



GRACE-ST. LUKE'S

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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MORNING SERVICE OF PRAYERS, MEDITATION AND MUSIC

MARCH 22, 2020 10:30 AM

VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

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 and Preacher: The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher

All are asked to observe silence during the

Voluntary: "MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED"

American folk melody

Welcome and Announcements

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

The Word of God

The Collect of Purity *said by all*

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.

Hymn 645, stanzas 1-2 & 5-6, "THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS"

music: St. Columba, Irish melody
text: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

A Penitential Order

BCP 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

The Confession of Sin and Absolution (*kneeling*)

BCP 352

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

The Collect of the Day

BCP 218

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?"

He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *recited by all in unison*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 653, "DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND"

music: Repton, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918), alt.
text: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -
2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O
4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till
5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy

1 give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our
2 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
3 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
4 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
5 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let

1 right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in
2 of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word, rise
3 share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in -
4 strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the
5 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O

1 deep - er rev - erence, praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
2 up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.
3 ter - pret - ed by love! in - ter - pret - ed by love!
4 beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.
5 still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

The Gospel: John 9:1-41

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

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

As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he

is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily: The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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

The Prayers of the People, Form I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, for the sick and the suffering reflected on the Prayer List of this parish, for all whose lives are affected due to the COVID-19 pandemic and those who now care for them, and for the people and concerns we personally name silently or aloud, [intercessions are offered], let us pray to the Lord., let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

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

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially [N.N.], let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the ever blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.
Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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.

All are seated for a

Choral Anthem at the Offertory, "PSALM 23"

Anglican Chant: Charles Hylton Stewart (1884-1932)

During the anthem followed by the playing of Offertory Music for Meditation or after the service, you may make an Online Offering at gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving. Grace-St. Luke's is not closed. Instead, we are becoming more open and creative in how we abide with God and walk by the faith. Our wardens, vestry, and clergy-staff team are making plans to support the faith journeys of parish households and foster connection. To ensure that hourly staff team members continue to receive wages, staying current with or making your pledge, and additional contributions, including today's offering, are more important than ever. Such giving also continues to support parish administration and operations. Thank you for your gifts to the glory of God and to support life at Grace-St. Luke's.

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.

Lenten Solemn Prayer and Blessing

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 493, "O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING"

music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heayen.

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: "IMPROVISATION ON AZMON"

Patrick A. Scott

All are invited to remain standing or to be seated for the duration of the Voluntary and then continue joyfully into the day, giving thanks for blessings known and known, and checking on fellow parishioners, neighbors, and others. Pastoral Care: Members of the parish with any needs or pastoral concerns, e-mail 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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Is This A Test?

I suspect and actually think it's natural that we and countless human family members are reacting to the fears, anxieties, craze, affects, and limitations of COVID-19 asking, "Is this a test?" I definitely have asked the question and am likely to keep asking it. So far, "Yes" is the only answer I am getting. I believe it a test to see what all people, especially people of faith, might do personally and for others to cope and grow toward being our best selves.

While caring for ourselves, are we reaching out to others? Are we undertaking healthy, fun, enlightening, courageous, restorative, and sustainable in-home things that could continue post-pandemic? Are we renewing baptismal vows by tending to the Christian faith and life: worship and pray, repent of sin, proclaim by word and

example the Good News of God in Christ, seek and serve Christ in all persons, love neighbor as self, strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. May "Yes" be or become our personal answer while others work on their own test.

With God's help, followers of Jesus are called to entrust hope in the One who promises to never leave or forsake us and who heals all things with love. GSL is not closed during this season. Instead, we are being tested to become more open and creative in how we abide with God and walk by the faith. Let us hold the human family in prayer, care for ourselves and others by phone calls, handwritten notes, emails, video visits, and special deliveries. Let us stay focused on who and whose we are: beloved children of God - and may our prayers shape our belief that in God, all shall be well.

