

GRACE-ST. LUKE'S

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

**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
THE HOLY EUCHARIST WITH MUSIC
MARCH 7, 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 & Preacher: The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher
Eucharistic Minister & Intercessor: Hallie Peyton

Lector: Dan Pigg

All are asked to observe silence during the

Voluntary: "PRÉLUDE" FROM *PRÉLUDE, FUGUE ET VARIATION, OP. 18*"

César Franck

Welcome and Announcements

The Penitential Order: Rite Two

The congregation is invited to remain seated and meditate on the text of the opening hymn while the cantors and organist sing. Those worshipping from home are invited to join in singing. See page 9 regarding in-person congregational singing.

Hymn 473, stanzas 1 & 3-4, "LIFT HIGH THE CROSS"

music: *Crucifer*, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)
words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912); alt. Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)

Descant



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain



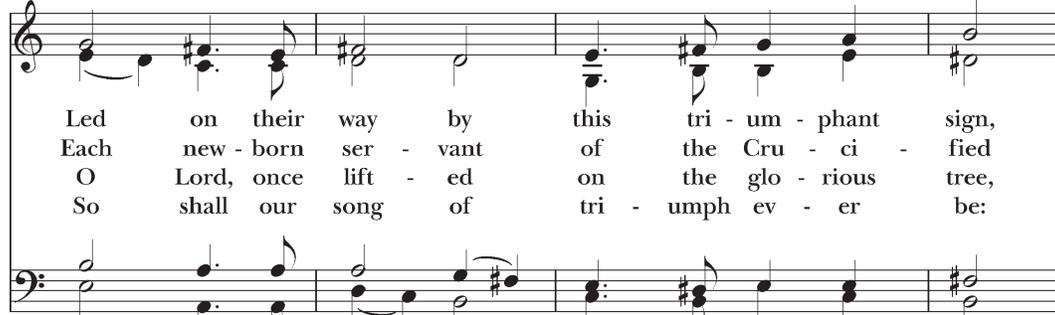
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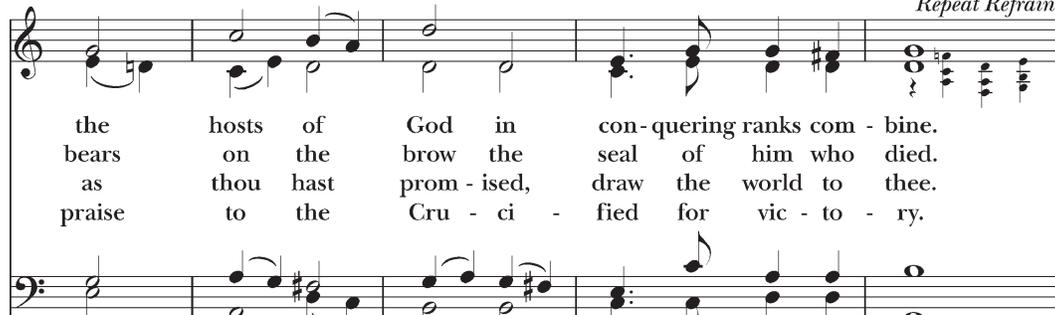
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.



All stand.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Celebrant and People kneel or stand for

The Decalogue: Contemporary

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Kyrie eleison

music: Craig Phillips (b. 1951)

Lord, have mercy upon us. *Kyrie eleison.*

Christ, have mercy upon us. *Christe eleison.*

Lord, have mercy upon us. *Kyrie eleison.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lector **The Word of the Lord.**

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

Psalm 19 *recited by all in unison*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
 and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 **One day tells its tale to another, ***
 and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 **Although they have no words or language, ***
 and their voices are not heard,
- 4 **Their sound has gone out into all lands, ***
 and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 **In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; ***
 it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
 it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; ***
 nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 **The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; ***
 the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 **The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; ***
 the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 **The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; ***
 the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, ***
 sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 **By them also is your servant enlightened, ***
 and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 **Who can tell how often he offends? ***
 cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 **Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; ***
 then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, ***
 O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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 John.**

2:13-22

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Gospeller **The Gospel of the Lord**

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher

The Priest invites the People to stand for The Nicene Creed.

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

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, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those reflected on the prayer list and for those we now name either silently or aloud [N.N.], 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, and for those we now name either silently or aloud [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.

All stand for

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory

The Celebrant first offers instructions about the ministration of communion. Then the Celebrant and Assisting Priest wash their hands with soapy warm water and sanitize them. During the setting of the Holy Table, financial offerings may be made to support life at Grace-St. Luke's: visit gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving; 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

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

“IF YE LOVE ME”

music: Philip Wilby (b. 1949)

words: John 14:15-18

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, even the spirit, of truth. And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

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 worshiping 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

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; 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 page 9 regarding in-person congregational singing.

