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.

Officiant: The Rev. Meredith Jane Day

Preacher: The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher

All are asked to observe silence during the

Voluntary: “Improvisation on Rockingham” Patrick A. Scott

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 149, “ETERNAL LORD OF LOVE, BEHOLD YOUR CHURCH”

music: Old 124th, melody Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551;
harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Unison or harmony

1 Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church
2 So daily dying to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we arise,

walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
so daily living to your way of love,
you the first-born of all the faithful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
and as through stony ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your presence bent:
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
glorious in spring-time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here— the goal of all desire.
so we are dead and live with you in God.
so in the Father’s glory shall we wake.
A Penitential Order

**Celebrant** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People** His mercy endures forever.

The **Confession of Sin and Absolution** said by all

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

The **Collect of the Day**

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Psalm 130 recited by all in unison

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; 
   Lord, hear my voice; *
   let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
   O Lord, who could stand?
3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
   therefore you shall be feared.
4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
   in his word is my hope.
5 My soul waits for the Lord, 
   more than watchmen for the morning, * 
   more than watchmen for the morning.
6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, * 
   for with the Lord there is mercy; 
7 with him there is plenteous redemption, * 
   and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * 
   as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.”

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.
Sequence Hymn 482, “LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS”  music: Slane, Irish ballad melody; adapt. The Church Hymnary, 1927
text: Jan Struther (1901-1953)

The Gospel
A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When
Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Priest       The Word of the Lord.
People      Thanks be to God.

The Homily: The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher

The Apostles’ Creed

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
    creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
    He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
    and born of the Virgin Mary.
    He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
    was crucified, died, and was buried.
    He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
    He ascended into heaven,
    and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
    He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
    the holy catholic Church,
    the communion of saints,
    the forgiveness of sins
    the resurrection of the body,
    and the life everlasting. 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.

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
Solo at the Offertory, “IF WITH ALL YOUR HEARTS, FROM ELLIJAH”  
music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
text: Deuteronomy 4:29 & Job 23:3
Daniel Massey, tenor

“If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall surely ever find me.” Thus saith our God.
Oh! That I knew where I might find him, that I might even come before his presence!

The Offertory
During the anthem that then is followed by instrumental music, or following this service, you may make your offering online by clicking on or visiting gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving. You also may mail your offering to the church office. Grace-St. Luke's is not closed during this season of physical distancing. Instead, we are becoming more open and creative in how we abide with God, walk by faith, and serve one another. Your gift to the glory of God supports the administration, operations, and life of Grace-St. Luke's Church.

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 with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; 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 516, “COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE”  

music: Down Ampney, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt.

The Dismissal

The people are dismissed with these words
Minister  Let us bless the Lord.  
People  Thanks be to God.

Voluntary: “IMPROVISATION ON IN BABILONE”  

All are invited to remain standing or to be seated for the Voluntary and then 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@gracesstlukes.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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Grace-St. Luke’s: A lot is happening in our common life. Check out the following news, keep good care, and please be in touch with the clergy-staff team to assist you along the way!

Virtual Offerings

**Sunday, March 29 Worship at 10:30 a.m.** Join us via livestream on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m. as the clergy and musicians lead a Service of Morning Prayers, Meditation, and Music, and provide a service leaflet for to follow along. Whether or not you have a Facebook account, you can access the livestream via www.gracestlukes.org/facebook, which includes a step-by-step instructions guide. **Please note:** A recording of the service will be available by noon on Sunday at this link: www.gracestlukes.org/events/the-fifth-sunday-in-lent-march-29.

**Tuesday and Thursday, Compline (Night Prayers) via Facebook Live.** A member of the clergy or the laity will lead a 15-minute service of Compline (Night Prayers) on Facebook Live on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. Access the order of service in The Book of Common Prayer (p 127), online at www.bcponline.org/DailyOffice/compline.html, or via PDF download. Spread the word!

**Wednesday Mid-Week Christian Formation, 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.** either via Facebook Live or an uploaded pre-recorded video will be available here: www.gracestlukes.org/midweek-formation/.

