



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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The Second Sunday of Easter – April 11, 2021

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The people's responses are in bold.

Prelude *O Filii et Filiae* Francois Dandrieu
(based on Hymn 206, "O sons and daughters, let us sing")

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 15:57

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 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.

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 Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Psalm 133

Officiant and People

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

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 First Letter of John 1:1-2:2.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

An Easter Carillon

W. Leonard Beck

A Reading from the Gospel of John 20:19-31.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev. Tanya Watt

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

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 Church Beyond the Walls. Risen Lord, **we bless you, Alleluia.**

We pray for our world: for its nations, leaders, and peoples. For Joseph our president, and Daniel our governor. For those called to protect and serve this and every land; especially the members of this community serving in the military. 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 all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. 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. 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: Heidi Johnson, Beth Coggins, Aimee Welch, Sue Tingle, Margaret Pinney, Lois Hunter, Piero, Shirley Monks, Joan Ruberg, Bud & Natalie Cockrell, Ted & Pat Hallenbeck, Tom Carlson, Birgitta, Meg Stowe, Dave Abell,

The Macaruso Family, Logan, Kathy Denny-Brown, Kandi Weeks-Read, and Nick. 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 Clara Walker and Marilyn Grant 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.**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.**

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*

Hymn 206



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 O sons and daught - ers, let us sing!
2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,
4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see;
5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,
6 How blest are they who have not seen,



1 The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,
2 a - midst them came their Lord most dear,
3 how they had seen the ris - en Lord,
4 my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
5 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
6 and yet whose faith has con - stant been,



1 o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
2 and said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!
3 he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
4 not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!
5 "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
6 for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

This hymn is for the Second Sunday of Easter and St. Thomas' Day.

Words: Att. Jean Tisserand (15th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) Music: *O filii et filiae*, melody from *Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noëls*, 1623; acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937) Copyright ©1975, G.I.A. Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

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Participants

Preacher	The Rev. Tanya Watt, Assistant Rector
Officiant	The Rev. Timothy T. Rich, Rector
Minister of Music	Rodney Ayers
Choir	Choristers from the St. Cecilia Choir
Hymn Quartet	Sarah Curtis, Brad Logan, Arielle Rogers, Rob Walsh
First Reading	Neal McNamara
Gospel Reading	Caitlyn Holmstedt
Prayers	Ben Lovejoy

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

Sunday, 4/11

7:45 am Holy Eucharist

10:15 am Holy Eucharist

11:30 am Confirmation Class @ Auditorium

Monday, 4/12

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

Wednesday, 4/14

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

1 pm Pastoral Care Meeting via Zoom

7 pm Adult Faith Formation via Zoom

Thursday, 4/15

7 pm Kids Compline via Zoom

Friday, 4/16

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

4 pm St. Cecilia Choir

Sunday, 4/18

7:45 am Holy Eucharist

10:15 am Holy Eucharist

11:30 am Confirmation Class @ Auditorium

5 pm Social Hour via Zoom

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

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



Don't Forget!
Please remember to sign up for services
at our website: stlukeseg.org

Adult Faith Formation

Beginning April 14, the Adult Faith Formation Group will be reading *Love Is the Way*, by our presiding bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry. About this book the Archbishop of Canterbury writes, "Drawing on his own life and experiences, (Curry) shows us that time and time again, when love is threatened by circumstances-- be it poverty, racism, violence, injustice, or the abuse of power-- that same love has the power to shine through."

Come and celebrate the Easter season with us by reflecting upon the power of this love to change our lives.

As in recent months, the class will meet over Zoom on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30PM. Please read Chapter 7 in preparation for our first meeting. And, as always, expense should be no obstacle to participation. If you need assistance in acquiring the book, let Tim or Tanya know. We look forward to sharing the discussions with you!

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

Meeting ID: 867 3899 9469

Password: 427552

Kid's Compline

Kid's Compline has resumed on Thursdays at 7 pm! We are offering a family friendly prayer service in the spirit of compline, crafted especially with children in mind.

Compline is a night prayer that marks the closing of the day. It's great to have the chance to pray and think about scripture together, and we'd love to have you join us!

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

Meeting ID: 838 6319 3679

Passcode: 136624

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 we will be worshipping together on March 21!

Grace and Peace,

Mike

Pastoral Care Ministry

Our next Pastoral Care Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14, at 1:00 pm via Zoom. A link to the meeting will be provided in our Weekly Announcement. Please see below for meeting details:

Meeting ID: 815 0533 2586

Passcode: 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

Property Monthly Meetings to Begin April 22

As Spring begins to revitalize us, our gardens and indoor facility is also looking to be revitalized, repaired. We will begin meeting on Thursday, April 22 from 9:00-11:30 am. There will be no breakfast, but individual snacks will be available-please bring your own drink. Masks will be required to be worn both inside and outside.

All are welcome to come regardless of experience. We would love to see some new faces! Indoor tasks can range from simple cleaning to regluing baseboard protectors. Outdoors we will be mostly cleaning up from winter this month and preparing a few new beds for planting.

Questions can be addressed to Bob Brockway (rwbrockway@verizon.net) for inside tasks; Cindi Lovejoy (benem@cox.net) for outdoor tasks (Jack Newton is still in Florida enjoying the sun but will be back next month).

We look forward to seeing you and welcoming Spring together!

