



GRACE-ST. LUKE'S

E P I S C O P A L C H U R C H

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
MORNING SERVICE OF EUCHARIST, PRAYERS, MEDITATION & MUSIC
NOVEMBER 15, 2020 10:30 AM
VIA LIVESTREAM

This service is an adaptation of various services for public worship in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) of The Episcopal Church. Text in boldface type is read aloud or sung by the congregation. Text in italics provides directions or details. Explore the richness of the BCP online at bcponline.org including Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families. During this service, please feel free to stand, sit, or even kneel at the appointed times and practice any personal pieties that might enhance your engagement in this experience.

Welcome to Worship: *Thank you for making Grace-St. Luke's part of your spiritual journey and for joining us today for this virtual worship offering. If you are new among us, please complete an online Connect Card at gracestlukes.org/online-visitor-card. Our clergy-staff team would like to reach out to learn more about you and to explore how life at Grace-St. Luke's might bless your journey and you bless ours. For more about our thriving faith community including online formation (learning) offerings, please visit www.gracestlukes.org.*

Celebrant: The Rev. Laura F. Gettys
Lector & Intercessor: Jessica Abell

Preacher: The Rev. Anne S. Carriere
Assisting: The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher

All are asked to observe silence during the

Voluntary: "TIERCE EN TAILLE" from *Messe pour les convents*

François Couperin

Welcome, Announcements and Children's Message

The Word of God

Hymn 598, stanzas 1, & 3-4, "LORD CHRIST, WHEN FIRST THOU CAM'ST TO EARTH"

music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentile," 1529;
adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547,
and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566
text: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt.



1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, up - on a cross they
2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -
3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -
4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -



bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then
nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom
fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war
a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,



by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs
the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone
we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith
we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -



may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that
was left on stone, and all those na - tions'
our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom
umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.
pride, o'er-thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!
of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.
fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise *said three times*

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, **Have mercy upon us.**

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah

(7,12-18)

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence

Psalm 90:1-8, 12 read responsively by whole verse

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, ***
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past ***
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 **In the morning it is green and flourishes; ***
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 **Our iniquities you have set before you, ***
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

The Gospel

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

25:14-30

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you

handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily: The Rev. Anne S. Carriere

The Priest invites the People to stand for the

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Priest invites the People to stand or kneel for the

The Prayers of the People, Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Remembering especially those reflected on the Prayer List as named in the service leaflet, the widowed and orphans, all whose lives are affected due to the COVID-19 pandemic and those who now care for them, and those we now name either silently or aloud [N.N.] Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Remembering those who have died, for those who have died from coronavirus, and those we now name either silently or aloud [N.N.] Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, including thanksgivings for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that support life at Grace-St. Luke's; for our School and all schools that serve our community; for the Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church, and the Diocese of West Tennessee; and for all individuals, communities, and organizations working tirelessly and creatively to respond to the needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Silence is observed. Then, the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory

The Celebrant first offers instructions about the ministration of communion and the consecration of pledges to the stewardship campaign. Then the Celebrant and Assisting Priest wash their hands with soapy warm water and sanitize them. During the setting of the Holy Table and the choral anthem, your financial offerings may be made to support life at Grace-St. Luke's: visit gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving; text GSLChurch ALMS to 73256 to give to ALMS; text GSLChurch PLEDGE to 73256 to give to your PLEDGE; or you may mail offerings to the church office. Our 2021 stewardship campaign, Resilience and Connection by Giving, is seeking 100% participation from all parishioners: visit gracestlukes.org/pledge. For information about worship, formation for all ages, ways to connect, serve and more, visit www.gracestlukes.org.

Music at the Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Arch-angels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Anthem at Communion, "A SONG OF THANKSGIVING"

music: John Ferguson (b. 1941)

incorporating the tune Nun danket alle Gott by Johann Crüger (1598-1622);

text: Psalm 90:1, Lamentations 3:22, Psalm 100:5;

from Nun danket: Martin Rinckhart (1586-1649), tr. Catherine Winkworth, (1829-1878)

Lord! You have been our refuge from one generation to another.
Your love never ceases, your mercies never end.
For you are good, O Lord. Your steadfast love endures for ever and ever.

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms,
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today. Amen.

Spiritual Communion Prayers

While the congregation gathered in person receives communion, the congregation worshipping via livestream offers the following prayers. These rich words are recited daily throughout the church catholic (universal) by individuals and communities unable to gather for public worship for whatever reason, while also longing for the occasion to participate in the Episcopal Church's central practice of receiving the Holy Sacrament.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly Grace-St. Luke's and those worshipping there, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory, and particularly for the blessings given me.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 551, "RISE UP, YE SAINTS OF GOD!"

