

PASTORAL CARE MESSENGER

Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa, August 2022



Tears of Saint Lawrence

The tears of Saint Lawrence fall by the hour
Fall from the cosmos as our good saint weeps
Silently for us through those smoky nights
When hope seems but a burning mockery

The tears of Saint Lawrence remind us of
Certain promises made in the long-ago
That all would be well, and rainbows and rain
And refreshing streams are all part of them

The tears of Saint Lawrence fall, gently fall
As if our dreams were being baptized too

Lawrence Hall

This month we commemorate Saint Laurence, who was chief among the seven deacons who served the Church in Rome under Pope Sixtus II in the mid-third century. The young cleric held a position of great trust, caring for the goods of the Church and distributing its alms among the poor. Laurence was executed in August 258 A.D., during the persecutions of Christians under Emperor Valerian. Legend has it that that night the Perseids meteor shower appeared in the sky and since then the Perseids have been referred to as The Tears of St. Laurence.



Almighty God, you called your holy deacon Laurence to minister the riches of Christ, and for the sake of Christ's name gladly to pour forth his life. Grant us who keep his feast such faithfulness in our service to one another and such joy in bearing witness to you, that the world may be stirred to open its heart and attend to your word of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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