Women of Grace – April 12th Meeting Features Sacred Harp Music

Our next meeting will be **Monday, April 12, at 7pm** – please mark your calendars! We are excited to welcome Sally House and her daughter Kelly House, who will be sharing their experience with and knowledge of Sacred Harp music. Sacred Harp, or shape-note music, is deeply rooted in American history, originating in New England between the late 1700s and early 1800s and carried on to the South. Please be sure to join us and invite friends to hear and learn about this inclusive form of singing and its resurgence today.

Women of Grace meets once a month via Zoom. Each gathering opens with prayer and a period of fellowship, followed by the evening's discussion, and ends with a prayer or reflection. We start at 7pm and promise to say our final AMEN by 9pm! Please feel free to invite friends/family to join us and RSVP so that we will know when to start the discussion.

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

Meeting ID: 849 5830 9014

Password: 301154

If you are not currently on our mailing list, please email Deborah Collins (collinstn01@gmail.com) to add your name and email address and receive updates on meeting logistics and resources.

Corporate Communion

The Corporate Communion program at St. Luke's is about to begin.

Children understand the symbolism and significance of the Eucharist in ways that are often surprising and delightful. It is no wonder that Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me!"

Since the 1991 *Prayerbook*, our church has lived into the theology that Baptism is full initiation into the Body of Christ, moving away from the idea that Confirmation and "understanding" are the bench marks for participation in the Eucharist.

Corporate Communion is a remarkable communion instruction, not preparation class. It is designed to offer age appropriate theology, liturgy and tradition to children.

Children are not the future of the church, they are the church today. This class honors their full membership in the Body of Christ, and equips us grownups for the vows we made at their Baptism that we would support them in their life in Christ.

Corporate Communion classes at St. Luke's will begin at 9am and will meet on following dates:

5/2 Meet and Greet/Sharing a Meal
5/9 Story Telling/These Holy Things
5/16 Church Tour with Father Tim
5/23 These Holy Things/Praying Together/Angel
6/5 Rehearsal 12:00- 1:00 and Ice Cream Social at St. Luke's
6/6 Corporate Communion celebration at the 10:15 service

We will meet downstairs in the dining room and will practice social distancing.

Please contact me at theresa@stlukeseg.org for a registration form or call me at 415-233-0761 if you have any questions or concerns.

Blessings,
Theresa Deiters Muscat

ST. LUKE'S YARD SALE



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Date!

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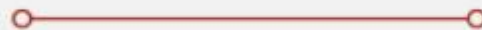
2021

**7AM TO
NOON**

St. Luke's is taking part in the Annual Hill & Harbor Yard Sale!

We are looking for donations of gently used items such as toys, books, DVD's, clothing, tools, sporting equipment, home goods, small working appliances or electronics, and furniture.

We will be scheduling drop off times for your donations starting a week prior to the sale...
so stay tuned!



How else can you help?

We'll need volunteers to help sort/price items and work the day of the sale. We'll also need volunteers with trucks for clean-up and clear-out! A Sign-up Genius for volunteers will be distributed soon. Questions in the meantime go to:

Jon Jacaruso at jonjacaruso@live.com

Handmade Crosses

Hi, my name is David Clifton. I have grown up here at St. Luke's. From being in the choir, to being part of the youth group, to going to ECC for many years, and to be able serve as an Acolyte on the alter. And through it all was my family (mom, dad, and 2 sisters) and my St. Luke's family (too many of you to list by name). When my dad passed away in 2018, I came to ask GOD and my St. Luke's family for support. That is when Fr. Tim, Fr. Dante, and our Deacon Christine became part of my family. And it was and still is being very supportive.

I took dad passing very hard, so to help myself get through that time, I had to put my creative mind to work. I had to find something that I could do. So I went to the internet, and starting looking at things that I could make. One thing caught my eye, it was a cross. Not an ordinary cross, but a cross that was made out of something that I had seen all the time growing up. The cross was made out of horseshoe nails. Yes, I said horseshoe nails, the nails that are used to put shoes on horses. The cross was called a "Disciple's Cross", it looked nice but I knew that with a little bit of extra work, I could make it something that dad would like. So, I got some supplies and I made two prototypes. I took them to church and showed them to the Deacon (who loved them) and who (at the time) 'BLESSED' them. I gave one to mom and I took the other one. At that time, I asked the clergy if they wanted one and what color(s) they wanted it to be. Now that is when things started to take off, the Deacon said that having the acolytes make their own cross would be another way to teach them about 'HOLY WEEK'. So a workshop was setup one Sunday after church and all of the acolytes each made their own cross. On Palm Sunday of 2019, Fr. Tim 'BLESSED' the acolytes' crosses and the crosses were then passed out to the acolytes. And it was a very nice site, to see something that I had helped the acolytes make, in the memory of dad, being wore around the necks of the acolytes on Easter Sunday 2019.

Every now and then, I end up making one for a friend of the family, or for a birthday present for a member of the church. Well, now I am writing this to ask any member of my church family, if they would like me to make them a cross. I have included a photo of a finished cross along with a QR code that you can scan to send me an email. Now Mother Tanya and the other Fr. Tim, have become part of our family and I have already made, had 'BLESSED', and delivered their crosses.

God be with you,
David

This Cross Belongs to Our Bishop



More Spring Bonuses for You and St. Luke's!

Take a night off from cooking and raise funds for St. Luke's

Treat yourself to takeout or delivery this month. Whether you're craving pasta, pizza, a burger or something else, there's a gift card for every type of cuisine.



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**



Create opportunities for what matters most to you—right from your phone. Buy gift cards from 750+ brands to earn on your daily purchases. It's simply the right way to fundraise.



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