*music: Festal Song, William H. Walter (1825-1893)
text: William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954)*

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

The Dismissal

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The people are dismissed with these words

Minister Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD" from Cantata No. 79

Johann Sebastian Bach
(arr. V. Fox)

Continue the day, giving thanks to God for blessings known and known, and by reaching out in care for fellow parishioners, neighbors, and any persons in need. Members of the parish with any needs or pastoral concerns: email pastoralcare@gracelukes.org or dial 901-252-6320, and for hospitalizations or emergencies, dial the 24/7 Clergy-on-Call phone line at 901-252-6334.

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Dr. Patrick A. Scott, Director of Music & Organist
Elizabeth Hornor, Isabel Wittman, Charles McGowan, André Moore, Cantors
Lucy Owens, Communications Administrator
Jeff White, Livestream Support

Weekly Message from the Clergy

Thank You for Our Ministry of Giving. In his book *A Spirituality of Fundraising*, Father Henri Nouwen reflects on the ministry of Christians giving financial resources as a spiritual practice. Nouwen suggests that collective giving is to partner with God in working for the here-and-now kingdom spoken in The Lord's Prayer. The ministry of giving is an expression both of one's love for God and for the faith community one calls "home." In addition to the invaluable ministry of time and talent, the present and future operational life of Grace-St. Luke's also is made possible by pledges (estimates-of-giving) as well as alms (non-pledged monies, one-time contributions). All that GSL is able to do is dependent on collective giving, mindful that each amount matters. Our 2021 fundraising initiative, Resilience and Connection by Giving (gracestlukes.org/pledge), seeks 100% participation from all households. For 2020, 247 pledges from among our more than 500 households were offered. As of Friday, November 6, 154 pledges totaling \$889,901 have been made, which means we have a long way to go and short time to get there. Each pledge toward the minimum of \$1.2 million needed is making a difference. As a member of the stewardship committee and since the finance committee will meet soon to draft next year's operating budget for vestry consideration, I am grateful for the ministry of pledges offered and prayerful for ministries to come. Nouwen shares that "fundraising is a very rich and beautiful activity. It is a confident, joyful, and hope-filled expression of ministry. In ministering to each other, each from the riches that he or she possesses, we work together for the full coming of God's kingdom." – The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Rector

Take Note: New Highlights

Survey about Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services: Respond by November 18. Please take a moment to complete a brief time-sensitive survey from the clergy-staff team to learn about your plans for in-person worship with GSL on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Your assistance by Wednesday, November 18, at 4 p.m. will be appreciated for the final stage of planning. Follow this link (www.tinyurl.com/GSLChristmasSurvey) for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Worship Plans survey.

Racial Healing: A Lifelong Journey, Part 1, with Grace-St. Luke's Social Justice Committee Member Paula Barnes and Emily Yellin, Sunday, November 15, 9:15-9:45 a.m. See below under *Adult Christian Formation* for details.

Outdoor Gathering for Families and Children, Sunday, November 15, 1-3 p.m. on Anchor Hill. See below under *Children's Christian Formation* for details.

Prerecorded Concert, Sunday, November 15, 5:30-6 p.m. See below under *Worship and Music* for details.

In a Colorful Place is a book of seasoned opinions about Memphis, about home, and about life comprised of columns by parishioner Dan Conaway and friend of GSL Otis Sanford—both columnists for *The Daily Memphian* since its founding. It will be available soon through Amazon, novel. and Burke's Book Store. Be on the lookout for signed copies at local bookstores soon.

Ongoing events, less recent news, and more, explore below: *Virtual Offerings, Worship and Music, Stewardship, Christian Formation, Community Life, Outreach, and Quick Links.*

Virtual Offerings

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, November 15

9:15-9:45 a.m. Adult Formation. Racial Healing: A Lifelong Journey, Part 1 with Grace-St. Luke's Social Justice Committee Member Paula Barnes and Emily Yellin, a LIVE ZOOM offering. Details below under *Adult Christian Formation*.

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist. Livestream Service of Holy Eucharist including music via the GSL website (www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship) and Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live); also in person.

5:30-6 p.m. Prerecorded Concert with Debbie Smith, organ/piano, and Michelle Vigneau, oboe, via Facebook (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live) and YouTube (www.youtube.com/gracestlukes).

Tuesday, November 17, Compline (Night Prayers), 8-8:15 p.m. via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).

