



# GRACE-ST. LUKE'S

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

**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**THE HOLY EUCHARIST WITH MUSIC**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 2021 10:30 AM**

This service is according to the Liturgy of the Word 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.gracestlukes.org).

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Laura F. Gettys

**Preacher:** The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher

All are asked to observe silence during the

**Voluntary:** "PARTITA ON SALZBURG"

Johann Pachelbel

## Welcome, Announcements and Children's Message

### The Word of God

The congregation is invited to remain seated and meditate on the text of the opening hymn while the cantors and organist sing. Those worshipping from home are invited to join in singing. See page 10 regarding in-person congregational singing.

**Hymn 135, "SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE"**

music: Salzburg, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  
words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

*All stand.*

*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.**

### **Gloria in excelsis Deo**

Glory to God in the highest,  
**and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated for the Lesson and Psalm.*

### **A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 50:1-6** *read responsively by whole verse*

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \***  
**God reveals himself in glory.**
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 **He calls the heavens and the earth from above \***  
**to witness the judgment of his people.**
- 5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice.”
- 6 **Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \***  
**for God himself is judge.**

*All stand for the Gospel.*

**The Gospel**

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

9:2-9

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord

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

**The Homily:** The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher

*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. 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.**

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 Eldon Upton Bertaut in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given, and John Barton Williams, Rosie Bell Macklin, Don Kvam, and Raymond Skinner Jr., 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.**

*All stand for*

**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

*The Celebrant first offers instructions about the ministration of communion. Then the Celebrant and Assisting Priest wash their hands with soapy warm water and sanitize them. During the setting of the Holy Table, financial offerings may be made to support life at Grace-St. Luke's: visit [gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving](http://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](http://gracestlukes.org/pledge). For information about worship, formation for all ages, ways to connect, serve and more, visit [www.gracestlukes.org](http://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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels 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.**

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.

### The Ministration of Holy Communion

*After receiving the Bread, the priests immediately proceed to the nave to give the Bread to the people by coming to each pew pod. The Bread is given to communicants with these words The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen. or The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.*

### Anthem at Communion

“CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES”

*music: T. Frederick H. Candlyn (1892-1964)  
text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise!  
Triumph o'er the shades of night:  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine!  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!  
Fill me, radiancy divine;  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

*During communion, Spiritual Communion Prayers are offered by those worshipping via livestream.*

### **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, remembering Grace-St. Luke's Church and those worshipping and receiving communion at this time, 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.**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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.**

The congregation is invited to remain seated and meditate on the text of the opening hymn while the cantors and organist sing. Those worshipping from home are invited to join in singing. See page 10 regarding in-person congregational singing.

**Hymn 618, stanzas 1-2 & 4, "YE WATCHERS AND YE HOLY ONES"**

music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623;

adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

words: John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945)

*Unison*

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - a - phs, cher - u -  
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the  
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and  
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

*Harmony* *Unison*

bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry  
 ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou  
 pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye  
 ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To

out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
 bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
 ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyr strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
 God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

*Harmony*

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Unison*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*The people are dismissed with these words*

*Minister*     Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*       **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary:** “IMPROVISATION ON *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*”

Patrick A. Scott

**Exiting The Pews.** *Please remain seated throughout the organ voluntary. After the voluntary is finished, ushers will be available in the aisles to direct all exiting in a distanced manner via the narthex only (south entrance behind you) using the east doors only (left as you approach). The Clergy and Welcome Hosts will be stationed in the narthex and outside to exchange greetings.*

*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@gracestlukes.org](mailto:pastoralcare@gracestlukes.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 Rev. Laura F. Gettys, Celebrant**

**The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Preacher**

**Dr. Patrick A. Scott, Director of Music & Organist**

**Elizabeth Hornor, Isabel Wittman, Charles McGowan, & Andrew Carroll, Cantors**

**Ed Griffith, Lucy Owens, Livestream Support**

**A note regarding congregational singing:** Current research is comparing singing to that of sneezing or coughing—claiming that the aerosols that are produced while coughing/sneezing/singing may go further than 6 feet (think of a can of aerosol hairspray); even if wearing a mask, some of the aerosol particles may still be released into the air. The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of West Tennessee are recommending that congregations refrain from singing until it is safe to do so. Our diocese has approved parishes to have 4 singers in the Chancel area that are placed 17 feet apart from each other and from congregation members.