Hymn 431, "THE STARS DECLARE HIS GLORY"

music: Aldine, Richard Proulx (b. 1937)
words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); para. of Psalm 19



1 The stars de - clare his glo - ry; the vault of hea - ven springs
2 The dawn re - turns in splen - dor, the hea - vens burn and blaze,
3 So shine the Lord's com - mand - ments to make the sim - ple wise;
4 So or - der too this life of mine, di - rect it all my days;



mute wit - ness of the Mas - ter's hand in all cre - a - ted things, and
the ris - ing sun re - news the race that me - asures all our days and
more sweet than hon - ey to the taste, more rich than an - y prize, a
the med - i - ta - tions of my heart be in - no - cence and praise, my



through the si - lenc - es of space their sound - less mu - sic sings. _____
writes in fire a - cross the skies God's ma - jes - ty and praise. _____
law of love with - in our hearts, a light be - fore our eyes. _____
rock, and my re - deem - ing Lord, in all my words and ways. _____

The Dismissal

The people are dismissed with these words

Minister Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: "PSALM 19"

Benedetto Marcello

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.

The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Celebrant & Preacher

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Debbie Smith, Assistant Organist-Choirmaster

Elizabeth Hornor, Charles McGowan, & André Moore, Cantors

Ed Griffith, Lucy Owens, Livestream Support

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

A Message from the Rector

Steadfast Love: Compassion. Father Henri Nouwen reflects for the Wednesday in the Second Week of Lent: “Have you ever had some say, ‘I know how you feel!’ but you think to yourself, ‘How can you possibly know how I feel? How can you know what I’m going through?’ The word compassion means ‘able to feel with, identify with the feelings of others.’ Matthew says that when Jesus saw the crowds as he made his way to the cross, ‘he had compassion for them.’” – The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Rector (Read the full text: gracestlukes.org/news/steadfast-love-compassion)

Take Note

Message from the Sr. Warden. For the recent message from Senior Warden Charlie Pazar on behalf of the Vestry, follow this link: gracestlukes.org/news/a-message-from-the-sr-warden-february-2021.

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

Worship and Music

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” is the theme for Lent 2021 at GSL. Our Sunday 10:30 a.m. series continues March 7 with a sermon offered by the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher following the Rev. Dr. Stuart Hoke and the Rev. Laura F. Gettys. For more information and to explore the text that preachers are incorporating into sermons, visit tinyurl.com/lightindeepestnight.

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; seating is limited to a maximum of 36 households. Access livestream services via GSL website (gracestlukes.org/live) and Facebook Live (facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).

5:30 p.m. Contemplative Prerecorded Worship with the Rev. Laura F. Gettys and guest musician, Alisa Horn, cello, via the GSL website (gracestlukes.org/live), Facebook Live (facebook.com/gracestlukes/live), and YouTube (youtube.com/gracestlukes). For details, visit gracestlukes.org/news/contemplative-prerecorded-events.

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)

Sunday 9:15 a.m. March 7: Jesus, Politics, and Faith Journeys with Memphis Journalist Otis Sanford via Facebook Live (facebook.com/gracestlukes/live), YouTube (youtube.com/gracestlukes), and the GSL Website (gracestlukes.org/live). The Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury and the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church often remind Christians and the world that the Church gets involved in politics solely because that’s what Jesus did before and after his death. In light of the dilemma that this reality causes for many followers of Jesus today, tune in for a timely conversation between political columnist Otis Sanford and Father Ollie Rencher. | **Looking Ahead, March 14:** Conversation about *In A Colorful Place: Seasoned Opinion About Memphis, About Home, About Life* with authors Dan Conaway and Otis Sanford. For more about adult formation, explore www.gracestlukes.org/adult-formation.

Lenten Book Study, *The Art of Forgiveness, Lovingkindness, and Peace* continues Wednesdays, March 10 & 17. All are welcome to attend. Visit gracestlukes.org/gslreadingtogether for more information, including sign-up link.

Lenten Bible Study March 24 & 31: Spiritual Encouragement through Philippians. Join Dr. Dan Pigg on Zoom for a bible study on the book of Philippians. For more information and the sign-up link, visit gracestlukes.org/midweek-formation.

Children. (gracestlukes.org/childrens-formation)

Virtual Prayer Table. All children are invited to the 20-minute virtual Prayer Table for conversation, songs, stories, and prayer via Zoom after the 10:30 service. Zoom links are sent to the Children’s Formation email list on Saturdays.