Faithfully, Ollie+

The Reverend Ollie V. Rencher, Rector

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Worship and Music

Sunday, March 22 Worship at 10:30 a.m. via Facebook Live. [Join us via live stream on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m.](#) as the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher and others lead a Service of Morning Prayers, Meditation, and Music according to the Book of Common Prayer. Whether or not you have a Facebook account, you can access the live stream via www.gracestlukes.org/facebook. If you need additional instructions, here is a [step-by-step guide](#). If you miss joining us live at 10:30 a.m., [visit this link to view the service anytime](#). You can also access the live-stream service from Washington National Cathedral, including Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's sermon [here](#).

In addition to weekly online worship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m., stay tuned for notices about weekday livestreaming of The Book of Common Prayer's Order for Compline as well as a brief Clergy Meditation with Music.

Formation for Adults, Youth, and Children

Small groups such as Education for Ministry (EfM), the Wednesday Lenten Study of Henri Nouwen's Life of the Beloved, and the Thursday Men's Morning Fellowship are continuing through virtual gatherings. The Young Adults "Signs of Life" Lenten Devotional will continue through written meditations and shared videos via email. New online offerings are currently being explored by the clergy-staff team in consultation with the formation advisory committees for adults, youth, and children.

For adults, the clergy are collaborating with guests who were scheduled to present during the Sunday 9:15 a.m. Parish Hall Forum to provide prerecorded or livestream offerings to be posted at gracestlukes.org/discover/adult-formation. Meanwhile, consider daily devotion resources by forwardmovement.org, in the bcponline.org, and Barbara Crafton's Living in Lent book at issuu.com/churchpublishing/docs. Director of Youth Formation Amzie Williams is reaching out to teens and their families to facilitate virtual formation, worship, and fellowship connections; visit [gsl.youth](https://www.instagram.com/gsl.youth) on Instagram, signup for Zoom, and consider apps such a "D365" for daily devotions. Director of Children's Formation Sharon Campbell is connecting households with young children to resources such as Faith at Home www.dofaithathome.org, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: cgsusa.org/discover/cgs-approach/cgs-in-the-home-parent-resources, and exploring other ways of engagement.

Community Life

REALM Connect for GSL Parishioners. Now, more than ever, we need to use all possible means to connect. One way to do this, is to setup your REALM profile today. If you did not get your Realm invite, or you need help setting up your profile, contact Parish House Receptionist and Ministry Associate Abby Huber (901-252-6336, ahuber@gracestlukes.org) or Lucy Owens (901-252-6333, lowens@gracestlukes.org). Realm Connect is a ministry platform that functions as a browser-based application for the whole church. That means it isn't just a database, but an interactive tool designed to integrate members, ministries, and groups. Think of it as the GSL version of Facebook! In Realm, you can update your own profile, keep in touch with others through the member directory, stay involved in groups, manage pledges and giving, and more. For more information about Realm, visit www.gracestlukes.org/realm.

Getting and Staying Connected. Now is a perfect time for members and newcomers to reach out to Stewardship Associate Chapman Morrow (cmorrow@gracestlukes.org, 901.252.6328) or a member of the clergy team to explore ways to grow deeper in the parish, as well as offer your time, talent, and treasure to support life at Grace-St. Luke's. Connection to the parish in the midst of this "season of separation," is bound to bring blessing and faith-based partnership to all those willing to engage.

Recurring

Set up recurring 2020 pledge payments by scanning the QR code with your phone!



Online Giving

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



Prayer Requests. At the core of our faith is the practice of prayer, which is especially important in this temporary season of navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to your daily prayers, the clergy and members of pastoral care teams are available to offer prayer support. You may submit your request online at www.gracestlukes.org/prayerrequest/ or via Parish House Receptionist and Ministry Associate Abby Huber (ahuber@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6336). Names of persons who have given consent for their names to be printed will be reflected on the Prayer List for two Sundays, unless a longer period is requested, while intercessions for all concerns are offered daily by the Clergy and Pastoral Care Team.