## A Message from the Rector

**Sing Songs of Thankfulness and Praise.** Each morning is an occasion to thank God for the gift of the day, mindful of the innumerable souls who will not wake into the day and who already have departed this earthly life. Recently, I have both seen a lot of death and witnessed our fellow humans enter the eternal life that God promises. In turn, the blessing of each day is an occasion for Christians to sing “songs of thankfulness of praise,” one of the classics from The Hymnal 1982 and our opening hymn at 10:30 a.m. on Transfiguration Sunday, February 14. – The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Rector (Read the full text: [gracestlukes.org/news/sing-songs-of-thankfulness-and-praise](https://gracestlukes.org/news/sing-songs-of-thankfulness-and-praise))

## Take Note

**Life at GSL Sunday and Weekday Offerings.** If you haven't seen it yet, explore and share with others the Life at GSL Winter-Spring 2021 Guide (PDF & ISSUU: [gracestlukes.org/discover/life-at-gsl-guide](https://gracestlukes.org/discover/life-at-gsl-guide)) for Sunday guest speakers, Wednesday events, and more including plans for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

**Preparing for Lent at GSL “Light In Deepest Night.”** In preparation for the 40-day season of Lent, which starts on Ash Wednesday, February 17, visit [gracestlukes.org/news/lent-holy-week-and-easter](https://gracestlukes.org/news/lent-holy-week-and-easter) for Ash Wednesday and Sunday services, online and paper resources, and events to support individual and household journeys. Our Sunday Lenten Preaching Series “Light In Deepest Night” (February 21 – March 21) will feature sermons by the parish clergy and guests. GSL will mail to many households and make available for pick up on Sundays and other days, a Lenten meditation booklet entitled *Steadfast Love: Inspiration* from Henri J. M. Nouwen.

## Worship and Music

**Celebrating Last Epiphany: The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ, February 14.** Marking the last Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, GSL joins the church catholic (universal) in celebrating Jesus' radical change of appearance while in the presence of Peter, James, and John, on a high mountain. We meditate on Mark 9:2-8: “He was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them...from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.” The Transfiguration revealed Christ's glory prior to the crucifixion, and it anticipated his resurrection and ascension. It gave strength and comfort to followers of Jesus in difficult times. As we journey into the extraordinary season of Lent, may we too gaze upon our Lord “shining in resplendent light” and walk even more closely with him.

### SUNDAY

**10:30 a.m. The Holy Eucharist with Music, in person and virtual.** Follow this link ([tinyurl.com/GSLWorshipSignup](https://tinyurl.com/GSLWorshipSignup)) to sign up for in-person worship by 8 a.m. Sunday. Access livestream services via GSL website ([gracestlukes.org/live](https://gracestlukes.org/live)), Facebook Live ([facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](https://facebook.com/gracestlukes/live)) and YouTube ([youtube.com/gracestlukes](https://youtube.com/gracestlukes)).

**5:30 p.m. Organ Recital, in person and virtual.** We end Epiphany with a concert performed by Director of Music and Organist Patrick Scott of organ works based on Epiphany themes, including a new work from Los Angeles composer Tom Mueller which is a set of variations on the hymn, “How bright appears the Morning Star.” The program will end with a Toccata on “March of the Kings” by Pierre Cochereau who was the organist at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris for many years. This concert will be in person (sign up here: [tinyurl.com/GSLConcerto21421](https://tinyurl.com/GSLConcerto21421)) and livestreamed on the GSL website ([gracestlukes.org/live](https://gracestlukes.org/live)), Facebook Live ([facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](https://facebook.com/gracestlukes/live)) and YouTube ([youtube.com/gracestlukes](https://youtube.com/gracestlukes)).

