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. Ollie V. Rencher  
Assisting: The Rev. Meredith Jane Day  
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All are asked to observe silence during the  
Voluntary: “Prelude on Hyfrydol”  
Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)  
arr. John Purifoy (b. 1952)  
Jeanne Simmons, flute

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.
Hymn 432, stanzas 1, 2, & 4, “O PRAISE YE THE LORD!”

music: Laudate Dominum, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)
text: Henry Williams Baker (1921-1877), alt.; based on Psalms 148 & 150

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
   rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
   ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
   and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, all ye of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,
and sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.

3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
each jubilant chord echo a round;
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks giving and song
to him be out poured all ages along!

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
The Collect for Purity
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Acts 2:14a,36-41
Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 recited by all in unison
1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, * 
   because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
2 The cords of death entangled me; 
   the grip of the grave took hold of me; * 
   I came to grief and sorrow.
3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: * 
   “O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”
10 How shall I repay the Lord * 
   for all the good things he has done for me?
11 I will lift up the cup of salvation * 
   and call upon the Name of the Lord.
12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord * 
   in the presence of all his people.
13 Precious in the sight of the Lord * 
   is the death of his servants.
14 O Lord, I am your servant; * 
   I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; 
   you have freed me from my bonds.
15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving * 
   and call upon the Name of the Lord.
16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord * 
   in the presence of all his people,
17 In the courts of the Lord's house, * 
   in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!
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 First Letter of Peter

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader  Here ends the Lesson.

The Sequence Hymn 306, stanzas 1 & 4, “COME, RISEN LORD, AND DEIGN TO BE OUR GUEST”

music: Sursum Corda, Alfred Morton Smith (1879-1971)
text: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt.

The Gospel

24:13-35

Priest  A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Now on that same day two of [the disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his
Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**The Homily:** The Rev. Dr. Scott Morris

**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.

Please remain standing or kneel for the Prayers of the People.

**The Prayers of the People, Form III**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
   That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
   That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
   That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
   That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
   That our works may find favor in your sight.
Remembering especially those reflected on the Prayer List as named in the service leaflet, the widowed and orphans, all whose lives are affected due to the COVID-19 pandemic and those who now care for them, and those we now name either silently or aloud [N.N.] Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress.

Remembering especially those who have died, especially Gervacio B. Ong Sr., grandfather of Terecille Basa-Ong, James Brokaw New, father of Erick New, and those we now name either silently or aloud [N.N.] Give to the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, including thanksgivings for 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.

Silence is observed. Then, 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.

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.

Anthem at the Offertory, “ARIA, FROM SUITE ANTIQUE”

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 Blessing
The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.
Hymn 296, “We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”

music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)
text: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt.

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2. We share by water in his saving death.
3. The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
4. A new creation comes to life and grows.

Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;
Reborn we share with him an Easter life.
The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.

and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!
Baptized we live with God the Three in One.
The universe restored and whole will sing:

Final Ending

The Dismissal

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

Voluntary: “Toccata in Seven”

John Rutter (b. 1945)

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@gracesflukes.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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Jeanne Simmons, Flute
Lucy Owens, Director of Communications

About Today’s Preacher: The Rev. Dr. G. Scott Morris, United Methodist clergy and Executive Director of Church Health (churchhealth.org), also is assisting with leadership of the Memphis Clergy COVID-19 Response. Dr. Morris has been a GSL friend and Church Health has been a GSL Servant Ministry Partner and outreach grant awardee for many years. In Eastertide and always we celebrate hope, which is being lived out by the faith, impact and ministry of Church Health.

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Grace-St. Luke’s: Explore the following news, take good care, and please be in touch with the clergy-staff team to assist you along the way!

**Virtual Offerings**

*The Third Sunday of Easter, April 26*, 10:30 a.m. Live Stream Service of Morning Prayer according to The Daily Office including sermon and music via the [GSL website](http://gracestlukes.org) and [Facebook Live](https://www.facebook.com/GSL).  
*Tuesday, April 28*, 8 until 8:15 p.m. Compline (Night Prayers) via [Facebook Live](https://www.facebook.com/GSL).  
*Wednesday Midweek Christian Formation, April 29*, 5:30-6 p.m. The Rev. Katherine M. Bush will reflect on “Eastertide Poetry and Stories.”  
*Thursday, April 30*, Men’s Morning Fellowship, 7 until 7:45 a.m. via ZOOM. Read more and sign up below.  
*Thursday, April 30*, 8 until 8:15 p.m. Compline (Night Prayers) via [Facebook Live](https://www.facebook.com/GSL). 
*Friday, May 1*, Catch Up with the Clergy & Friends, Noon via [ZOOM Video or Audio](https://www.gracestlukes.org/safer-at-home). While enjoying a refreshment or lunch, gather by computer or phone for a 30-minute informal time to connect with our clergy and other parishioners. There’s no agenda other than pure checking-in; this fellowship is open to all ages.  
*The Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 3*, 10:30 a.m. Live Stream Service of Morning Prayer according to The Daily Office including sermon and music via the [GSL website](http://gracestlukes.org) and [Facebook Live](https://www.facebook.com/GSL). 

