



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

*Where all are welcome at the Lord's table*

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## The Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 25, 2021

### Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The people's responses are in bold.

**Prelude** *St. Columba* Healey Willan  
(based on Hymn 645, "The King of love my shepherd is")

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 23

*Officiant and People*

1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble  
me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**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 3:16-24.**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Anthem**

*God is my shepherd*  
Birgitta Whited, soloist

Antonín Dvořák

### **A Reading from the Gospel of John 10:11-18.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me,

but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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**

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 St. Mark's Warwick, and The Church of the Good Shepherd, Pawtucket. 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: Jim, Margaret Thomson, Marilyn Grant, Beth Hunter, Alex Myers, Steve Mazur, Anne G, Astrid, Elaine Decker, Suzie Woodward, Paula A., Mike, Thomasine Manickas, Janet Kitchen, Kenneth Hunter, Christopher Gormley, Arlene & Bill Dubois, Joanie B., Cole R., Doreen Gardner, Kerri Turgeon, Samantha Mossey, Sophia Martin, Don B., Paul M., "C", Roz, Kandi Weeks-Read, Birgitta, Patti & Bill Smitg, Dave Abell, Nick, Logan, Kathy Denny-Brown, Jean, Al and John Gallucci, and Eric Horsman & Family. 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 for Pete Young, Beth Coggins, Michael Radigan, and Matthew Elder, 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.**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### **A Prayer attributed to St. Francis**

*Officiant and People*

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. 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 664



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah  
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence  
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; \_\_\_\_\_ in pas - tures fresh he  
is my stay; \_\_\_\_\_ one word of thy sup -  
all my days; \_\_\_\_\_ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.\_\_\_\_  
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.\_\_\_\_  
mine a - bode and all my work be praise.\_\_\_\_



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my  
There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, \_\_\_\_\_ and leads me, for his  
ta - ble spread; \_\_\_\_\_ my cup with bless - ings  
go and come; \_\_\_\_\_ no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.\_\_\_\_  
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.\_\_\_\_  
or a guest, but like a child at home.\_\_\_\_

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23

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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	Birgitta Whited
Choir	Choristers from the St. Cecilia Choir
First Reading	Michael Grady
Gospel Reading	Joe Serdakowski
Prayers	Dana Sparhawk



## **THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S**

### **Sunday, 4/25**

7:45 am Holy Eucharist

10:15 am Holy Eucharist

11:30 am Confirmation Class @ Auditorium

### **Monday, 4/26**

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

### **Wednesday, 4/28**

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

7 pm Adult Faith Formation via Zoom

### **Thursday, 4/29**

7 pm Kids Compline via Zoom

### **Friday, 4/30**

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

4 pm St. Cecilia Choir

### **Sunday, 5/2**

7:45 am Holy Eucharist

9:15 Corporate Communion Meet & Greet @ Dining Room

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](http://stlukeseg.org)**

### **Adult Faith Formation**

The Adult Faith Formation Group is 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 9 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

## **Women of Grace - *Listening Hearts* Discussion on May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Our next meeting will be **Monday, May 10 at 7pm** – please mark your calendars! The Rev. Pam Gregory will lead us in a discussion of the *Listening Hearts* program for lay discernment. Based on the book *Listening Hearts: Discerning Call in Community* by Suzanne Farnham, the program provides “simple reflections and exercises drawn from scripture and from Quaker and Ignatian traditions, to help make the spiritual practice of discernment accessible to everyone, not just clergy”. New or used copies of the book can be purchased online or in bookstores. For our May 10 discussion, you only need to read through page 67.

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!

If you are not currently on our mailing list or if you need help finding the book, please email Deborah Collins ([collinstn01@gmail.com](mailto:collinstn01@gmail.com)).

## 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](mailto: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!

**MAY**

–  
**22**

–  
**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.

Drop off dates/times for donations:

Sunday, May 16 - 8AM to Noon

Monday, May 17 -- 4PM to 6PM

Tuesday, May 18 -- 4PM to 6PM

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### How else can you help?

**VOLUNTEER** ... to sort/price items or work the day of the sale.

**VOLUNTEER** your truck for clean-up and clear-out!

To volunteer, a Sign-Up Genius Link will be posted in our Weekly Announcement or you can contact

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's 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 sight, to see something that I had helped the acolytes make, in the memory of Dad, being worn 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*



## **Pentecost is Coming!**

Pentecost Sunday tells the story of the disciples who came together, who received the Holy Spirit as fire and who told the story of Jesus and God's love. We read that the Holy Spirit descended as a dove and has, by tradition, become not only a symbol of the Holy Spirit but of peace. We, too, will come together on Pentecost Sunday, both virtually and in person. We will hear the story and, in the chaos we feel in our present world, we will look for peace.

Building on our tradition, we would like to create a pathway of peace for those who enter for Pentecost services, but we need some help. Available in the office are kits to make Origami Doves. If we all make a few, we should reach our goal of 100 to fly over our hearts for Pentecost Sunday!

If you are able to help, please pick up a kit, make the doves (they are easy), and return the doves to church by May 20. If you need more visual instructions, you can go to <http://www.tavinsorigami.com/origami->. This is a video step by step direction for the traditional Origami Dove.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me, Cindi Lovejoy, at [benem@cox.net](mailto:benem@cox.net).

## **St. Luke's Receives a Gift from Episcopal Charities Now Fund**

Many of you have participated in the Episcopal Charities campaigns in years past. Historically, St. Luke's has been one of the largest contributors to this diocesan effort, which raises funds from diocesan contributions to support a host of state-wide, non-profit programs.

In response to the pandemic, Episcopal Charities began the "Charities Now" Fund to distribute aide quickly to church-based feeding ministries. At the end of March, St. Luke's was the beneficiary of this outreach, receiving a \$1,000 donation to support the resumption of our feeding ministries.

Let us give thanks for the generosity of our fellow Episcopalians and this diocese. Let us keep our various feeding ministries in our prayers. And let us always be mindful of those near and far, hungry for both food and love.



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

Get ready for graduation season and raise funds for St. Luke's!

Party planning, gift buying, outfit shopping – there's plenty to do before graduation season begins. Get gift cards to make your prep more impactful.



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**



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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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