### WEEKDAYS

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Compline (Night Prayers), 8 until 8:15 p.m. via Facebook Live ([facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](https://facebook.com/gracestlukes/live)).

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## **ASH WEDNESDAY, February 17**

**7–7:30 a.m. Solemn Liturgy of Prayers and the Blessing of Ashes.** Virtual-only offering via Facebook Live ([facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](https://facebook.com/gracestlukes/live)); individual take-away packets of ashes made available after the service for collection from GSL at designated times (9-10 a.m.; 1-2 p.m.) and delivery to homebound parishioners.

**Noon–12:45 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Blessing of Ashes with Music for Organ and Flute.** In Person and Virtual; individual take-away packets of ashes made available for at-home imposition, and delivery to fellow parishioners. In-person sign-up ([tinyurl.com/GSLAshWedNoon](https://tinyurl.com/GSLAshWedNoon)). Livestreamed on the GSL website ([gracestlukes.org/live](https://gracestlukes.org/live)), Facebook Live ([facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](https://facebook.com/gracestlukes/live)) and YouTube ([youtube.com/gracestlukes](https://youtube.com/gracestlukes)).

**6–6:45 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Blessing of Ashes with Music for Choir and Organ.** In Person and Virtual; individual take-away packets of ashes made available for at-home imposition, and delivery to fellow parishioners; hymns and anthem offered by staff singers. In-person sign-up ([tinyurl.com/GSLAshWed6PM](https://tinyurl.com/GSLAshWed6PM)). Livestreamed on the GSL website ([gracestlukes.org/live](https://gracestlukes.org/live)), Facebook Live ([facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](https://facebook.com/gracestlukes/live)) and YouTube ([youtube.com/gracestlukes](https://youtube.com/gracestlukes)).

## **Christian Formation**

### **Adults.** ([gracestlukes.org/adult-formation](https://gracestlukes.org/adult-formation))

Lenten Book Study begins Wednesday, February 24: *The Art of Forgiveness, Lovingkindness, and Peace*. Visit [gracestlukes.org/gslreadingtogether](https://gracestlukes.org/gslreadingtogether) for more information, including sign-up link.

### **Sunday, February 14, 9:15 a.m. The Beauty of What Follows The Pandemic with Rabbi Micah Greenstein and the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher.**

Beloved children of God and people of faith cannot separate spiritual journeys from the COVID-19 pandemic. Rabbi Micah of Temple Israel will reflect with Father Ollie Rencher on opportunities for spiritual journeys after the vaccine, an awaited season that will be different with new norms. Religious institutions are learning new ways of being, reimagining the future, and the faithful are looking for the beauty. | Looking Ahead, February 21: The Beauty of What Remains: How Our Greatest Fear Becomes Our Greatest Gift with Rabbi Micah Greenstein. For more about adult formation, explore [gracestlukes.org/adult-formation](https://gracestlukes.org/adult-formation).

### **Youth.** ([gracestlukes.org/youth-formation](https://gracestlukes.org/youth-formation))

**Sunday, February 14, Youth-Led Compline** at 8:30 p.m. on InstaLive @gsl.youth. End your day peacefully by tuning in for an Order for Compline, lead by one of your fellow Lukers! Please know we hope to return to outside / in-person EYC as soon as it is safe and comfortable to do so in regards to weather and COVID-19.

### **Children.** ([gracestlukes.org/childrens-formation](https://gracestlukes.org/childrens-formation))

**Celebrate Saint Valentine at the Virtual Prayer Table today!** We'll read a story about the life of St. Valentine of Rome, then talk about how he became known as the patron saint of several causes, not just love! Visit the Children's Formation webpage ([gracestlukes.org/childrens-formation](https://gracestlukes.org/childrens-formation)) for more information.

