



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The people's responses are in bold.

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus arranged by Eugénie Rocherolle

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. *Hebrews 9:24*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

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. Alleluia.

Officiant Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Officiant and People

Alleluia.

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.
Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

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People Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Psalm 66:7-18

Officiant and People

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;**
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.**
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.**
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

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 LESSONS

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 17:22-31.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem

In peace we stand
Brad Logan, soloist

Brad Logan

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter 3:13-22.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 21 You are God *Te Deum laudamus*

Officiant and People

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord: we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:

All Creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

the glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;

Father, of majesty unbounded,

your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,

and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,

the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free

you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,

bought with the price of your own blood,

and bring us with your saints

to glory everlasting.

A Reading from the Gospel of John 14:15-21.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my

commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev. Timothy T. Rich

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Through resurrection from the dead, God has given us new birth. Let us offer prayers to God for the living hope of all the world.

To Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and who now lives in the glory of the Father, let us lift our voices in praise, saying: Risen Lord, **we bless you, Alleluia.**

We pray for the holy church of God throughout the world striving to be people of the resurrection. For Michael our presiding bishop, Nicholas our bishop, and for the clergy and lay staff of our parish. We join with communities through the Diocese and pray for the people and clergy of The Church of the Ascension/ La Iglesia de la Ascension, Cranston, and Ascension, Wakefield, that through our shared ministry all people might receive the good news of God." Risen Lord, **we bless you, Alleluia.**

We pray for our world: for its nations, leaders, and peoples. For Donald our president, and Gina our governor. For those called to protect and serve this and every land; especially the members of this community serving in the military: Chip Barton, Joey Barden, David Ryan H., Jordan Werner, Zachariah Hoydich, Jack Norris, Charlie Babb, Andrew Mettler, Trav de Groot, Doug, Scott Marcus, Jordan Jimenez, Chris Peters, Anatoly Impagliazzo, Jason Eaton, Kyle Talbot, Chris Dwyer, Austin Jackson, Steve Miozzi, and Danny Hayden. As we glory in the Lord's resurrection may we strive to live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross. Risen Lord, **we bless you, Alleluia.**

We pray for the whole world in the face of the coronavirus pandemic. We pray for those who are ill and those who have died. For doctors, nurses, first responders, and researchers caring for those in need and searching for answers of healing. For support staff, gig workers, essential employees, and all those who labor behind the scenes to support our communities. For those tasked with making decisions for the welfare of all people. For all of humanity that we might be relieved of anxiety, fear, and hardness of heart. Risen Lord, **we bless you, Alleluia.**

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for the needs and concerns of this community, for the homebound, those fed and clothed by our outreach ministries, and for those on our prayer list: Margaret Poole, Julian, Brayden Mossey, Larry Baxter, Steve, Leo, Kate & Jeff Kennedy, Heather MacQueen, Margaret, Anne, Suzie, Rell, David Rodriguez, Elaine James, Don, Debbie Held, Maureen Lorenzo, Liz McClintick, Thomas Shiel, Theresa Deiters, Patsy Tracey, Kim Knoll, Dorothy, Thomas Knoll, Rita, Ashley Knoll, Alliston Borden, and Samantha Simas. May those who suffer pain and anguish of any kind find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ. Risen Lord, **we bless you, Alleluia.**

We pray for those who now share in the resurrection of Christ. For those who have died and those who will die this week. We pray especially for Lorraine Messier and Moe Cyr and their family and friends in their time of grief. Through the undying love of Christ may we be united with all who have died in the glorious kingdom of God. Risen Lord, **we bless you, Alleluia.**

Following in the example of blessed Luke our patron, let us commend the world, for which Christ died and rose again, to the mercy and protection of God. Risen Lord, **we bless you, Alleluia.**

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Closing Hymn 383

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of
2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,
bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

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Participants

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Third Reading	Christine Scarber
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