



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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The Third Sunday of Easter – April 18, 2021

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The people's responses are in bold.

Prelude Two settings of *Christ ist erstanden* H. Bach and J. Fischer
(based on Hymn 184, "Christ the Lord is risen again")

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. 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.

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 4

Officiant and People

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"

3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the LORD.

6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

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 3:1-7.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem

On earth has damned this day of days

Vincent Edwards

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke 24:36b-48.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness

of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

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 San Jorge's, Central Falls; and St. George's School, Middletown. 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: 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. 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: Beth Coggins, Margaret Thompson, Roz, Birgitta, Patti & Bill Smitg, Dave Abell, Nick, Logan, Kathy Denny-Brown, and Kandi Weeks-Read. 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. 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.**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; 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.**

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 184



1 Christ the Lord is risen a - gain! Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain!
2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en - dured the strife,
3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up - on the cross



Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.
takes our sin and guilt a - way that with an - gels we may say:
is ex - alt - ed now to save, wrest - ing vic - tory from the grave.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, our Pas - chal Lamb in - deed,



Christ, to - day your peo - ple feed. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Participants

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

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

Sunday Social Hour At 5 pm

Zoom Meeting Information:

Meeting ID: 889 7757 6106
Passcode: 860459

Monday, 4/19

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

Wednesday, 4/21

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

Find the link in our Weekly email!

Thursday, 4/22

7 pm Kids Compline via Zoom
9 am Property Committee Meeting

Friday, 4/23

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard
4 pm St. Cecilia Choir

Sunday, 4/25

7:45 am Holy Eucharist
10:15 am Holy Eucharist
11:30 am Confirmation Class @ Auditorium

**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 8 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

Treasurer's Announcement

	2021 YTD	Budget	%	2020 YTD	Var
Pledge Income	\$153,246	\$143,000	107.17%	\$141,049	\$12,197
Loose Plate	\$3,463	\$5,400	64.13%	\$7,537	(\$4,074)
Other Personal Inc.	\$21,426	\$14,150	151.42%	\$22,049	(\$623)
Total Personal Inc.	\$178,135	\$162,550	109.59%	\$170,635	\$7,500
Total Other Inc	\$81,604	\$85,396	95.56%	\$13,104	\$68,500
Total Income	\$259,739	\$247,946	104.76%	\$183,739	\$76,000
Staff Expenses	\$108,888	\$112,032	97.19%	\$111,188	(\$2,300)
Facilities Expenses	\$24,675	\$33,009	74.75%	\$40,000	(\$15,325)
Program Expenses	\$5,402	\$8,625	62.63%	\$6,669	(\$1,267)
Outreach Expenses	\$1,953	\$553	353.16%	\$553	\$1,400
Total Expenses	\$162,754	\$174,193	93.43%	\$182,069	(\$19,315)
Net Income	\$96,984	\$73,754	131.50%	\$1,669	\$95,315

Notes:

So, we're still in good shape, just better than last month.

We are over budget in income as well as over last year's numbers.

We are under budget in expenses as well as under last year's numbers.

I join the leadership team in extending our thanks and appreciation for all the support that you continue to provide! None of this happens without you!

Grace and Peace,

Mike

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

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!

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 – May 22, 2021

ST. LUKE'S YARD SALE



Save the
Date!

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**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](mailto: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



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