



CONSTANCE, NUN, AND HER COMPANIONS:
THE MARTYRS OF MEMPHIS, 1878
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2021
10:00 AM IN-PERSON & ON-LINE

THE WORD OF GOD

Please love one another by remaining masked during the entire service.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.

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.

THE 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 Constance and her companions, 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.**

THE LESSON

Please be seated.

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

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who 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. ⁵For 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

Please stand as you are able.

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

John 12:24-28

²⁴Very 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. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷ ‘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. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

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

THE SERMON **THE REVEREND JUSTIN YAWN, RECTOR**

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

Reader Please join me in affirming our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All say 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:
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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remain standing, sit, or kneel as you are able.

Reader

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's church and the world.

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 our parish prayer list, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *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, Mary "Betty" Affleck, mother of Mike Affleck; Mathew Adam Jimenez, great-nephew of Juan Espinoza; and Johnnie Lee Berly, aunt of Amanda Masterson. *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*

A PRAYER FOR THE ASSOCIATE RECTOR SEARCH

Heavenly Father, we thank you for calling us to be part of your eternal family. Thank you for redeeming each of us and for creating in us new life and hope individually and as a community, a family in Christ. Holy Spirit transform us together into the image of Jesus that we bear the fruit of abiding in you and that you produce in us your divine love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,

gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control. Guide us as we search for an Associate Rector for Family Ministry. Give us discerning hearts as we continually listen for your call in our lives and in the life of St. Luke's on the Lake. Please be with those candidates that explore this position and ministry with us. Above all, continually surround us with your never-failing love. We ask all of this through the beacon of your love in the world, your Son Jesus Christ, Our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People say together

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 ABSOLUTION

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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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Please stand as you are able while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Celebrant

All things come of thee Oh Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING [EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A]

Celebrant 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.*

Celebrant

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:

THE SANCTUS

Celebrant and People say or sing together

**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.

Celebrant

Please remain standing, sit, or kneel.

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 say together

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.***

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All baptized people of any age or denomination are invited to take Holy Communion.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

† *The consecrated host [blessed wafer] represents full communion.*

† *You may take consecrated wine by intinction [dipping] of your wafer.*

† *If you need a gluten-free wafer, let the priest know by cupping your hands.*

† *If you would rather receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest when you reach the front of the line.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People say together

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the

spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood

*of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of
your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out*

*to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.*

BLESSING

The Celebrant says a blessing over the people.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God.*

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Preacher & Celebrant: *The Reverend Justin Yawn, Rector*

Crucifer, Chalice Bearer, and Lector: *Patti Peacock*

Worship Support: *Kelsey Cooper, Barbara Frazzell, LoriAnn Lavallee, Anne Morley, Nancy Phillips, Brad Powell*

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Contact 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, 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: Alyson, Ann, Ann C., Beau, Becky, Beverly, Bob, Breese, Brian, Caitlin, Carol, Carol & Ross, Carolyn, Cathy, Cathy B., Chris G., Chris M., Christy and David, Craig, Cynthia, Dana, David, Dene, Donnie, Eleanor, Elle & Jared, Elizabeth, Georgia, George, Hester, Hunter, Haley, Jack, Jackie, Jacob, Joan, JoAnne, John F., John H., John & Suzy, Karen, Karen K., Kavan, Kay, Julia & Jack, Kelly, Kimberley, Kitty, Kristi, Maddy, Marilyn, Mark, Mary, Mary Alice, Mike, Nelle, Pam, Pat, Patricia, Peggy, Rachel, Raymond & Margaret, Robbie, Sarah, Scott, Thomas, Tom, Tommye, the Clement Family, the Labit Family, the Roberts Family, the Watson Family, the Fuselier Family.

Those Who Have Died: Mary “Betty” Affleck, mother of Mike Affleck; Mathew Adam Jimenez, great-nephew of Juan Espinoza; Johnnie Lee Berly, aunt of Amanda Masterson.

CONSTANCE, NUN, AND HER COMPANIONS: THE MARTYRS OF MEMPHIS, 1878

In August, 1878, Yellow Fever invaded the city of Memphis for the third time in ten years. By the month's end the disease had become epidemic and a quarantine was ordered. While 30,000 citizens had fled in terror, 20,000 more remained to face the pestilence. As cases multiplied, death tolls averaged 200 daily. When the worst was over ninety percent of the population had contracted the Fever; more than 5,000 people had died. In that time of panic and flight, many brave men and women, both lay and cleric, remained at their posts of duty or came as volunteers to assist despite the terrible risk. Notable among these heroes were Constance, Superior of the work of the Sisters of St. Mary in Memphis, and her Companions. The Sisters had come to Memphis in 1873, at Bishop Quintard's request, to found a Girls School adjacent to St. Mary's Cathedral. When the 1878 epidemic began, George C. Harris, the Cathedral Dean, and Sister Constance



immediately organized relief work among the stricken. Helping were six of Constance's fellow Sisters of St. Mary; Sister Clare from St. Margaret's House, Boston; the Reverend Charles C. Parsons, Rector of Grace and St. Lazarus Church, Memphis; and the Reverend Louis S. Schuyler, assistant at Holy Innocents, Hoboken. The Cathedral group also included three physicians, two of whom were ordained Episcopal priests, the Sisters' two matrons, and several volunteer nurses from New York. They have ever since been known as "The Martyrs of Memphis," as have those of other Communion who ministered in Christ's name during this time of desolation. The Cathedral buildings were located in the most infected region of Memphis. Here, amid sweltering heat and scenes of indescribable horror, these men and women of God gave relief to the sick, comfort to the dying, and homes to the many orphaned children. Only two of the workers escaped the Fever. Among those who died were Constance, Thecla, Ruth and Frances, the Reverend Charles Parsons and the Reverend Louis Schuyler. The six martyred Sisters and priests are buried at Elmwood Cemetery. The monument marking the joint grave of Fathers Parsons and Schuyler bears the inscription: "Greater Love Hath No Man." The beautiful High Altar in St. Mary's Cathedral, Memphis, is a memorial to the four Sisters.