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Twentieth Sunday after
Pentecost

October 7, 2018

11:00 AM

Our Mission:

We, the Family of St. Helena's,
Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
Welcome all God's Children to
Grow with us in Grace and
Proclaim the Good News of Jesus
Christ.

Welcome to St. Helena's Episcopal Church & School

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. If you are a visitor with us, we warmly welcome you to this worship service and to the vibrant life of St. Helena's community. We invite you to fill out a Guest Card found in the pew bookrack and drop it in the offering plate when it comes by. We want you to know that all baptized Christians – regardless of your denomination, tradition, age, or background – are invited and welcome to receive Holy Communion during worship. Also, pick up a blue bag as you leave today. It contains our latest newsletter and other information about St. Helena's.

CHILD CARE

Children of all ages are always welcome in our worship services. Children's sermons are part of our worship during 9:00am and 11:00am worship services. Should you desire it, child care for children ages infants through 4 years is available during all worship services and most parish activities. The parish nurseries are located downstairs in the Parish Hall Wing. (Signs are posted)

QUESTIONS?

For more information regarding St. Helena's Early Enrichment Program, Children & Youth Ministries, music, Bible Studies, senior ministries, baptisms, weddings, and more, please feel free to contact our clergy or staff members. More information may be found on our website at www.sthelenas.net.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:45 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II
 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II
 10:10 A.M. Sunday School for all ages:
 Pre-school – 2nd Room C Wendler Hall
 3rd -5th – The Rock Room
 Middle and High School – Youth House
 Adults – Parish Hall

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Service of Public Healing
 and Holy Eucharist

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Hymnal 376



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise,
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach - us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Tune: Hymn to Joy

All standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Celebrant says

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.**

The following is sung, all standing

Hymnal S-236

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Job 1:1;2:1-10

All sit.

A Reading from the book of Job.

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to

Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

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

Remain seated.

Psalm 26

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Judica me, Domine

- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
 for I have lived with integrity; *
 I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
 examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
 I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
 nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
 I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
 that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
 and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
 and the place where your glory abides.
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
 nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

- 10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, *
and their right hand full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.
- 12 My foot stands on level ground; *
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4;2:5-12

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

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

Sequence

All stand.

Our Father, by whose Name

Hymnal 587

Tune: Rhosymedre

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

All stand.

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Children's Sermon

Stefanie Nitschke

Sermon

The Rev. David G. Read

Nicene Creed

All stand.

**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 Form VI

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All stand or kneel.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and David and Jennifer our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
 in your compassion forgive us our sins,
 known and unknown,
 things done and left undone;
 and so uphold us by your Spirit
 that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
 to the honor and glory of your Name;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem *If with all your hearts*

Felix Mendelssohn

Recitative:

Ye people, rend your hearts; rend your hearts and not your garments. For your transgressions, the prophet Elijah hath sealed the heavens through the word of God. I therefore say to ye: forsake your idols, return to God; for He is slow to anger, and merciful, and kind, and gracious, and repenteth Him of the evil.

Choir:

“If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,
Ye shall ever surely find me.”
Thus saith our God.

Oh! that I knew where I might find Him,
That I might even come before His presence!

“If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,
Ye shall ever surely find me.”
Thus saith our God.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise



Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The people remain standing.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Helena and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

The Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

**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

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten free wafers are available. Please inform the priest as you come forward.

Prayer ministers are positioned in the transept to the left after communion for your personal prayer needs.

Communion Hymn

My song is love unknown

Hymnal 458

Tune: Love Unknown

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Postcommunion Hymn

Now thank we all our God

Hymnal 397

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,
2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
With ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,



who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

Tune: Nun danket alle Gott

Dismissal

Celebrant
People

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

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Prayers for our Members

Please pray for our family as you journey through this week.

Joe	Susan	Don	Bud
Dorla	John	Bob	Matt
Gail	Jim	Gaye	Hailey
Carlie	Pat	Jyme	

What You Want to Know

Thanks Be To God!
Pledge Sunday, October 28th

Men's Fellowship is cooking this morning for the family.

