



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 9, 2021

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The people's responses are in bold.

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus* arranged by Eugénie Rocherolle

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 98

Officiant and People

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

**8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

**9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.**

**10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.**

**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 Acts of the Apostles 10:44-48.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

The Father's love

Simon Lole

A Reading from the Gospel of John 15:9-17.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will

give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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 throughout the Diocese and pray for La Iglesia de la Ascension/The Church of the Ascension, Cranston; and The Church of the Ascension, Wakefield. 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: Luke Hemr and Family, Ellen Abell, Margaret Thomson, Kate & Callie, Bill & Patty Smith, Patti & Gregory Lebeau, Rowen W., Dorothy Brown, Ellen Hall, Shirley W., Dot McDermott, Helen Biancani, Peter & Nancy W., Don & Mary S., Chris, Jackie Hudson, Ben Ingraham, Jennifer Larkin, Jenny & Scott Couture, Benjamin Ingraham, Kenneth & Janice Rodi, Scott S., Heidi Johnson, Deb DeOrsey, Jim, Kandi Weeks-Read, Birgitta, Pam Kelly, Nick, Logan, Jean, Al and John Gallucci, Mathew Rajan, Donna L. and Mathew Rajan. 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 Alisha Daniels and her 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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Mother's Day Prayer

Officiant and People

God of Holy People,

**of Sara, Ruth and Rebecca;
of Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus,
bend down Your ear to our requests
and bless not only our mothers
but all those who have mothered us.**

**Bless them with the strength of Your Spirit,
they who taught us how to stand and walk.**

**Bless them with the melody of Your voice,
they who taught us how to speak, how to sing
and how to pray to You.**

**Bless them with Your manna from heaven,
they who showed us how to feed ourselves
and fed us when we were helpless or hungry.**

**Bless those women who are still with us,
in this lifetime, with joy, laughter, love,
and pride in the children whom they have helped raise.**

**Bless those women who have passed from us to You
with a place at Your eternal table,
comforted by the communion of saints
and embraced by You, their Creator.**

**And bless us too, children once upon a time,
with grateful hearts
for the many gifts these women bestowed upon us
and where necessary, with forgiving hearts for the times
we were left wanting.**

**These blessings and graces we ask of You,
our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. 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 456



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
 2 (O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous) Love, we read thee
 3 (We read thee best in him who) came to bear for
 4 (We read thy power to bless and) save e'en in the



and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
 in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
 us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
 dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion



bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all
 low, in seas that swell and streams that
 high, our life to live, our death to
 light we read the full - ness of thy



thought. 2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous
 flow. 3 We read thee best in him who
 die. 4 We read thy power to bless and
 might.

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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	Leila O'Connell
Prayers	Dawn Packer

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

Sunday, 5/9

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

Monday, 5/10

- 10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

Wednesday, 5/12

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

Friday, 5/14

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

Sunday, 5/16

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:15 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 am Corporate Communion Church Tour with Father Tim
- 11:30 am Confirmation Class @ Auditorium
- 5 pm Social Hour via Zoom

PENTECOST SERVICE!

Wear Red!

SUNDAY – MAY 23

Our 10:15 Service will be held outdoors
at Swift Gym Field!

Please bring your masks, chairs or blankets!

We look forward to seeing you!

Don't forget to wear red!

Don't Forget!

**Please remember to sign up for services
at our website: stlukeseg.org**

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

Celebrating Our Graduates!

Please let us know who may be graduating in your family from high school or college so that we can celebrate this wonderful accomplishment! Reach out to our office at 884-4116 or cimondi@stlukeseg.org and let us know their names!

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 11 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

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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

Our next Pastoral Care Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 12, 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

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).

Property Committee

Property Monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20, from 8-11:30 am. All are welcome to join us as we clean up our grounds, plant new colors and make small repairs inside. Masks still required, bring your own drinks. We are a small but mighty group and would welcome newcomers to join us! Contact Cindi at benem@cox.net

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!

MAY

–
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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.

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

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.

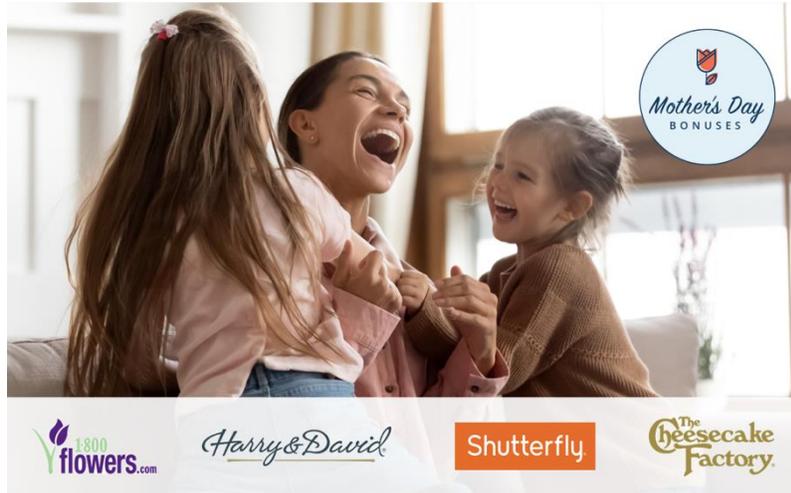
And, thanks in advance from the many folks we help nourish and who help nourish us, spiritually.

Rob Walsh

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

Mother's Day gifts that give back to St. Luke's!

Show your appreciation and love this Mother's Day with E-gift cards from RaiseRight. Use the e-gift cards to buy a gift for mom or let her choose the perfect gift for herself.



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

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