**Event Details.** For important details about each of these and more, follow this link to Virtual Offerings.

**Take Note**

*A Message from the Senior Warden.* On behalf of the Vestry, I am delighted to share monthly some of the highlights associated with life at GSL, as we continue to develop new ways of fulfilling our spiritual lives. We hope to be back in the Church in the foreseeable future, but in the meantime we’re very appreciative of the fine efforts of the clergy and staff to bring us outstanding online services, including a terrific Holy Week and Easter Day program. [More.]

**Congregational Life Survey: Open through Saturday, May 2.** Thanks to all who participated in the recent survey provided by the clergy-staff team to check-in with you about recent past offerings and to obtain key information necessary for the planning of future offerings. Over 100 responses have been received and even more may be made by Saturday, May 2 to provide helpful feedback. Follow this link for the GSL Safer-At-Home Spring 2020 Offerings survey.

**REALM Connect for GSL Parishioners.** More and more, GSL parishioners and the clergy-staff team are connecting using the new REALM platform. If you have not already done so, did not receive your REALM invite, or 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 browser-based application and interactive tool used to integrate parishioners, ministries, and groups. Think: GSL Facebook with more privacy features! You can update your profile including with photos, keep in touch with others through the directory, stay involved in groups, manage pledges and giving, and more. Sign up today and visit [www.gracestlukes.org/realm](http://www.gracestlukes.org/realm) for more information.

**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.

**Altar Flowers during Virtual Worship.** As we continue to offer weekly worship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. via livestream, flowers are a beautiful adornment to the High Altar. One meaningful way to remember loved ones during worship services is by flowers given in their memory or honor and said acknowledgment read aloud during the Prayers of the People. Flowers are $215 per Sunday, which one or more persons may share in giving. To explore and reserve available dates, including dates that may hold significance and have not been reserved by another, and to make payment, contact Parish Administrator Linda Stine (lstine@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6324).

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**Online Giving**

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

**Recurring**

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

The Bishop’s Easter Day Sermon. For a video of the April 12 sermon prerecorded by our bishop, the Right Rev. Phoebe A. Roaf, in Sisters’ Chapel at St. Mary’s Cathedral, follow this link.


Worship Schedule. Join us Sunday mornings at 10:30 via livestream as the clergy and musicians lead worship offerings. Compline (Night Prayers) is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. via Facebook Live. For more information, visit www.gracestlukes.org/worship.

Christian Formation

Adults: All are encouraged to explore Virtual Offerings for a listing of events or to contact the Rev. Meredith Jane Day (mday@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6329) for more information about learning opportunities.

Youth: Morning Prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 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, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd resources at cgsusa.org/discover/cgs-approach/cgs-in-the-home-parent-resources. And join us on Facebook: GSL Children’s Formation.

Community Life

Men’s Morning Fellowship, Thursdays at 7 a.m. All men are invited to this weekly 45-minute virtual fellowship, which started in January and was meeting in the Parlor at GSL. Facilitated by Doug Duncan and the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, gatherings begin and end with a brief prayer and consist of informal conversations about spiritual growth, faith and doubt, current events and concerns, intellectual stimulation, and thoughtful living in a fast world. Contact Doug (Doug.Duncan at wolverivercap.com) or Ollie+ (orencher@gracestlukes.org) for more information and ZOOM access.

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).

Sustaining Our Common Life at GSL. The clergy-staff team, wardens, and vestry serve to support the faith journeys of households and to foster connections during this pandemic season and always. While we practice self-care and navigate changes that are complex for each of us, the ongoing sacred offerings of time, talent, and treasure will keep GSL strong and sustainable. All financial gifts 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 (lstine@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6324).

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.
Outreach

More Than A Meal continues on Sundays from 4-4:45 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. GSL has partnered with the Mid-South Food Bank to direct clients to the more than 10 pantries available throughout the region. You may give now or anytime to the Mid-South Food Bank.

Please note: For other ways to serve while staying safe during the pandemic season, explore these resource 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 at 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/bi3C5 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 Barb Frazer, Amanda Adams, the Rev. Gary Nowlin, Brian, Betsy Tate, Nancy Wilkerson, Charles Chandler, Caroline Clay, Kay, John, Patty McManus, and Brad Larson.

Our prayers are asked for those who have died: James Brokaw New, father of Erick New, and Gervacio B. Ong Sr., grandfather of Terecille Basa-Ong.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially Jay Arkle, Chloe Ayres, Joanna Cassidy, Kevin Davidson, Ellen Fones, Phillip Hamilton, Emma Heiter, Molly McKinney, Don McLemore, Andy Nix, Ruth Patton, Elizabeth Pazar, Wright Prather, Matthew Roberts, Kevan Roche, Brittney Rowe, Adam Smith, Elizabeth Warren, Jay Williams, Mary Biessenberger, Mark Billions, and Tea Wells, and for those celebrating wedding anniversaries, especially Dan & Ann Eason, Andy & Jana Lamanna, