



GRACE-ST. LUKE'S

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

**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
THE HOLY EUCHARIST WITH MUSIC
FEBRUARY 21, 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 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. Ollie V. Rencher

Preacher: The Rev. Laura F. Gettys

All are asked to observe silence during the

Voluntary: "FANTASIA IN G MINOR"

Johann Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements

The Word of God

The Great Litany

All stand at the sound of the bell. The Celebrant leads the People through the following

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,

Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us, for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, of this nation, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Luke, and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Kyrie eleison.

(Lord, have mercy upon us.)

Christe eleison.

(Christ, have mercy upon us.)

Kyrie eleison.

(Lord, have mercy upon us.)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are seated for the Lessons.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.** *Silence*

Psalm 25:1-9 *recited by all in unison*

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.**
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.**
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.** *Silence*

All stand for the Gospel.

The Gospel

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

1:9-15

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Laura F. Gettys

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.

All stand for

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. 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; 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 B

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Luke, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

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 People are seated or may kneel to prepare to receive communion.

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

“LORD, FOR THY TENDER MERCY’S SAKE”

music: Richard Farrant (1530-1585)
words: from John Bull’s Christian Prayers and Holy Meditations (1568)

Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives: to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before the now and evermore. Amen.

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

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Let us bow our hearts before the Lord.

The Celebrant says

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **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 below regarding in-person congregational singing.

Hymn 448, stanzas 1 & 3-6, "O LOVE, HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD, HOW HIGH"

music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.
words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

The Dismissal

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The people are dismissed with these words

Minister Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: "FUGA IN D MINOR"

Johann Pachelbel

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 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

Debbie Smith, Assistant Organist-Choirmaster

Shelby Seese, Joseph Powell, & André Moore, Cantors

Ed Griffith, Ramsey Rule, 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

Steadfast Love in Lent. Lent is a 40-day season to slow down together. In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, I doubt if slowing down will be a problem. The Lenten slowing-down is a time for Christians to more intentionally consider who and whose we are as beloved children of God. By simply slowing down, looking within, and engaging in some form of daily prayer and meditation for the season, spiritual growth is bound to happen. In Lent, we can experience new beginnings, realize new blessings, take on new practices, and benefit from a transformation bound to make us better. – The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Rector (Read the full text: gracestlukes.org/news/steadfast-love-in-lent).

Take Note

GSL Lenten Theme: Light In Deepest Night. Based on the title of a work of choral music and spoken meditations by Aaron David Miller drawing from the writings of Julian of Norwich, “Light in Deepest Night” (gracestlukes.org/news/lent-holy-week-and-easter) is the theme for Lent 2021 at GSL. Our Lenten Preaching Series will feature sermons by the parish clergy and guests (Sundays, February 21 – March 21, 10:30 a.m.). On Palm Sunday, the GSL musicians and clergy will offer this work at 5:30 p.m. During the season, watch for text excerpts from the work in the eNews and other spaces to enhance journeys.

Explore Lent, Holy Week, Easter at GSL. Explore gracestlukes.org/news/lent-holy-week-and-easter for details about Ash Wednesday, Sunday, and Wednesday events and a variety of resources to support individual and household journeys. Spread the news far and wide!

Worship and Music

Lenten Observances in Liturgy and More. During the season of Lent, it is our custom to minimize ornamentation and cover (“veil”) some religious symbols throughout our sacred space, simply to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter. These visual and other liturgical changes are not meant to be there forever. We actually live in a “veiled” world, in exile from our true home. It is by self-examination, repentance, and dying-to-self that the veil is lifted, and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives. The unveiling at Easter is a reminder of our own life on earth. You will notice that the cross and candles at the high altar and the paraments (fabrics on the altar, pulpit, and lectern) will be different. By these outward changes, worship on Sundays and other days, a shift in the tones of music, devotional resources, and virtual formation offerings, the parish community journeys deeper into Christ in ways that will transform our lives.

