



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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The First Sunday in Lent – February 21, 2021

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The people's responses are in bold.

Prelude

Erbalt uns, Herr

Johann Gottfried Walther

(based on Hymn 143, "The glory of these forty days")

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People

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.

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 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.

Officiant O God, you are my God;

People **from break of day I seek you.**

Morning Psalm: Psalm 63:1-8 *Deus, Deus meus*

Officiant and People

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *

**my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *

that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *

my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live *

and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *

and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, *

and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, *

and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; *

your right hand holds me fast.

Officiant O God, you are my God;

People **from break of day I seek you.**

Psalm 25:1-9

Officiant and People

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
 - 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
 - 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
 - 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
 - 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
 - 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
 - 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
 - 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
 - 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- 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 Book of Genesis 9:8-17.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I

bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 14: A Song of Penitence *Kyrie Pantokrator* Prayer of Manasseh,
1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
and of all their righteous offspring:
You made the heavens and the earth, *
with all their vast array.
All things quake with fear at your presence; *
they tremble because of your power.
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.
O Lord, you are full of compassion, *
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.
You hold back your hand; *
you do not punish as we deserve.
In your great goodness, Lord,
you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *
and I know my wickedness only too well.
Therefore I make this prayer to you: *
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.
Do not let me perish in my sin, *
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *
and in me you will show forth your goodness.
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,
in accordance with your great mercy, *
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.

**For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.**

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter 3:18-22.

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.

Anthem

O Divine Redeemer
Arielle Rogers, soloist

Charles Gounod

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 1:9-15.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your Name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, Nicholas, for all the clergy and people, and for all deacons as they make Christ and his redemptive love known to the world, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, Joseph, for our Governor, Gina, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, for the sick and the suffering, for those who are afflicted with Covid-19, and for all of those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Doreen Putnam, Mackenzie C., Logan, Dan Larkin, Andre Cabana, Erika and Darrel, Candy Weeks-Read, Chris, and Charlie Horton, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, and for those who serve in our armed forces, especially 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, Danny Hayden, Gregory Durant and Chip Barton, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.

People Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Hymn 143



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
*5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

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Participants

Preacher	The Rev. Timothy T. Rich, Rector
Officiant	The Rev. Tanya Watt, Assistant Rector
Minister of Music	Rodney Ayers
Soloist	Arielle Rogers
Hymn Quartet	Deborah Collins, Bruce Dearnaley, Laura and Michael Sullivan
First Reading	Paul Brookes
Second Reading	Ben Lovejoy
Gospel Reading	Joe Serdakowski
Prayers	Dana Sparhawk

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

Sunday, 2/21

Worship with us online at stlukeseg.org
5 pm Social Hour via Zoom

Monday, 2/22

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

Wednesday, 2/24

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard
7 pm Adult Faith Formation via Zoom

Thursday, 2/25

7 pm Kids Compline via Zoom

Friday, 2/26

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

Sunday, 2/28

Worship with us online at stlukeseg.org

Sunday Social Hour At 5 pm

Zoom Meeting Information:

Meeting ID: 889 7757 6106

Passcode: 860459

Find the link in our Weekly email!

**If you have requested pledge envelopes, they are
located in the atrium.**

Lent Blog

Seeking writers! As we approach Lent, we look forward to continuing our seasonal blog series where members of our community share their reflections on the day's scripture readings. If you would like to participate, we would love to hear from you! Whether you have written before or want to try it out for the first time, this is an opportunity for us to walk the road of Lent together even while we are physically apart. We were blessed by the thoughtful insights and wisdom shared by our parish during our Advent and Christmastide blogs, and we are eager to hear from you as we approach this new season. Please contact Mtr Tanya if you'd like to join in: tanya@stlukeseg.org

Please visit this link to view our Lent Blog beginning Ash Wednesday:
<https://stlukeseg.org/lenten-blog/>

Kid's Compline

We will be offering a new **family friendly prayer service in the spirit of compline on Thursday nights at 7:00 via Zoom, beginning on February 18, crafted especially with children in mind.**

Compline is a meditative night prayer that marks the closing of the day. During Lent, we are invited to consider giving something up or picking something up, and this is an opportunity for families to pick up a spiritually enriching practice. (And we promise to be done no later than 7:30!)

The link will be posted in our weekly announcement. Log-In information is below:

Meeting ID: 838 6319 3679

Passcode: 136624

Adult Faith Formation

Our Lenten Adult Faith Formation series has begun, Wednesday nights at 7 pm.

We are reading *Seven Last Words: An invitation to a deeper friendship with Jesus*, by Fr. James Martin. Even the titles of the chapters are a source of comfort: *Jesus Understands the Challenge of Forgiveness, Jesus Understands Doubts about the Afterlife, Jesus Understands a Parent's Love, Jesus Understands Feelings of Abandonment, Jesus Understands Physical Pain, Jesus Understands Disappointment, Jesus Understands Self-Offering.*

What wonderful news! Jesus understands. We hope you will join us as we dive more deeply into this welcome invitation. Please read Chapter 2 in preparation for our discussion.

The link will be posted in our weekly announcement. Log-In information is below:

Meeting ID: 867 3899 9469

Password: 427552

Pastoral Care Ministry

Prayer is a powerful way for us to support each other and build community. If you would like to add someone to our parish prayer list, please use the online Prayer List Request Form. It is available on our website under our Parish Life tab and in our Weekly Newsletter. The prayer list is updated weekly and available for all of us to view via the link in our Weekly Newsletter. The Pastoral Care Ministry continues to pray for all on the prayer list and send cards to the homebound and those in the hospital. By filling out the information on this form, you will help us to keep in touch.

Thank you and stay well.

The Pastoral Care Ministry

Use your phone to scan this QR code to make an online donation to St. Luke's!



February Bonuses for You and St. Luke's!

Chocolates for the kids, flowers for your significant other, a cup of coffee for a dear friend. Do all your Valentine's Day shopping using gift cards that double the love by giving back to St. Luke's. Also, check out the extra bonuses during Random Acts of Kindness Week (Feb. 13 -19). Purchase RaiseRight ecards and gift cards now to lock in bonuses for everyday purchases, game days and special occasions!



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Thank you,
Mark & Susan Cordle, Deborah Collins & Jeremy Stowe
Your Faithful RaiseRight Project Team