



LIGHT OF CHRIST  
ANGELICAN CHURCH

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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 17  
August 29, 2021

# Ordinary Time

**Welcome to The Light of Christ Anglican Church (TLC).**

At TLC, we engage with what it means that God's Kingdom is not only a future promise but also a present reality within our world even now, ushered in by Christ.

This reality shapes our worship and life together. It speaks into the way we embrace community in our multi-ethnic and multi-generational context as one big family.

Worship is the core that brings all aspects of our identity together. In worship we celebrate the King who loves us and has redeemed us, and who invites us to join in His Redemptive story within the world.

## **A Note to Our Guests**

If you are visiting TLC for the first time, it is our hope that you would feel very welcome. Here are a few thoughts on how to make that happen.

- Everything you need to follow the service is in this bulletin.
- Are you new to liturgy? Please do not be bothered. We are not about perfection. We are ordinary people gathered to worship.
- If you are comfortable doing so, we encourage you to let an usher know it's your first time. They can help make your experience smoother. For example, you may find it helpful if you sat next to a member who knows their way around here and can answer quick questions for you.

## **Regular Events**

### ***Sundays***

9:30 am, Worship Service on Zoom & at TLC

### ***Mondays***

10 am, & 6:00 pm, Women's Group on Zoom

### ***Tuesdays***

7:30 am, Morning prayer on Zoom (Not meeting through summer)

7 pm, Men's Bible Study on Zoom (Not meeting through summer)

9 am, Vestry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

### ***Wednesdays***

6:30 pm, Youth Group

### ***Thursdays***

7:30 am, Morning Prayer on Zoom (Not meeting through summer)

5 pm, Women's Bible Journaling on Zoom

6 pm, Second Thursday Dinner

### ***Saturdays***

9 am, Men's Bible Study (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays) on Zoom & at TLC

## The Gathering

### Processional Hymn *(Please stand)* All Creatures Of Our God And King

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice, let us sing  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beam  
Pale silver moon that gently gleams  
O praise Him O praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Great rushing wind and breezes soft  
You clouds that ride the heavens aloft  
O praise Him alleluia  
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice  
Stars nightly shining, find a voice  
O praise Him O praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him alleluia  
Praise God the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit three in One  
O praise Him O praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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

Celebrant and People:

**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.**

### Song      Open Up The Heavens

We've waited for this day,  
We're gathered in Your Name  
Calling out to You  
Your glory like a fire awakening desire  
Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here  
You're the reason we're singing

*Open up the heavens we want to see You  
Open up the floodgates a mighty river  
Flowing from Your heart  
Filling every part of our praise*

Your presence in this place Your glory on our face  
We're looking to the sky  
Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now  
Lord unveil our eyes

Show us show us Your glory  
Show us show us Your power  
Show us show us Your glory Lord

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## **The Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to His people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
we worship You, we give You  
thanks,  
we praise You for Your glory.  
Glory to God

Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of  
the Father:  
receive our prayer, receive our  
prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen, Amen.

## **Collect**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Word

### A reading from Nehemiah.

(Nehemiah 2:11-20)

<sup>11</sup> I went to Jerusalem, and after staying there three days <sup>12</sup> I set out during the night with a few others. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no mounts with me except the one I was riding on.

<sup>13</sup> By night I went out through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal<sup>a</sup> Well and the Dung Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire. <sup>14</sup> Then I moved on toward the Fountain Gate and the King's Pool, but there was not enough room for my mount to get through; <sup>15</sup> so I went up the valley by night, examining the wall. Finally, I turned back and reentered through the Valley Gate. <sup>16</sup> The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, because as yet I had said nothing to the Jews or the priests or nobles or officials or any others who would be doing the work.

<sup>17</sup> Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace." <sup>18</sup> I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me.

They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work.

<sup>19</sup> But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. "What is this you are doing?" they asked. "Are you rebelling against the king?"

<sup>20</sup> I answered them by saying, "The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### A Psalm. (Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10) Read in unison

**1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \*  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.**

**2 You are the fairest of men; \*  
grace flows from your lips,  
because God has blessed you for ever.**

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \*  
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;  
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \*  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, \*  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; \*  
on your right hand is the queen,  
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel Anthem *(Please stand)*

Wonderful Words of Life

Sing them over again to me

Wonderful words of life

Let me more of their beauty see

Wonderful words of life

Words of life and beauty

Teach me faith and duty

Beautiful words wonderful words

Wonderful words of life

Beautiful words wonderful words

Wonderful words of life

Gospel Reading

(Mark 7:1-8)

*The Gospel is read in Karen and English recognizing two major languages in our congregation.*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>1</sup>The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus <sup>2</sup>and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup>(The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup>When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

<sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

<sup>6</sup> He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: ““These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. <sup>7</sup> They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’ <sup>8</sup> You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Children’s Fellowship**

*The children proceed to their fellowship following the banner. They will rejoin us at the Peace.*

### **Song of Blessing**

May God give you eyes to see  
All that is good, all that is good  
The courage for anything  
May you be strong, may you be  
strong

May God give you ears to hear  
His loving voice, his loving voice  
Speaking all around you  
All around and deep inside

Leader: Children of God

People: **The Lord be with you as you worship.**

Children: And also with you.

