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 & Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Phoebe A. Roaf  
Assisting: The Rev. Laura F. Gettys  
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Assisting: The Rev. Anne S. Carriere

Voluntary: “Versets on ‘Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern’”  
Tom Mueller

Welcome, Announcements and Children’s Message
Hymn 497, stanzas 1 & 3, “How bright appears the Morning Star”

music: Wie schön leuchtet, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
text: Willaim Mercer (1811-1873), after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

1 How bright appears the Morning Star, with mercy beam ing
2 Though circled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
3 Re joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re ply; with praise, ye sinners,

from a far; the host of heaven rejoices;
pitying eye upon his helpless creature;
fill the sky, for this his incarnation.

O righteous Branch, O Jes-see’s Rod! Thou Son of Man and
the whole creation’s Head and Lord, by highest ser a
In car nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voices:
Con quer or, till all know thy salvation.

Je sus, Je sus! Ho ly, ho ly, yet most low ly,
Je sus, grant us, through thy merit, to inherit it
A men, a men! Alle lu ia, alle lu ia!

draw thou near us; great Em man uel, come and hear us.
thy sal vation; hear, O hear our sup pli ca tion.
Praise be given ever more, by earth and heaven.
**Officiant**  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.

**Trisagion** said three times
Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

**The Collect of the Day**
Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**A Reading from the First Book of the Prophet Samuel**
Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

**Lector**  The Word of the Lord.

**People**  Thanks be to God. Silence

**Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17** read responsively by whole verse

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *  
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before *  
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *  
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
14 My body was not hidden from you, *  
   while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.  
15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; *  
   they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.  
16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *  
   how great is the sum of them!  
17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *  
   to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

The Gospel
Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. 1:43-51

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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

The Homily: The Rt. Rev. Phoebe A. Roaf, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee

The Priest invites the People to stand for 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. 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 Prayers of the People, Form VI
The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. Silence
For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.
For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Phoebe our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.
For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, including those reflected on the Prayer List in this service leaflet; those infected with coronavirus and their caregivers; for reconciliation and healing of social unrest and violence throughout the world; and for those we name either silently or aloud [N.N.]. Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.
We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, including the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that support life at Grace-St. Luke’s; for our Parish School and all schools that serve our community; and other abundance we name either silently or aloud [N.N.]. We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.
We pray for all who have died, especially Joann McCanless, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, and for those we name either silently or aloud [N.N.]. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. Silence

Priest and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

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

During the offertory music or following this service, your offering supports this virtual ministry and much more of 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.

Anthem at the Offertory

“The rain will seek the rivers”

music: Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)
text: Beverly Easterling (b. 1949)

The rain will seek the rivers,
And rivers run to seas,
While human hearts will wander
Unfulfilled and restlessly.

The anxious heart must listen,
For the quiet voice
That whispers, answers, offers,
Calls forth the unforced choice.

To grasp the easy burden,
God’s grace our soul’s delight.
Oh, run to claim the promise
Of everlasting life.
The Lord’s Prayer
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.

Spiritual Communion 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
May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.
Hymn 535, “Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim”

music: Paderborn, melody from Catolisch_Paderbornisches Gesang-buch, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)
text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

1 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
4 Then let us adore, and give him his right;

and publish abroad his wonderful Name;
and still he is nigh: his presence we have.
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son.
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,

the Name victorious of Jesus exalt;
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
and honor and blessing, with angels above,

his kingdom is glorious; he rules over all.
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

The Dismissal

The people are dismissed with these words
Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary: “Versets on ‘Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern’”

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@gracesflukes.org or dial 901-252-6320, and for hospitalizations or emergencies, dial the 24/7 Clergy-on-Call phone line at 901-252-6334.

The Rt. Rev. Phoebe A. Roaf, Celebrant & Preacher
Dr. Patrick A. Scott, Director of Music & Organist
Elizabeth Hornor, Isabel Wittman, Charles McGowan, André Moore, Cantors

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A Message from the Rector

Faith and The Spiritual Path. Eileen Caddy (1917-2006) seems always to be right on time with her daily meditations. Mindful that our lives actually are pilgrimages, I was struck by her words: “Without faith you cannot travel this spiritual path.” – The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Rector (Read the full text: gracetulkes.org/news/faith-and-the-spiritual-path.)

Take Note

The church office will be closed Monday, January 18, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Vestry Retreat Highlights. On Saturday, January 9, the Vestry gathered via Zoom for its first-ever virtual annual retreat and member orientation. The day began with the Vestry as well as members of the Clergy-Staff Team assembled online for a meditation facilitated by poet, author and Episcopal priest, the Rev. Renee Miller of Monterey, California. Read more: gracetulkes.org/news/2021-annual vestry-retreat-and-orientation-highlights.

Worship and Music

SUNDAY
10:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Music, online. Access livestream services via GSL website (gracetulkes.org/live) and Facebook Live (facebook.com/gracetulkes.org/live).

WEEKDAYS
Tuesdays and Thursdays, Compline (Night Prayers), 8 until 8:15 p.m. via Facebook Live (facebook.com/gracetulkes.org/live).

Stewardship: Time, Talent, Treasure

January Appeal for 100% Pledge Participation: Resilience and Connection by Giving. All giving benefits Grace-St. Luke’s vision to be a thriving community of hope, belonging, and healing through worship, parish life, and service, and who rejoices in the love of Jesus to transform the world. Read a message from the Rector: gracetulkes.org/news/appeal-for-100-pledge-participation.