Wednesday, November 18, 6-6:45 p.m. *Learning to Walk in the Dark* discussion via Zoom, details below under *Adult Christian Formation*.

Thursday, November 19, Men's Morning Fellowship, 7 until 7:45 a.m. via ZOOM. Follow this link for what to expect and ZOOM access information. (www.gracestlukes.org/mens-fellowship).

Thursday, November 19, Compline (Night Prayers), 8-8:15 p.m. via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).

Event Details. For important details about each of these and more, follow this link (www.gracestlukes.org/news/weekly-virtual-offerings) to Virtual Offerings and watch for the Friday *Looking Ahead* eNews.

Online Giving

Make a one time gift now by scanning the QR code below with your smart phone!



Recurring

Set up recurring 2021 pledge payments by scanning the QR code with your phone!



Worship and Music

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, November 15, Worship: In Person and Online

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist. In-person and livestream service of the Holy Eucharist including music via the GSL website (gracestlukes.org/live) and Facebook Live (facebook.com/gracestlukes). Limited space is available for in person in order to maintain social distancing requirements. Visit tinyurl.com/GSLWorshipSignup to sign up.

4 p.m. Outdoor Eucharist. This service will continue weekly through November 15 as weather permits. For more information and required signup information, follow this link: www.gracestlukes.org/news/preparing-for-worship-outdoors-at-gsl. The signup deadline is noon.

5:30-6 p.m. Prerecorded Concert will be available on Facebook (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live) and YouTube (www.youtube.com/gracestlukes). This Sunday's concert is given by Debbie Smith, piano/organ, and Michelle Vigneau, oboe. Michelle is Associate Professor of Music at the University of Memphis and has played extensively throughout Memphis and North America.

Tuesdays and Thursdays Compline (Night Prayers), 8-8:15 p.m., is offered via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).

Visit www.gracestlukes.org/worship for more about worship, and to explore past and upcoming services, follow this link www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship.

Stewardship: Time, Talent, Treasure

Resilience and Connection Through Giving. Many thanks to all of you who've made your pledge to Grace-St. Luke's for 2021. For those of you who haven't, there's still time! Your pledge to our parish (simply an estimate of what you plan to give in 2021) helps us plan programs, support ministries, and budget for church expenses. As a pledging community, all of our ministries are funded entirely by the financial commitments from you, our parishioners. Your support is essential and so appreciated! Please visit www.gracestlukes.org/pledge to make your pledge today as an investment in life at Grace-St. Luke's.

Christian Formation

Adults.

Racial Healing: A Lifelong Journey, Part 1 with Grace-St. Luke's Social Justice Committee Member Paula Barnes and Emily Yellin was this morning's formation offering. **Looking Ahead:** Sunday, November 22, 9:15 a.m. Online—Racial Healing: A Lifelong Journey, Part 2, with Dr. Tim Huebner. Check out the exciting fall lineup of Sunday Formation offerings and more: visit www.gracestlukes.org/adult-formation.

GSL Reading Together, Zoom Discussions. During the month of November, all have been invited to read *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor, and join the ZOOM discussions. The final discussions is November 18, 6-6:45 p.m.. For more information, including signup details, visit www.gracestlukes.org/gslreadingtogether.

Children.

All families are invited to join Sharon Campbell, Children's Formation director, and assistant Julie O'Bryan, for outdoor play, conversation, and connection at our next **Outdoor Gathering for Families and Children, this afternoon, November 15, 1-3 p.m. on Anchor Hill.** Let's give thanks for this time together and for God's gift of this beautiful fall season by adding leaves in all the shades of autumn to our GSL Family Tree!

Parents, if you'd like your child/ren to have a week with the **Traveling Model Altar** in your home, or a **Prayer Table Kit**, please contact Sharon Campbell. A 20-minute **Virtual Prayer Table** is offered each Sunday morning at 11:30 via Zoom. (Link is shared on Saturdays via the Children's Formation email list. Please contact Sharon to be added to the list.)

Children's Activity Bags are available for toddlers to 5th graders! The Advent & Christmas bags are in progress, set for a November 29 delivery date. If you'd like your child/ren to receive this bag, please contact Sharon or sign up here (tinyurl.com/ChildrensActivityBags) by Sunday, November 22.

For details about these or any Children's programs at GSL, or to be added to the Children's Formation email list, please contact Sharon Campbell, Director of Children's Formation.

Youth.

November 15. EYC Advent Activities with Calvary at Overton Park (MS 3-4 p.m., HS 4-5 p.m.)

