



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 14, 2021

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The people's responses are in bold.

Prelude

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ Johann Sebastian Bach
(based on Hymn 634, "I call on thee, Lord Jesus Christ")

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 *Deaus, 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 107:1-3, 17-22

Officiant and People

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
 - 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
 - 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
 - 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
 - 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
 - 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
 - 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
 - 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
 - 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.
- 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 Numbers 21:4-9.

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So

Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 10: The Second Song of Isaiah *Quaerite Dominum*

Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

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 Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians 2:1-10.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come

he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Requiem

Eliza Gilkyson
arranged by Craig Hella Johnson

A Reading from the Gospel of John 3:14-21.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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.

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 Episcopal Charities and the ministries and agencies the fund supports, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, Joseph, for our Governor, Daniel, 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 Matthew P., Logan, Kathy Denny-Brown, Kandi Weeks-Read, and the Macaruso Family, 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, we pray especially for Bob Richert and his family and friends in their time of grief, 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.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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 691

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887) Music: *Olivet*, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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Participants

Preacher/Officiant	The Rev. Timothy T. Rich, Rector
Assisting Clergy	The Rev. Tanya Watt, Assistant Rector
Minister of Music	Rodney Ayers
Choir	Choristers from the St. Cecilia Choir
First Reading	Sally House
Second Reading	Ben Lovejoy
Gospel Reading	Elizabeth McNamara
Prayers	Dawn Packer

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

Sunday, 3/14

Worship with us online at stlukeseg.org

Monday, 3/15

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

Wednesday, 3/17

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

7 pm Adult Faith Formation via Zoom

Thursday, 3/18

7 pm Kids Compline via Zoom

Friday, 3/19

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

4 pm St. Cecilia Choir

Sunday, 3/21

Worship with us online at stlukeseg.org

11:30 am Confirmation Class @ Auditorium

5 pm Social Hour via Zoom

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

Lent Blog

Seeking writers! This Lent, we are 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. Please contact Mtr Tanya if you'd like to join: tanya@stlukeseg.org

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

Kid's Compline

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

Compline is a 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 an enriching practice.

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

Meeting ID: 838 6319 3679

Passcode: 136624

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



From the Treasurer!

	2021 YTD	Budget	%	2020 YTD	Var
Pledge Income	\$113,826	\$116,000	98.13%	\$105,827	\$7,999
Loose Plate	\$1,549	\$3,600	43.03%	\$5,597	(\$4,048)
Other Personal Inc.	\$15,737	\$10,592	148.57%	\$15,198	\$539
Total Personal Inc.	\$131,112	\$130,192	100.71%	\$126,622	\$4,490
Total Other Inc	\$66,437	\$70,097	94.78%	\$4,255	\$62,182
Total Income	\$197,549	\$200,289	98.63%	\$130,877	\$66,672
Staff Expenses	\$72,533	\$74,795	96.98%	\$73,072	(\$539)
Facilities Expenses	\$13,231	\$19,170	69.02%	\$27,545	(\$14,314)
Program Expenses	\$2,489	\$5,750	43.29%	\$4,054	(\$1,565)
Outreach Expenses	\$1,769	\$369	479.40%	\$184	\$1,585
Total Expenses	\$105,403	\$113,400	92.95%	\$122,169	(\$16,766)
Net Income	\$92,146	\$86,889	106.05%	\$8,708	\$83,438

With a big thank you to all of you, we've had a strong start to 2021. Throw in the PPP loan and controlled spending, and we're right where we should be.

And can you sense the change in seasons? Optimism is in the air!

The weather is warming up, the vaccines are being rolled out and, with hope, we will soon be worshipping together again.

Grace and Peace,

Mike

Adult Faith Formation

Lenten Adult Faith Formation - 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 5 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



EASTER Flower Memorials



Names Must Be Submitted To The Office
Before March 20, 2021

REQUESTED BY: _____

In loving memory of...

As in years past, we invite you to remember your loved ones this Easter season by making a memorial gift to St. Luke's. Although services will be different in this time of COVID, by your generosity, they still will include the beauty of both music and flowers. Checks should be made payable to St. Luke's Church, Indicating "Flower Memorials" or "Music Memorials", suggested donation is \$10 per name. Email requests to cimondi@stlukeseg.org or Bring By The Office or Mail to: 99 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818

Thank you for your generosity. May your loved ones continue to rest eternal with the communion of saints and may God bless you in the weeks to come.



EASTER Music Memorials



Names Must Be Submitted To The Office
Before March 20, 2021

REQUESTED BY: _____

In loving memory of...

Spring Bonuses for You and St. Luke's!

Add new colors, fits and patterns to your wardrobe this spring. Purchase RaiseRight ecards and gift cards to shop trending styles for the whole family and raise money for St. Luke's!



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