**Children's Activity Bags for March.** Please sign up here ([tinyurl.com/ChildrensActivityBags2](https://tinyurl.com/ChildrensActivityBags2)) to reserve your child's bag of at-home lessons and crafts for Lent. Delivery day is February 28, and signups will close February 21.

**Lenten Video Project for Children.** Plans are underway for a children's video project for Lent. Please watch your email and/or upcoming eNews for details and ways for your child/ren to take part in this special gift to our parish.

**SAVE THE DATE!** We're so excited to partner with some of our fellow midtown congregations on a second drive-through event for families with children! Mark your calendars for the afternoon of Easter Sunday, April 4, and come see us (location TBA) for lots of Easter-themed fun! Visit [gracestlukes.org/childrens-formation](https://gracestlukes.org/childrens-formation) for WAYS TO HELP.

To be added to the Children's Formation email list, please contact Sharon Campbell ([scampbell@gracestlukes.org](mailto:scampbell@gracestlukes.org)), Director of Children's Formation.

## Recreation and Wellness

**GSL Church Spring Soccer.** GSL Church sponsors a Spring Soccer Program for JK–4th Grades. The season is April 10 - May 15. The spring season is shorter than the fall season and designed for continued soccer skill development during the spring. Spring Soccer registration is February 4-18 and can be accessed here: [gracestlukes.org/spring-soccer](http://gracestlukes.org/spring-soccer). Please refer to the website listed for ALL information regarding spring soccer. Registration fills up quickly, so please register sooner than later. Once registration is closed, individual placement will be made only if space is available.

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

## Community Life

**The Messenger Magazine.** The February-March issue is available for download by following this link ([gracestlukes.org/the-messenger](http://gracestlukes.org/the-messenger)). Included in this issue is a copy of Life at GSL—Winter-Spring 2021 Guide, a comprehensive publication of Christian formation offerings for all ages through May, articles on the 100th Anniversary of GSL Scout Troop 34, Social Justice, Outreach, and much more.

**Baptisms at GSL.** The sacrament of Holy Baptism typically is administered during public worship services at various times throughout each year. Four occasions are set aside on the Church Year Calendar (The Baptism of our Lord, The Great Vigil of Easter, The Day of Pentecost, All Saints' Sunday) and a few other dates excluding the season of Lent through Holy Week (February 17-April 2). During the COVID-19 pandemic, Bishop Phoebe has authorized the clergy to administer the sacrament in small gathering settings, outside of the Sunday 10:30 a.m. service, including weekdays and Saturdays. For information and to schedule a baptism, contact Stewardship Associate Chapman Morrow (901-252-6328, [cmorrow@gracestlukes.org](mailto:cmorrow@gracestlukes.org)).

## Social Justice

Absalom Jones Virtual Absalom Jones Celebration, Saturday, February 27, 9 a.m. In collaboration with the Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE: [ube.org](http://ube.org)) Bishop E. Thomas Demby Chapter of the Diocese of West Tennessee and Diocese of Atlanta Chapter, the Grace-St. Luke's community is invited to attend "Wake Up, O Sleepers, and Rise!: A Calling for Racial Reconciliation, Healing, and Justice." Visit [bit.ly/2021AbsalomJones](http://bit.ly/2021AbsalomJones).

## Outreach

**New Servant Ministry Partner Indigenous Pastoral Relief (IPR)** is primarily committed to serving newcomers to the United States, those who are in the process of requesting asylum and those who cannot afford clothing, food, housing, educational and/or medical expenses. They do this by helping with education, health care, food, advocacy, and pastoral counseling. They have asked us for a liaison and volunteers who can speak Spanish. If you are able to help us facilitate communications and explore this exciting new opportunity, please email [outreach@gracestlukes.org](mailto:outreach@gracestlukes.org).

