

## ONLINE HOLY COMMUNION FROM SAINT LAIKA'S SUNDAY THE TWENTY-SIXTH OF JULY, 2020

*King Solomon - The Skatalites*

Welcome to Saint Laika's online Eucharist for Sunday the twenty-sixth of July, 2020. Everyone is welcome to join in the service and take holy communion. There are no exceptions. As we are not together in the same place at the same time you will need to provide yourself with a small amount of wine or other grape based drink such as sherry, port, brandy or even just grape juice and a small piece of bread of any sort. If you do not want to take communion please feel free to just listen to the service, joining in wherever you want to.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
Sing to him, sing praises to him,  
and speak of all his marvellous works.

*"Mustard Seed" - Mobway*

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

We are weak and so it is easy for us to do that which is wrong. If we repent of our sin, God will forgive us and send to us his Holy Spirit who will give us the strength to endure the hardships of Christian discipleship and to do that which is pleasing to God.

*"Kyrie Eleison" from "Missa In Honorem Sancti Conradi"*  
*by Antonio Margarelli - Cappella Musicale Corradiana*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*"Gloria" from "Missa In Honorem Sancti Conradi"*  
*by Antonio Margarelli - Cappella Musicale Corradiana*

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the First Book of Kings. ( *1 Kings 3:5-12* )

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you."

And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.

God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

*"Wisdom" - Iona*

A reading from the "Letter to the Romans." ( *Romans 8:26-39* )

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, whilst that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?

It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*“More Than Conquerors” - Children Of The Rock*

Alleluia, alleluia.

When your word goes forth it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*( Matthew 13:31-33,44-52 )*

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?”

They answered, “Yes.”

And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

*"Pearl Of Great Price" - Enfield Shaker Singers*

*"#20" - Aphex Twin*

Let us lift our voices in prayer to God on behalf of all people.

Dear Father, thank you for enfleshing your Word most perfectly in the great Pearl beyond all price, your dear son Jesus. Thank you for making us, through him, into your own hidden treasure, your beloved people!

Make your people lovely with the goodness of Jesus. By the gracious power of your Spirit, draw many to faith in your Son, so they may never be separated from your love.

We pray for our persecuted sisters and brothers, who face "tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword." Make them more than conquerors through the Cross of Christ; and soften the hearts of those who torment them.

Keep this online community in your care, knowing that nothing can separate us from your love for us in Christ Jesus. Use our words and deeds to share that love with those around us who need it most.

Establish your justice among the nations, O Lord; and do not let the sceptre of evil hold sway over us. Establish your justice among rulers of countries and captains of industry; among leaders in every field of inquiry and endeavour and among your people everywhere. Turn our hearts from evildoing and crooked ways and fix them firmly upon faith toward you and fervent love toward one another.

We pray for justice, concord and safety to flourish. We pray for wise words, not inflamed rhetoric, from our leaders. We pray for constructive decisions, not rash actions or empty gestures, from those entrusted with authority. We pray for those who risk their lives on behalf of others, that even in difficult circumstances they exhibit integrity and valour. We pray that in all circumstances, your will be done.

We pray for the sick, injured, dying and bereaved; for the troubled, confused, lonely, or despairing and for everyone who struggles with the tribulations of this life. Help us to show them, in word and deed, that though the world seems against them, you are for them; you love them; you justify them and you shall indeed make them more than conquerors.

Most Holy Father, we remember before you our departed loved ones. Remember your faithfulness and loving-kindness to us. Teach us to eagerly seek and dearly treasure your Son, our pearl of great price. Whatever trials we endure in this life, grant us that blessed outcome promised to all who love you. In your great mercy, bring us into your Kingdom. There, with all the redeemed, may we rejoice in your love and delight in you forever.

Receive and graciously answer our prayer, heavenly Father, for the sake of your dear Son; and by the power of your Holy Spirit, give us the strength and will to accomplish whatever you call us to do. **Amen.**

The kingdom of God is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*“Weeping And Wailing” - Burning Spear*

*“#3” - Aphex Twin*

My friends, if you wish to physically partake of holy communion, please now place the bread and the wine in front of you.

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, give us the bread of everlasting life and make us branches of the true vine. **Amen.**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Let us lift up our hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for your son Jesus came among us, sowing your Word and from that tiny seed your kingdom has grown, a pearl of great price, a treasure for which we would give everything, a home of welcome and grace for all people.

Though rulers and powers turned against him and he was killed, you raised him to new life and now there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love given us in Christ.

Therefore, Lord God, in thankfulness for all that you have done for us, we sing for ever of your glory.

*“Sanctus” from “Missa In Honorem Sancti Conradi”*  
by Antonio Margarelli - Cappella Musicale Corradiana

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God’s unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ’s body and his blood. Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. **Amen.**

My friends, please now lift up your piece of bread and as I say the following words we all break the bread together.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*“Agnus Dei” from “Missa In Honorem Sancti Conradi”*  
by Antonio Margarelli - Cappella Musicale Corradiana

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, in your own time please eat the bread and drink the wine and be assured that Jesus Christ is with you, wherever you are and wherever you may be.

*“Kingdom Of God” - John Guerra*

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

May the beauty of God be reflected in your eyes,  
the love of God be reflected in your hands,  
the wisdom of God be reflected in your words  
and the knowledge of God flow from your heart,  
that all might see, and in seeing, believe.

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

My sisters and brothers, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*"Mustard Seed" - Chip Andrus*