## **The Sermon**

*(Nehemiah Series)*

**Rev. Donald Nwankwo**

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## **The Response**

### **The Nicene Creed** *(Please 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**

*(Praying with Nehemiah, adapted)*

Leader: Let us pray to the Sovereign God who rules over heaven and earth:

We pray for your church.

May we embrace our true identity in you

And live as your servants and children.

People: **And shine your light in the world.**

May we, redeemed by your power through Christ,

always recognize when we have erred,

And return in penitence and humility.

**And be renewed in your grace and mercy.**

Enable our leaders to serve as those under your sovereignty.

Give them wisdom and grace to administer justice and fairness.

**That our nation may be blessed.**

In your mercy, remember those among us who suffer in body and mind.

Grant us favor in healing and restoration.

**That our joy may be complete.**

Empower us by your Spirit in places where you have placed us.

Give us courage and strength to step forth in faith

**And be a conduit of your blessing.**

Lift your individual prayers and thanksgivings to the Lord.

Deacon:

Lord, you have redeemed us and made us your own people by your great strength and your mighty hand. May your ear be attentive to our prayers this day, and to the prayer of all your people around the world who delight in revering your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

**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.**

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.**

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## Announcements

### The Offertory

### House Of The Lord

We worship the God who was  
We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be  
He opened the prison doors  
He parted the raging sea  
My God He holds the victory yeah

*There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise*

We sing to the God who heals  
We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a way  
'Cause He hung up on that cross  
Then He rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away

We were the beggars  
Now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners  
Now we're running free  
We are forgiven accepted  
Redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

There is joy in this house oh yeah  
There is joy there is joy  
And we won't be quiet  
We're gonna shout out Your praise

*There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
We're gonna shout out Your praise  
There is joy  
There is joy surely in this place  
We won't be quiet  
We shout Your praise*

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**Doxology** *(Please stand)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

## The Eucharist

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; in fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:

Holy, holy Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Highest praises, honor and glory  
Be unto Your name, Be unto Your name

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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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.**

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

**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**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us;

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

These are 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.

*(We have gluten-wheat-yeast-dairy-egg-soy-nut-and-corn free communion wafers available for anyone who needs it. Please let the Clergy serving communion know if you would prefer these to the regular wheat wafers. All baptized Christians are welcome to take communion. The ushers will direct the people down the center aisle. After receiving bread, please take a cup from the tray, then dispose of your cup in the basket. Prayer Ministers are available during communion, look for them in the alcove.)*

## Communion Songs

## You Crown The Year

You crown the year with Your goodness  
You answer us with awesome deeds  
Your hope resounds God our Saviour  
To distant lands and farthest seas

O paint the fields bright and golden  
Drench the harvest with Your rain  
God's river filled with living water  
That flows to all as You ordained

*Praise the Name of the Lord  
O my soul sing His worth  
All of life join the song  
Come and lift up our King*

Now let the earth join the dancing  
Deck her out in showers of spring  
The dusk and dawn forever relay  
The call to come and worship Him

Holy holy  
Worthy are You Lord  
All the glory  
To Your Name forever  
Ending  
You crown the year with Your goodness  
You answer us with awesome deeds

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## Great Are You Lord

You give life You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken  
And great are You Lord

*It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only*

And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing  
Great are You Lord  
(REPEAT)

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## **Who You Say I Am**

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

*Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am*

Free at last  
He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

*In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am*

I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am

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## Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**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.**

## The Sending

Celebrant:

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### Recessional

### Raise A Hallelujah

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies  
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief  
I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody  
I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me

*I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm  
Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar  
Up from the ashes hope will arise  
Death is defeated the King is alive*

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me  
I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee  
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery  
I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me

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Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **E-Giving at TLC**

You can give through our secure and easy-to-use online giving page, just go to: [www.onrealm.org/TheLightChrist/Give](http://www.onrealm.org/TheLightChrist/Give)

You can also give by texting **TLCgiving** to **73256**, followed by your gift amount. Standard text message and data rates may apply. Non-electronic forms of giving can also be used.

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