**Friends for Life's Art Dash is back!** This Servant Ministry Partner is on a mission to prevent the spread of HIV and help those affected by HIV/AIDS live well. They do this through a multitude of programs – from providing nutritious food and health coaching, housing assistance, counseling, advocacy, and more. A healthier community positively impacts us all, especially during this pandemic! One resource FFL has created to support their mission is an online, multi-day Art Dash. The Art Dash Winter Show and Sale offers various ways to participate from 14 February to 13 March. See details and learn more about our partner on their website ([fflmemphis.org/events](http://fflmemphis.org/events)) and social media pages.

## Quick Links

Follow these links to frequently visited pages on our website and Facebook.

- LIVE Virtual Worship, Music, Formation Offerings: [gracestlukes.org/live](https://gracestlukes.org/live)
- Facebook Live: [facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](https://facebook.com/gracestlukes/live)
- YouTube Live: [youtube.com/gracestlukes](https://youtube.com/gracestlukes)
- Wednesday eNews: [gracestlukes.org/weekly-news](https://gracestlukes.org/weekly-news)
- More Information about Worship: [gracestlukes.org/worship](https://gracestlukes.org/worship)
- More Information about Music: [gracestlukes.org/music](https://gracestlukes.org/music)
- Sacramental Life Events: [gracestlukes.org/connect/in-the-church/life-events](https://gracestlukes.org/connect/in-the-church/life-events)
- Hope and Good News: [gracestlukes.org/discover/spiritual-guidance](https://gracestlukes.org/discover/spiritual-guidance)
- Pastoral Care, Prayer List, and Prayer Requests: [gracestlukes.org/prayerrequest](https://gracestlukes.org/prayerrequest)
- Subscribe to GSL, Diocesan & The Episcopal Church eNews: [gracestlukes.org/enews](https://gracestlukes.org/enews)
- Information about Fraudulent Emails & Text: [gracestlukes.org/news/phishing](https://gracestlukes.org/news/phishing)
- The Messenger, Bi-monthly Magazine: [gracestlukes.org/the-messenger](https://gracestlukes.org/the-messenger)
- Realm Connect: GSL Directory & More: [gracestlukes.org/realm](https://gracestlukes.org/realm)

## 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 Wills, Jake Seymour, Alymarie “Dooney” Twele, Annelise Ware Simmons, Felix Dae Sanders, Deborah Lowe, Amanda Adams, Ann & Bill Russell, Tom Wyatt, Carolyn Wills, Billy Denman, Susan Williamson, Rodgers and Nancy Menzies, Renee Williford, Lucy Singh, Rachel Sanford, The Kaldon Family, Paul Douglas, Peggy Mulherin Williamson, and Kathleen.

**Our prayers are asked for** those who have died, especially Rosie Bell Macklin, Don Kvam, John “Barton” Williams, husband of Peria Gober Williams, Raymond Skinner Jr., those who have died from coronavirus, and Eldon Upton Bertaut in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given.

**We give thanks for** those celebrating birthdays, especially Katelyn Adams, Tracy Adkisson, Lee Allison, Steve Brewer, Charles Burrell, Neely Carter, Shanna Eason, Rai Elrod, Becca Garrick, Molly Gary, Brett Hughes, Isabella Hughes, Peo Hughes, Catherine Johnson, Allie Khumalo, Jon McCalla, Mary McCalla, Katie McDermott, Rodgers Menzies, Lois Moore, Kelly Munson, Andy Newton, Hal Owens, Beth Perkins, Miles Phillips, Katherine Robinson, Virginia Rowland, Donnie Sappington, Ryan Scott, Ham Smythe, Mary Stagg, Robin Swanson, Virginia Ward, and Margaret Willson, and for those celebrating wedding anniversaries, especially Powell & Cheryl Crider.

**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](mailto:ahuber@gracestlukes.org), 901-252-6336) or complete the online Prayer Request Form ([gracestlukes.org/prayerrequest](https://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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