November 22. An Early Christmas Movie Night at the Field with Calvary at 5 p.m. If you have any questions or wish to be added to the Youth Formation email list, contact Amzie Williams (awilliams@gracestlukes.org).

Community Life

GSL Church Walking Group: Come One Come All! It's time to put on your walking shoes, 'cuz we're gonna walk-off these Covid-19 blues! What better way to stay fit, connect with friends, and enjoy the great outdoors than joining the GSL Church Walking Group, led by GSL parishioner, Bev Trojan. The group meets every Sunday, (weather permitting) and walks 2.5 miles around scenic Central Gardens. We hope you can join us for a little fellowship, fresh air and self-care!

WHAT: GSL Church Walking Group

WHEN: Sundays at 2 p.m.

WHERE: Meet in GSL Church Main Parking Lot- off Peabody Ave.

* Please bring your mask and physical distancing is required. For more information, please contact Athletics Director Christi Authement (901-825-7353) or GSL parishioner, Bev Trojan. HAPPY WALKING!

Please note: You can connect with Bev through Realm Connect: gracestlukes.org/realm.

Advent Wreath-Making Event, November 29. Kick off your Advent Season by making a Wreath. Sign up for Sunday, November 29, in Trezevant Hall at either 1 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. Please bring your own clippers and/or scissors and we will provide the rest! Spend time with family and friends as we prepare for the Christmas Season! There will be designated areas for you and your group to sit while being socially distanced from your fellow attendees. Please sign up soon as space is limited to 14 households/groups per session: tinyurl.com/GSLAdventWreaths2020.

Outreach

Multi-National Memphis World Soup Fest, November 18-20. MNM's annual World Soup Festival is "taking it on the road" this year – to your house! For a \$50 donation, you pick a time slot from 18 to 20 November, and they'll deliver a thank you gift which includes 8 different international soups, an insulated tote, a recipe book, and – for the first 100 donors – a stainless steel Multinational Memphis travel mug. Details available here (www.gracestlukes.org/news/multi-national-memphis-world-soup). While you're there, check out their other needs, including volunteer opportunities. And try not to spill any of that soup!

Quick Links

Follow these links to frequently visited pages on our website.

- Hope and Good News: www.gracestlukes.org/discover/spiritual-guidance
- Pastoral Care, Prayer List, and Prayer Requests: www.gracestlukes.org/prayerrequest
- Subscribe to GSL, Diocesan & The Episcopal Church eNews: www.gracestlukes.org/enews
- Information about Fraudulent Emails & Text: www.gracestlukes.org/news/phishing
- The Messenger, Bi-monthly Magazine: www.gracestlukes.org/the-messenger
- Realm Connect: GSL Directory & More: www.gracestlukes.org/realm

The Prayer List

Our prayers are asked for Jeff Gibbs, Jake Seymour, Michael Wills, Felix Dae Sanders, Tyler, Joanna Byrnes, Annelise Ware Simmons, Tom Wyatt, Alymarie Dooney Twele, Charles Chandler, Kristin King, Nancy Wilkerson, Betsy Tate, Caroline Clay, John, Kaye, Patty McManus, and Brad Larson.

Our prayers are asked for those who have died: especially Nancy Bruce, Ellen Compton, and Joyce Hardy and for those who have died from coronavirus.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially Leah Allison, Gray Bartlett, Thomas Boggs, Mary Grace Brewer, George Burruss, Mary Dunlap, Will Fortas, Mackie Gober, Emmel Golden, Jim Greer, Rick Helvie, Bryce Hendry, Nell Hendry, Sidney Hickey, Palmer Holland, Davis Hudson, John Hudson, Harrison Hunt, Ruthie Lentz, Alice Anne Moore, Spencer Norris, Karen Roche, Josh Shipley, Ava Sighting, Ben Smith, Emelia Smith, Claire Spicer, Lauren Spicer, Holden Taylor, and Bettie Welsh, and **for those celebrating wedding anniversaries,** especially Ron & Kim Cribb and Robert Thompson & Juan Fuentes.

Prayer List and Prayer Requests. To submit a prayer request for the Prayer List, you may contact Parish House Receptionist & Ministry Associate Abby Huber (ahuber@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6336) or complete the online Prayer Request Form (www.gracestlukes.org/prayerrequest). Names of persons, who have given consent for names to be printed, will be listed for one month, unless a longer period is requested. While certain concerns may be confidential between the clergy and the individual, others may not be. If you are wondering about an individual, please contact the individual directly or a member of the clergy. Intercessions are offered daily by the clergy and lay pastoral care ministers and reflected in the worship service leaflet.

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