

ONLINE HOLY COMMUNION FROM SAINT LAIKA'S SUNDAY THE NINTH OF AUGUST, 2020

"Joy" - After The Fire

Welcome to Saint Laika's online Eucharist for Sunday the ninth of August, 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.

"Save Me" - The Shires

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 a fearful people and the world can be a fearsome place. Our lives are constantly under threat from acts of the natural world and from acts of our fellow human beings. We are not in control of our destiny. We never know what the future might bring. Therefore, let us not put our faith in this world but let us turn instead to God who is constant and upholding. Let us walk towards him in faith. He will forgive us our sins and give us life eternal.

*"Kyrie Eleison" From "Missa Orbis Factor" By Jakob Patriksson
- Ars Veritas With Schola Cantorum*

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 Orbis Factor" By Jakob Patriksson
- Ars Veritas With Schola Cantorum*

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your people: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 19:9-18*)

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

The word of the Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."

Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

"Still Small Voice" - The Christians

A reading from the "Letter to the Romans." (*Romans 10:5-15*)

The righteousness that comes from faith says, "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent?

As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

“Put The Message In The Box” - World Party

Alleluia, alleluia.

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Alleluia.

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

(*Matthew 14:22-33*)

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.

But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”

Jesus said, “Come.”

So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”

When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

“Jesus Walking On The Water” - The Violent Femmes

"Piano Aquieu" - Stars Of The Lid

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

Holy Father, we bow in adoration before your majesty. We stand in awe of your wisdom, power and goodness and we thank you for your strong saving love, made real for us in your dear Son. Send us your Spirit, so we may boldly obey his commands and humbly crave his mercy.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Send your people into every corner of the world to preach the Gospel of salvation through Christ. By your Spirit, give us humility, faith and courage to proclaim your holy Word with faithful clarity and winsome charity.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give such endurance and faith to all who are persecuted for being Christians, that even their tormentors might repent, call upon your name, and be saved.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Protect your people from storms of contention, controversy and confusion. Shelter us in your arms and help us trust your guidance. Help us to say in word and deed, "I love you, O Lord my strength, O Lord my stronghold, my crag, and my haven. My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, my shield, the horn of my salvation and my refuge; you are worthy of praise!"

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for everyone who is overwhelmed by winds and waves of adversity, grief and suffering. We know they sometimes feel abandoned by others and even by you, O Lord. Give us grace to encourage, strengthen and aid them. Help us to take their hand and walk with them, even across their stormy seas, towards the nail-scarred hands of Jesus, who will lift them up and save them.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Shield us from natural disasters and human-made catastrophes. Storms, floods, tornadoes, droughts and earthquakes threaten many lives; human malice and stupidity destroy many more. Come down, O Lord, on the wings of wind; scatter our enemies and deliver us from our anguish! Speak your word of peace upon the troubled earth and every human heart; and reign undisturbed as King and Lord of all.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, many people can say with the Psalmist, “The breakers of death rolled over me, and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.” We lift them before you. Save them from every affliction that threatens to lay them low. Lead them to a place of safety and shelter, healing and hope. And bless everyone who is entrusted with caring for them in any way.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Thank you, dear Father, for your servants who now rest from their earthly labours. Give to us, who still sail life’s stormy seas, faith to call upon you in confidence and hope. Give us love to encourage and help our neighbour in distress and give us hope, that clinging to your Son for dear life, we come safely into your embrace. Grant that we may sing with joy and worship you forever.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer, O Father, and grant all that glorifies you and builds up your people. This we ask for Jesus’ sake. **Amen.**

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness shall look down from heaven. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

“Walking On Water” - Rita Coolidge With Keb' Mo'

“The Daughters Of Quiet Minds” - Stars Of The Lid

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 you are Lord of all, without distinction and you are generous to all who call on you. In the first of your mighty wonders you calmed the chaos and created a planet full of life. You chose a people to carry your good news to the world and worked even through their acts of hatred and betrayal to bring about salvation.

So too when your Son, Jesus, was rejected and cast into the pit of death, you raised him from the dead and now save all who call on his name in faith. Coming to us amidst the storms of destruction, he pulls us up from the despair that would swallow us and with a word, brings his terrifying peace, bringing us to our knees in worship, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God!"

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

*"Sanctus" From "Missa Orbis Factor" By Jakob Patriksson
- Ars Veritas With Schola Cantorum*

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 Orbis Factor” By Jakob Patriksson
- Ars Veritas With Schola Cantorum*

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 you own time please eat the bread and drink the wine and be assured that Jesus Christ is with you, whoever you are and wherever you may be.

“Lord Lift Me Up” - Keaton Simons

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The peace of God be in your heart;
the grace of God be in your words;
the love of God be in your hands;
the joy of God be in your soul and in the song that your life sings.

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.

“Reach Out I'll Be There” - The Four Tops