SUNDAY

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

5:30 p.m. Contemplative prerecorded worship with the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher and Kelly Herrmann, flute via the GSL website (gracestlukes.org/live), Facebook Live (facebook.com/gracestlukes/live) and YouTube (youtube.com/gracestlukes).

WEEKDAYS

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

Christian Formation

Life at GSL Sunday and Weekday Offerings. Explore and share with others the Life at GSL Winter-Spring 2021 Guide (gracestlukes.org/discover/life-at-gsl-guide) for Sunday guest speakers, Wednesday events, and more including plans for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

Adults. (gracestlukes.org/adult-formation)

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

Sundays 9:15 a.m. February 21: *The Beauty of What Remains: How Our Greatest Fear Becomes Our Greatest Gift* with Rabbi Micah Greenstein and the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher via Facebook Live (facebook.com/gracestlukes/live) and the GSL Website (gracestlukes.org/live). Based on a book by friend and fellow Rabbi Steve Leder, Rabbi Micah will join Father Ollie Rencher for a conversation about the power of fear and the gifts that can come from it. In the aftermath of the death of loved ones, an everchanging world, and many forms of loss and grief, our greatest fears also are occasions to identify blessings that can lead to peace and a new hope-filled way forward. | Looking Ahead, February 28: *Closing the Divide: Navigating a Culture Divided* with Dean Randy Hollerith of Washington National Cathedral. For more about adult formation, explore www.gracestlukes.org/adult-formation.

Online Giving

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Youth. (gracestlukes.org/youth-formation)

Sunday, February 21, In-person EYC returns this Sunday! Meet outside the Red Door and be sure to dress appropriately for the weather. 6th-8th, 3-4 p.m. and 9th-12th, 4-5 p.m.

Lenten Youth Sermon Series. Beginning February 24, all youth in grades 6th-12th are invited to gather for a weekly youth Lenten sermon, led by various leaders in our Episcopal Youth Community. A hybrid of in person and virtual, we hope you can join us Wednesday evenings for whatever works best for your household. To register for these events, please contact awilliams@gracestlukes.org (mailto:awilliams@gracestlukes.org)

Children. (gracestlukes.org/childrens-formation)

Children's Activity Bags for March. Please sign up here (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 at Idlewild Church for lots of Easter-themed fun! Visit 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), 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. 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) 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). 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).

Social Justice

Social Justice Meeting, Wednesday, February 23, 6-7 p.m. Please join the GSL Social Justice Ministry for its monthly meeting as we explore our call as beloved community and live into our baptismal covenant of "striving for justice and peace among all people." By signing up, (tinyurl.com/GSLSJMeeting) you will receive all of the necessary meeting information including the Zoom link. If you have any questions, you can contact Nicki Soule, Jennie Vandever, Paula Barnes, or Laura F. Gettys via Realm Connect (gracestlukes.org/realm). For more information on social justice, please visit gracestlukes.org/social-justice.

Virtual Absalom Jones Celebration, Saturday, February 27, 9 a.m. In collaboration with the Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE: 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.

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.

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

Our prayers are asked for those who have died, especially Enyeart Myers Arnold, father of Karen Clark, Rosie Bell Macklin, aunt of Darling Thomas, Don Kvam, uncle of Amzie Williams, and John “Barton” Williams, husband of Peria Gober Williams, and those who have died from coronavirus.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially Kay Abernathy, Graham Arkle, Terecille Basa-Ong, John Baur, Tom Beazley, Louise Clay, Nancy Golden, Dan Hope, Will McGehee, Robbie McQuiston, Charles Neale, Preston Norris, Bettye Pittman, Bobby Plyler, Sarah Smith, Jennie Tucker, Augie Van Deveer, and Zoe Van Deveer, and for those celebrating wedding anniversaries, especially Meg & Austin Burress and Brent & Amanda Adams.

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.

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