The Story classes will be held at 10:10 AM, Sunday. Next week is chapter 5
Listed below is the location of the classes for all age groups.

Pre-K and Kinder, Room C in Wendler Hall

1st and 2nd Grades, Room D in Wendler Hall

3rd thru 5th Grades, Rock Room, in the Parish Hall Wing

Mid School thru High School, Youth House

Adults, Great Room of Wendler Hall

Breakfast for the whole family will be in the Great Room of Wendler Hall

If you are interested, fill out "The Story" card found in the pew/chair back at your worship service. The book and companion study guide cost is \$20 for the two items.

If you desire assistance in the purchase of these study materials, scholarships are available. Contact Sheryl at sheryl@sthelenas.net

Wednesday classes follow the Healing Service at 11:00 AM.

EVENT POSTPONED>>>>Sr. Fellowship October 12th, 11:30 AM Voeller Family Band

This event is open to all ages and there will be a meal served after the performance in the Parish Hall. There is no charge for the meal but, attendees must sign up on the bulletin board if they plan on eating with us. That way we will know how much to prepare. Menu- BBQ sandwiches, potato salad, chips, cookies, drinks. Need information, contact Pat at seniors@sthelenas.net

Young Families Lunch at the Nitschke's Home, Oct 14th. Join us at our home after the 11am service. Our house is a more-the-merrier kind of place, so bring the whole family! We will have fajitas, corn hole and washer games going in the backyard. Come for a fun time! Address is 26714 Timberline Dr. San Antonio TX 78260. Contact Stefanie stefanie@sthelenas.net for more info.

Episcopal Church Women Please join us for a short meeting and fellowship October 15th at 6:00 pm, we need Candy to fill 102 bags of goodies for our SHEEP Kids. We will be collecting gift cards to decorate a pumpkin for the Women's Shelter, a \$25.00 gift card will do wonders for our sisters in need. If you can't join us but want to donate candy or a gift card, let me know or take to Church office labeled ECW. So come and bring a friend and an snack to share, drinks will be provided, if in need of a ride please call or email Margarita Mejia.

Middle School Youth Night Out Friday, October 19, 2018 from 6:00-9:30 PM
Details: Meet at the St. Helena's Youth House for dinner and wear comfortable shoes!
RSVP by October 18th to Sharon Tidwell at stidwell.youth@gmail.com so we can get a headcount for food. Invite your friends. We can't wait to see you!

Pumpkin Palooza: Friday Oct 19th 6:30pm-7:30pm PUMPKIN PALOOZA is a Fun Fall Family affair! Come for games, crafts, snacks and a pumpkin carving contest!

Don't forget to wear your costumes! **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP RUN BOOTHS- contact Stefanie at stefanie@sthelenas.net or Dawn dawn@sthelenas.net if interested.

Phones in Church? Well of course you should "check in" when you get to church. Feel free to let others know how important your church family is to you. *Post it!*

Weekly Calendar

- Sundays: Worship Services: 7:45, 9:00, 10:10 Christian Ed, 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. St. Helena's Bells, 3:00 p.m. Narcotics A, 8:00 p.m. AA
- Mondays: 7:45 a.m. Ignite Mid-school Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- Tuesdays: 9:30 a.m. Lectionary Readings Study, 1:00 p.m. Ukulele practice, 5:00 p.m. Women's AA (*this group meets every other Tuesday*), 4:30 p.m. HCYO, 6:30 p.m. Women's AA, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics A
- Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. Healing Service, 11:00 a.m. *The Story* Bible study, 4-5:30 p.m. Rock Solid & Shine, 4:15-5:30 Mid School, 5:30 p.m. SHOCK, 6:00 p.m. High School, 6:30 p.m. Worship Band
6:30 p.m. Yahweh Sisters' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Thursdays: 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Noon - 1 p.m. Yahweh Sisters' Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Paws4Hearts
6:30 p.m. Women's AA, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics A
- Fridays: 9:30 a.m. AA Big Book
- Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. Women's AA

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