Christian Formation

Adults. (gracetulkes.org/adult-formation)
Sundays 9:15 a.m. January 17, Conversation with the Rt. Rev. Phoebe A. Roaf, Bishop, via Facebook Live (facebook.com/gracetulkes/live) and the GSL Website (gracetulkes.org/live). On the day of the Bishop’s 10:30 a.m. Visitation to GSL, the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher engaged Bishop Phoebe in a 30-minute conversation about the state of the Church, the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee, current affairs, and more. | Looking Ahead, January 24: Exploring Poetry for Epiphany with the Rev. Katherine M. Bush via Facebook Live (facebook.com/gracetulkes/live). For more about adult formation, explore gracetulkes.org/adult-formation.

Youth. (gracetulkes.org/youth-formation)
Sunday, January 17, Zoom EYC for 6th-8th graders will meet 4-5 p.m. and 9th-12th from 5-6 p.m. The Zoom links and activity information will be sent separately. If you have any questions, please contact Amzie Williams (awilliams@gracetulkes.org), Director of Youth Formation.

Children. (gracetulkes.org/childrens-formation)
As Children’s Formation continues to be offered through Zoom and at-home materials, please follow this link (gracetulkes.org/childrens-formation) for updated information and the Children’s Activity Bag signup link. To be added to the Children’s Formation email list, please contact Sharon Campbell (scampbell@gracetulkes.org), Director of Children’s Formation. Resources, news, and updates are also shared on the GSL Children’s Formation Facebook page (facebook.com/GSLChildrensFormation).

Recreation and Wellness

2021 Winter Basketball Registration Open. This Winter, GSL Church is offering a 7-week (8 Sessions) Basketball Program to include Fundamental Training & Skill Development/Skill Stations/Contests/Scrimmages & Tons of FUN! Follow this link for details (gracetulkes.org/youthbasketball).

Yoga with Shantih, Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. Follow this link (gracetulkes.org/news/yoga-with-shantih) for signup details and Zoom info.

Community Life

Fire Pit Soirees have been postponed for a later date. Stay tuned for updates for a time when we can gather more freely for this and other community-building events.

The December-January edition of The Messenger includes news about Worship for Advent-Christmas-Epiphany, Pastoral Care, Formation for Adults, Youth and Children, Stewardship, Social Justice, Outreach, Music, Athletics, Grace-St. Luke’s Episcopal School, and more. Read online at gracetulkes.org/the-messenger or download a copy. The February-March issue will be published later this month!

Social Justice

Social Justice Meeting. Please join GSL this Wednesday, January 20, 6-7 p.m., as we explore our call as beloved community and live into our baptismal covenant of “striving for justice and peace among all people.” Contact Nicki Soule, Jennie Vandeveer, Paula Barnes, or Laura F Gettys via Realm Connect (gracetulkes.org/realm) for the Zoom link. For more information on social justice, please visit gracetulkes.org/social-justice.

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!
Outreach

New Outreach Partners: Carpenter Art Garden, Literacy Mid-South, & Indigenous Pastoral Relief. Happy New Year! We are excited to welcome three new Servant Ministry Partners this year. Carpenter Art Garden, working in the Binghampton neighborhood, empowers children, “to promote each one’s creativity and self-worth through exposure to artistic, educational, and vocational programs.” Literacy Mid-South has worked for 45 years “to bring the gift of literacy to people of the Mid-South.” Indigenous Pastoral Relief, founded in 2018, “pursues the defense, the strengthening of spiritual/theological education, and the advocacy services to expand and protect the rights of the indigenous people and their families in Abia Yala (all the American Continent).” Many they serve are newly arrived immigrants who face particular challenges.

Thank You: Holiday Honoraria and Memorials to More Than A Meal. Gifts totaling $118.00 were given as donations in honor of or in memory of a loved one to support GSL More Than A Meal (MTAM) during the colder months. MTAM operates on Sundays from 4 to 5 p.m. by providing take-away meals for the hungry. Additional gifts may be made at gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving or by sending a check to the church office (ATTN: Linda Stine). Thanks to all for this generosity.

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The Prayer List

Our prayers are asked for Brad Larson, Patty McManus, Kaye, John, Caroline Clay, Betsy Tate, Nancy Wilkerson, Kristin King, Charles Chandler, Michael Willis, Jake Seymour, Alymarie “Dooney” Twele, Annelise Ware Simmons, Felix Dae Sanders, Carolyn Willis, Amanda Adams, Jane Gober & the Gober family, Billy Denman, Sam Gassaway Jr., Susan Williamson, Ann Russell, Nancy Menzies, Deborah Lowe, and Renee Williford.

Our prayers are asked for those who have died, especially Joann McCanless, mother of Debbie McCanless, and those who have died from coronavirus.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially Hazel Alberson, Bill Denman, Judy Douglass, Sara Mae Fields, Audrey Garrett, Travis Hare, Brendan Housler, Juli Hurdle, Ginger Lehman, Suzanne McGeehee, Charlie Parker, Glover Patton, Bronwyn Saatkamp, Jackson Saatkamp, Lindsey Scheving, Presley Spiller, Eunice Tenent, and Marilyn Wark, for those celebrating wedding anniversaries, especially King & Judy Self.

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 (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.