**Fridays at Noon, “Catch Up with the Clergy: A Weekly Lunch Meeting” on ZOOM Video or Audio starts March 27.** While enjoying your lunch, gather in front of your computer, on your phone, or by calling in for an informal time to connect with our clergy. For access and a short Zoom tutorial, visit www.gracestlukes.org/events/catch-up-with-the-clergy-a-weekly-lunch-meeting. Spread the word!

Messages from the Clergy

**A Message Update from the Rector regarding COVID-19.** Click here for this week’s update from The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher about the pandemic and life at GSL.

**An Update from the Curate, The Rev. Meredith Jane Day.** Click here for a message from the Rev. Meredith Jane Day about plans for after her two-year curacy program at GSL.

Worship and Music

**Listen to Music for Meditation.** Mindful that the whole parish community is unable to gather in our sacred space in Midtown, Director of Music and Organist Patrick Scott, Assistant Organist-Choirmaster Debbie Smith, the Schola Cantorum of the Grace-St. Luke’s Choir, and the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher recently recorded musical offerings as gifts for our listening and sharing with others. Here is a video and watch for future offerings in the coming weeks: “Jesus, so lowly” by Harold Friedell.

Jesus, so lowly, child of the earth: christen me wholly, bring me new birth.
Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; teach me that only love maketh glad.
Jesus, so broken, silent and pale; be this the token, love will not fail.
Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; teach me how glorious death is to be.

**Friday, Special eNews.** Watch for an email at 3 p.m. about what to expect on the upcoming Sunday including service leaflet access, what’s ahead for the coming week, and any updates from the clergy or the senior warden.

Christian Formation

**Adults:** While small groups such as Education for Ministry (EfM) and the Men’s Thursday 7 a.m. Morning continue virtual gatherings, and the Young Adults Fellowship enjoy resources such as written meditations and shared videos via email. Watch for special events and explore daily devotion resources by bcponline.org, in the forwardmovement.org, and Barbara Crafton’s Living in Lent book at issuu.com/churchpublishing/docs.

**Youth:** Morning Prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. on Instagram Live, and Sunday EYC via ZOOM: Middle School 5 p.m., High School 6 p.m. Teens also are connecting on Instagram (gsl.youth) and utilizing the “D365” daily devotion.

**Children:** Households are encouraged to explore Faith at Home and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd resources at cgsusa.org/discover/cgs-approach/cgs-in-the-home-parent-resources.

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**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!
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 (901-252-6320, 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.

Extra Care during this Temporary Season. The clergy, vestry, and pastoral care leadership are reaching out to all households, especially our seniors and those who may be medically compromised to learn how best to support them: meals, errands and more. 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).

Prayer Requests, 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 (901-252-6336, ahuber@gracestlukes.org). 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. Intercessions for all concerns are offered daily by the clergy and lay pastoral care ministers.

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.

Sustaining Our Common Life at GSL. The clergy-staff team, wardens, and vestry are working daily to support the faith journeys of parish households and to foster connections during this strange season. While all parishioners naturally are practicing self-care and navigating changes that are different and likely complex for each household, the sacred offerings of time, talent, and treasure during this season will keep GSL strong and sustainable. In addition to contacting Stewardship Associate Chapman Morrow to connect and serve, all financials gifts (pledges, alms, one-time contributions) support the administration, operations, and life of Grace-St. Luke’s. You may visit gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving or mail offerings to the church office. For assistance or if circumstances are changing, contact Parish Administrator Linda Stine (901-252-6324, lstine@gracestlukes.org).

Outreach

More-Than-A-Meal continues on Sunday, March 29, from 4:00-4:45 p.m. with a “brown bag” plan. The Food Pantry is closed temporarily due to the required physical-distancing guidelines and a limited capacity to accommodate the increase of clients that would arrive to our confined space. Fortunately, we have partnered with the Mid-South Food Bank to direct clients to the more than 10 pantries available throughout the region. There are also other ways to serve others while staying safe during the pandemic season. Explore these comprehensive resources guides and we’ll share other ones along the way: High Grounds Memphis Area COVID-19 Resource Guide and WMC5’s How To Help People In Need During COVID-19 Outbreak . If you have questions about how to get involved with outreach or know of other COVID-19 resource guides, contact Outreach Team Leader Bill Pichette (picwill@rocketmail.com).

Stay 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 http://eepurl.com/bj3C5 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.