Easter Drive-Thru Event Canceled. Several of our midtown partner congregations are making major transitions regarding use of space and/or programming. After much consideration, our group has decided the wisest option for all our churches is to cancel the event. As a team, we want our events to reflect our best use of resources and the collaboration of our community, and at this time, moving forward with the event would not align with those goals. As obstacles are cleared in the coming months, plans for another partnered event (hopefully in-person!) will be announced. We hope you’ll join us then.

For more information and to be added to the Children’s Formation email list, please contact Director of Children’s Formation Sharon Campbell (scampbell@gracestlukes.org).

Youth. (gracestlukes.org/youth-formation)

Sunday, March 7: EYC outside has returned! Be sure to bring a mask for some of your favorite outside games! Meet outside the Red Door on Lemaster. 6th-8th grades, 3-4 p.m.; 7th-9th grades, 4-5 p.m.

For more information and to be added to the Youth Formation email list, please contact Director of Youth Formation Amzie Williams (awilliams@gracestlukes.org).

Recreation and Wellness

Let's Play Ball! It's that time again. March is the month for 2021 GSL Church Baseball, Softball & T-Ball Online Registration. Teams are available for JK-4th grades and registration is March 1-14. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and does fill up quickly. Please register at gracestlukes.org/playball. If you are interested in coaching, please email Christi Authement (cauthement@gracestlukes.org) or fill out the coaching box on the online registration form.

What To Expect For the 2021 Spring Soccer Season. Follow this link for Spring Soccer details: gracestlukes.org/spring-soccer

Uniform Drop Box. To keep costs to a minimum, GSL Church Sports Committee requests that you recycle your church sports uniforms. A Drop Box will be in front of the GSL School Circle Drive through March 7. This is a perfect time to recycle your uniforms. What to Recycle: Soccer jerseys & shorts; Baseball, Softball, & T-Ball jerseys, pants, shorts, & belts (hats and socks optional); Basketball jerseys & shorts

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

Firepit 2021 Firepit Soirees Reboot. Let's gather this spring in March and April! Join us around the fire pits of fellow GSL members from 6-7 p.m. on three evenings in March & April. Bring your own beverage, chair, blanket, mask, and visit for an hour with new and old friends. We will randomly assign you to three soirees on your chosen weekday evening so it's an opportunity to meet different Episcopalians at each soiree. Follow this link (gracestlukes.org/news/2021-firepit-soirees) for details concerning dates, locations, volunteering your firepit, and signup.

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

MICAH Core Group Meeting, Wednesday, March 17, 6-7 p.m. Join the GSL MICAH (Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope) Core Group for its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 6-7 p.m. By signing up (tinyurl.com/GSLMicahMeeting), you will receive all the necessary meeting information including the Zoom link. If you have any questions, you can contact Jim Drummond, Paula Barnes, Becky Mercer, or the Rev. Laura F. Gettys via Realm Connect (gracestlukes.org/realm).

Outreach

Dinner with Dorothy. You pick the venue and how many people to feed (safely). Lucy J's provides a lasagna (with non-meat options) supper. Dorothy Day House invites you to "Dinner with Dorothy" (tinyurl.com/DinnerWithDorothy) on Saturday March 20, with entertainment and speakers, and the opportunity to participate in an online auction. Follow this link for details: dorothydaymemphis.org/dinnerwithdorothy.

St. Columba is Reopening. With new lodges as a highlight and safety in focus, St. Columba is reopening for retreats and small family gatherings. They have also announced registration for Camp Able (which we hope to support with volunteers) and Mud Camp. You can keep track of all of St. Columba's events by signing up for their newsletter. The link is at the top of their home page: saintcolumbamemphis.org.

Quick Links

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

- Information about Worship: gracestlukes.org/worship
- Information about Music: gracestlukes.org/music
- Information about Outreach: gracestlukes.org/outreach
- Information about Social Justice: gracestlukes.org/social-justice
- Facebook Live: facebook.com/gracestlukes/live
- YouTube Live: youtube.com/gracestlukes
- Wednesday eNews: gracestlukes.org/weekly-news
- LIVE Virtual Worship, Music, Formation Offerings: gracestlukes.org/live
- 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
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The Prayer List

Our prayers are asked for Brad Larson, Patty McManus, Kaye, John, Caroline Clay, Betsy Tate, Nancy Wilkerson, Kristin King, Charles Chandler, Michael Wills, Jake Seymour, Alymarie “Dooney” Twele, Annelise Ware Simmons, Felix Dae Sanders, Deborah Lowe, Amanda Adams, Bill Russell, Tom Wyatt, Susan Williamson, Peggy Mulherin Williamson, Madeline Mathis, Rachel Sanford, The Kaldon Family, Paul Douglas, and Kathleen.

