



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany – February 7, 2021

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The people's responses are in bold.

Prelude Two settings of *Allein Gott in der Höb* Zachau and Walther
(based on Hymn 421, "All glory be to God on high")

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

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. Alleluia.

Officiant The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

People **Come let us adore him.**

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

Officiant and People

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Officiant The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

People **Come let us adore him.**

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

Officiant and People

1 Hallelujah!

**How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!**

**2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

**3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.**

**4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.**

**5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.**

**6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

**7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.**

**8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;**

**9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.**

**10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.**

**11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;**

**12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.**

21 Hallelujah!

**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 the Prophet Isaiah 40:21-31.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches

out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 11 The Third Song of Isaiah *Surge, illuminare* Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations Will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.

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.

A Reading from the First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians 9:16-23.

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *If God be for us from Messiah* George Frideric Handel

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 1:29-39.

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also;

for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. For Michael our presiding bishop, Nicholas our bishop, for all bishops and other ministers; and for the clergy and lay staff of our parish. We join with communities throughout this diocese and pray for The Church of the Beloved, Pascoag.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your care all of those who work for justice, freedom, and peace. We pray for those in our Armed Forces.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for Ann Brough, Caroline, Tom Gunther, Bob Richert, Paula Thompson, Michael Joliceur, Rita, Lisbeth, Seamus Ryan Drago, Sherry Anderson, Kate & Callie, Bill, Pat & Gregory Lebeau, Rowen W., Dorothy Brown, Ellen Hall, Shirley W., Dot McDermott, Helen Biancani, Peter W. & Nancy W., Don & Mary S., Richard Fogarty, Jackie Hudson, Jack Eversole, Jennifer Larkin, Florence MacQueen, Benjamin Ingraham, Kenneth & Janice Rodi, Pete Young, Bob Schulman, Kusum Singh, Mackenzie C., Cheri, Laura, Roman, Logan, Dan Larkin, Alexandra Szabo, Andre Cabana, Sam Hopp, Erika and Darrel.

And during this time of global pandemic we pray: God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; we pray especially for Bill Dunn and his family and friends in their time of grief; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Silence

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Hymn 810 (from Wonder Love and Praise)

1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a -
 2. Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
 3. For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

bide in his sha - dow for life, say to the Lord: "My
 fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your
 guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"
 ref - uge with faith - ful - ness your shield.
 bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



“And I will raise you up on ea - gle’s wings,
 bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the
 sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

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Preacher	The Rev. Timothy T. Rich, Rector
Officiant	The Rev. Tanya Watt, Assistant Rector
Minister of Music	Rodney Ayers
Soloist	Birgitta Whited
Cantor	Brad Logan
First Reading	Mike Grady
Second Reading	Judi Nichols
Gospel Reading	Caitlyn Holmstedt
Prayers	Laura Sullivan

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

Sunday, 2/7

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

Monday, 2/8

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

Wednesday, 2/10

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard
1 pm Pastoral Care Meeting via Zoom

Friday, 2/12

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

Sunday, 2/14

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

Ash Wednesday

This year, **Ash Wednesday is February 17**. Though our church service for the day will be online, we will be offering multiple opportunities for you to receive the imposition of ashes. Ashes, made from the burning of the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday, signify our mortality and our repentance. As the ashes are imposed, we are reminded that we are dust, and to dust we shall return. This life is not permanent, and Lent reminds us of the greater life to which we are all called. We will be outside at St. Luke's on Ash Wednesday from 7:30-8:30am, 12:00-1:00pm, and 5:30-6:30 to pray with you and impose ashes. Receiving ashes will only take a few minutes, and you are welcome to remain in your car if you would like. Receiving ashes does not require a priest, and this year we are also offering small kits with ashes that you can either pick up at the church beginning on February 11 or that we can mail to you. The kits will include a small bag with ashes that have been blessed and a prayer that you can say as you make the sign of the cross on your own forehead or on those who share your home with you. If you would like to receive the kit via mail, please contact the church office to let Christina know.

Adult Faith Formation

Our Lenten Adult Faith Formation series will be on our regular schedule, (Wednesday night at 7:00), beginning on Ash Wednesday.

We will be 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.

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!)

Pastoral Care Ministry

The next Pastoral Care Meeting will take place on February 10 at 1 pm via Zoom. The link will be posted in our Weekly Announcement. Log-In information is below:

Meeting ID: 815 0533 2586

Password: 875054

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

St. Luke's Choirs Sing for You!

As a special gift from the Canterbury, St. Cecilia, and Angel Choirs to our St. Luke's family and friends, choir members compiled a special 'arrangement' of "How Can I Keep From Singing". The music is from an American folk song originally composed by Baptist minister Robert Wadworth Lowry in 1868 with the four-part arrangement published by Jeffrey Honoré in 1991. The choirs performed this piece at their 2019 Spring Concert and happily recreated that performance in this video. Here is the link: <https://stlukeseg.org/virtual-hymn-2020/> (It is also available on St. Luke's website and Facebook page).

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!



So, please, add the RaiseRight app to your phone today and help raise additional funds for St. Luke's! Scan the QR code below to get more details on the app. Most importantly, when downloading the app, please enter the following enrollment code to specify St. Luke's as your charitable organization of choice: FEB88LAC73L81



Stay tuned for more information on this exciting opportunity to support St. Luke's.

Thank you,
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