



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 2, 2021

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The people's responses are in bold.

Prelude *Prelude and Fugue in F* attributed to J.S. Bach

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.

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People Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Psalm 22:24-30

Officiant and People

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

**30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.**

**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 4:7-21.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Praise

George Dyson

A Reading from the Gospel of John 15:1-8.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by

itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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. 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 throughout the Diocese and pray for the retired clergy of the Diocese. 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: Margaret Thomson, Pam Kelly, George Graham, Florence & John MacQueen, Maddalyn, Gary & Cindy M., Sylvia DeFalco, Lou R., Claire LaFontaine, Ann Brough, Caroline, Tom Gunther, Isabel Blair, Paula Thompson, Rita, Lisbeth, Seamus Ryan Drago, Sherry Anderson, Kandi Weeks-Read, Birgitta, Dave Abell, Nick, Logan, Jim, Kathy Denny-Brown, Jean, Al and John Gallucci. 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 Marilyn O'Brien, Bob Schulman, and Eric Horsman 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 God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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.

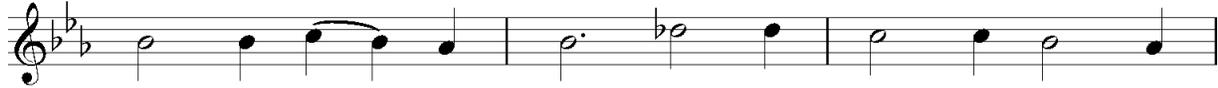
People **Thanks be to God.**

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 487



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes _____ his guest.
part; such a heart as joys _____ in love.

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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
First Reading	Laura Sullivan
Gospel Reading	Caitlyn Holmstedt
Prayers	Paul Brookes

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

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

Sunday Social Hour At 5 pm

Monday, 5/3

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

Zoom Meeting Information:

Meeting ID: 889 7757 6106

Passcode: 860459

Wednesday, 5/5

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

Find the link in our Weekly email!

Thursday, 5/6

7 pm Kids Compline via Zoom

Friday, 5/7

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

Sunday, 5/9

7:45 am Holy Eucharist
9:15 Corporate Communion Story Telling @ Dining Room
10:15 am Holy Eucharist
11:30 am Confirmation Class @ Auditorium

**Happy Anniversary to Harry and Roz Waterman
from your St. Luke's Family!**

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

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 10 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	\$201,135	\$188,000	106.99%	\$183,625	\$17,510
Loose Plate	\$7,439	\$7,400	100.53%	\$9,078	(\$1,639)
Other Personal Inc.	\$30,875	\$22,233	138.87%	\$26,592	\$4,283
Total Personal Inc.	\$239,449	\$217,633	110.02%	\$219,295	\$20,154
Total Other Inc	\$82,630	\$87,945	93.96%	\$13,623	\$69,007
Total Income	\$322,079	\$305,578	105.40%	\$232,918	\$89,161
Staff Expenses	\$145,450	\$149,019	97.61%	\$147,448	(\$1,998)
Facilities Expenses	\$31,454	\$41,663	75.50%	\$46,621	(\$15,167)
Program Expenses	\$6,498	\$12,750	50.96%	\$8,227	(\$1,729)
Outreach Expenses	\$2,137	\$737	289.96%	\$737	\$1,400
Total Expenses	\$108,251	\$74,777	144.77%	\$234,578	(\$126,327)
Net Income	\$108,251	\$74,777	144.77%	(\$1,600)	\$109,851

We've had another good month. May we pray it continues.

Notes:

- Big Sister Bin brought in \$206.40!
- We have rented out a parking space for \$75 monthly to a local neighbor - \$450 pre-paid
- Quarterly water bill was down over 50% - no idea why, other than the dehydrated staff

Again, we give all of you our continued thanks for all the blessings you share!

Peace and Grace,
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

Theology on Tap

Thanks to Rob Walsh for leading our last meeting using his reflection on **“What is Free Time?”** and prompting a really thoughtful discussion with the guys. We all benefited! Our **next TOT meeting** will continue to be on Zoom on next **Monday, May 3 @ 7:00pm**. Rather than arranging a program this time, I thought it would be fun to just talk about *whatever is on your mind . . . sort of “Open Mic Night”*. The link will be included in our weekly announcement. Log-in information is below:

Meeting ID: 932 3259 3177

Passcode: 035516

Women of Grace - *Listening Hearts* Discussion on May 10th

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).

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.

Drop off dates/times for donations:

Sunday, May 16 - 8AM to Noon

Monday, May 17 -- 4PM to 6PM

Tuesday, May 18 -- 4PM to 6PM

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

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.

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**



 **RaiseRight.**
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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

St. Luke's Bag Lunches for Buddies



When was the last time you lovingly packed a bag lunch for your kids? Yesterday? Yesteryear?

Well, St. Luke's has begun a new "feeding ministry" to make 30+ bag lunches weekly and deliver them to Community Care Alliance in Woonsocket, a day shelter located just around the corner from our Loaves & Fishes truck run stop (on hold during the COVID pandemic).

If you would like to participate in this outreach to our friends in need, look for weekly emails with an invitation and link to our SignUpGenius where you will find all the details.

And, thanks in advance from the many folks we help nourish and who help nourish us, spiritually.

Rob Walsh