Our prayers are asked for those who have died, especially the Rev. Jerry Crook, husband of Sandy Crook, and those who have died from coronavirus.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially Mitchell Cowan, Sandy Crook, Diane Hannifin, Ellen Hendry, Amy Jackson, Beatrix Jackson, Aurora McNamara, Chapman Morrow, Mary Elizabeth Partin, Thomas Reynolds, Walker Robbins, Ward Robinson, Mia Sappington, Joe Saupe, Julia Smythe, Susan Stephenson, Asher Stewart-Clark, Blanchard Tual, Harrison Williams, and Kay Wills, and for those celebrating wedding anniversaries, especially Jim & Terre Greer, Logan & Simone Meeks, and Andrew & Cynthia Saatkamp.

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.

Lent 2021 at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church
“Light in Deepest Night”
A Lenten Meditation based on the Writings of Julian of Norwich
www.gracestlukes.org/news/lent-holy-week-and-easter

Sunday, March 28, 5:30 p.m. Grace-St. Luke's musicians and clergy offer a prerecorded service of choral music and spoken meditations based on the writings of Julian of Norwich, compiled and set to music by Aaron David Miller

Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Lenten Preaching Series – Sermons by Parish Clergy and Guests

February 21 – The Rev. Laura F. Gettys | February 28 – The Rev. Dr. Stuart Hoke

March 7 – The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher | March 14 – The Rev. Anne Carriere | March 21 – The Rev. Buddy Stallings

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Faith, Be Our Light in Deepest Night

Faith, be our light in deepest night,
Spirit of good, our endless day.
Blest be your holy trinity,
You are the goodness of all things.

Oh, Love How Deep

Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!

For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us he gave his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

Prayer

God almighty, loving father,
Christ all wisdom, loving mother,
with the love and goodness of the Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord.
In our creation and your incarnation, you joined and united yourself with us.
In union with you, we are your true spouse and beloved wife with whom you are never displeased.
For you say to us, “I love you, and you love me, and our love will never divide in two.”
Grant that our hearts may constantly abide in your loving union
that we may delight, praise, thank, and endlessly rejoice in Christ our Savior and tender mother,
who with you and the Holy Spirit, are endless love and eternal delight.
Amen.

Living Prayer

Make my life a living prayer.
 May I flourish in your sight.
 Make me life a living prayer.
 Where there is truth and wisdom, there is love.

I am known to you in times of sickness.
 I am known to you in times of feebleness.
 I am known to you in times of darkness.
 I am known to you in times of loneliness.

You are endless truth,
 endless wisdom,
 Love beyond all fear.

Make my life a living prayer.
 May I flourish in your sight.
 Make my life a living prayer.
 Where there is truth and wisdom, there is love.

Lead us into fullness of joy

Lead us into fullness of joy. You are our hope for endless bliss. Be our keeper.
 By love you made us. In love you shape us. Through love preserve us. For love intend us.

Mothering God, you gave me birth

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.
 Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
 grain of new life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close,
 so that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.

God our father, Christ our mother

God our father, Christ our mother, father guides as mother nurtures.
 Father, font of every being, Mother Christ, the heart of mercy.

Spirit give us grace abundant. Spirit grant us peace and comfort.
 Mother Jesus grant us peace and joy. Bear us to your heavenly bliss.

Mother Jesus, love's fair grace, Lay us gently on your breast.
 Grant us through your open side, Blessed life and endless love.

Mother Jesus still the same. Love unchanging ever near to us.
 Guard us safe to heaven's bliss.

Sweet Light

Sweet light from Jesus face, shining clear, shining bright, we do not fear the coming night,
keep our hearts in purest light.

Eternal day shines in your face, where we rest, safe in grace. We rise and fall in your eternal day,
touched by your gracious hand, our life, our love, our light.

O Trinity, O blessed Light

O Trinity, O blessed Light, O unity of sovereign might: as now the fiery sun departs,
shed holy light within our hearts.

To you our morning song of praise, to you our evening prayer we raise;
to you in awe we bend the knee from age to age, eternally.

All glory be to God above and to the Son, the prince of love, and to the Spirit, One in Three!
We praise you, blessed Trinity.

Chaconne

God our maker, God our keeper, God our lover, God our wisdom, God our endless joy.

Tree of Life

Tree of Life and awesome mystery in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of history, still you rise with every morn.
We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word;
every person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord.

Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea.
Light of life beyond conceiving, mighty Spirit of our Lord;
give new strength to our believing, give us faith to love your word.

Give us eyes to see you clearly; make us children of your light.
Give us hearts to live more nearly as your gospel shining bright.
God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death,
hold us close through each tomorrow, love as near as every breath.

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