with separate cloisters. They were to live in poor convents and to give all surplus income to the poor. However, they were allowed to have as many books as they pleased.

At the age of ten, Bridget had a vision of Jesus hanging upon the cross. She was so impressed that from that moment the Passion of Christ became the center of her spiritual life. The revelations she had received since childhood became more frequent, and her records of these *Revelationes coelestes* ("Celestial revelations") obtained a great vogue during the Middle Ages. These revelations made Bridget something of a celebrity to some and a controversial figure to others.

In 1350, a Jubilee Year, Birgitta braved a plague-stricken Europe to make a pilgrimage to Rome accompanied by her daughter, Catherine, and a small party of priests and disciples. This was done partly to obtain from the Pope the authorization of the new Order and partly in pursuance of her self-imposed mission to elevate the moral tone of the age. Birgitta made herself universally beloved in Rome by her kindness and good works. Save for occasional pilgrimages, including one to Jerusalem in 1373, she remained in Rome until her death on 23 July 1373, urging ecclesiastical reform and an end to the Avignon schism.