Pastoral Care: Sharing and Responding to Concerns. To alert the clergy of a pastoral matter concerning yourself or a member, including any medical procedures, contact the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher (901-252-6320, orencher@gracestlukes.org) for his collaboration with the clergy team. For hospitalizations or emergencies concerning a member, please contact the 24/7 Clergy-on-Call phone line at 901-252-6334. This protocol is the best way to communicate pastoral needs and ensure a prompt response from a member of the clergy or pastoral care team.

Extra Care during this Temporary Season. The clergy and pastoral care leadership are proactively reaching out to our senior and medically compromised parishioners to learn how best to support them, including with the provision of meals and errands. If you or another might benefit from such care, or you are available to assist with this ministry, contact the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher (901-252-6320, orencher@gracestlukes.org).

Cancellation of In-Person Events until Further Notice. Wednesday Lunch Fellowship; Third Thursday Fellowship; Sunday and Wednesday worship offerings; Christian Formation classes; Sunday Episcopal Youth Community (EYC); Sunday Breakfast by the Crossmen; Heart and Hands Fellowship; Choir Rehearsals; and The Food Pantry. The following events continue virtually: Education for Ministry (EfM); Wednesday Lenten Study of Henri Nouwen's Life of the Beloved; Thursday Men's Morning Fellowship; and Young Adults "Signs of Life" Lenten Devotional.

Financial Giving: A Note from the Wardens and the Treasurer. In this bizarre season, our wardens, vestry, and clergy-staff team are working to provide an evolving plan to more creatively support the faith journeys of parish households as well as foster connection in a time of perceived disconnection. The clergy-staff team will practice self-care by working from home, being available during normal office hours (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) via phone and email, and meeting (virtually) to support one another. To ensure that hourly staff team members continue to receive wages, staying current with or making a pledge, and additional contributions are more important than ever. Such giving also supports parish administration and operations. If convenient, please consider giving online via gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving versus mailing checks. For more information about this and any financial matters, contact Parish Administrator Linda Stine (lstine@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6324).

Giving Altar Flowers and Eucharistic Supplies in Memory and Honor of Loved Ones for Virtual and Future Worship Services. Grace-St. Luke's provides two meaningful ways to remember loved ones during worship services: altar flowers and Eucharistic supplies given in their memory or honor. Flowers are \$215 per Sunday, which one or more persons may share in giving, and Eucharistic supplies (wafers, wine, candle oil) are \$25 per week. To explore and make payments to reserve available dates, including dates that may hold significance and have been reserved by you in the past, contact Parish Administrator Linda Stine (901-252-6324, lstine@gracestlukes.org). Your request must be made no later than two weeks in advance of the desired Sunday; further in advance may show more available dates. Once the date is confirmed, please issue payment for the appropriate fee (listed above) either online or mail it to the parish office. Your donation must be received for the reservation to be considered complete, and for the acknowledgement to be printed in the Sunday leaflet.

Staying Informed. If you have not already done so, visit gracestlukes.org to [subscribe](#) to the parish eNews to receive weekly, seasonal, and emergency pastoral notices from the clergy or other leaders. Visit episwtn.org to subscribe to the West Tennessee Diocesan Communicator, and for access to beyond-local news from The Episcopal Church, visit episcopalnewsservice.org/email-signup. Please spread the word about these key communication platforms.

THE PRAYER LIST

Our prayers are asked for Isabel Wittman, Dr. Belinda Madison, Ian Gibbs, Carolyn Kaldon, Caitlin, Charlotte Sanders, George, Janalee Wilkins, Jane, Amanda Adams, Paula Barnes, Dennis Rutledge, Steven Schultz, Jonathan, Lynette Mills, Betsy Tate, Nancy Wilkerson, Charles Chandler, Caroline Clay, Kay, John, Patty McManus, and Brad Larson.

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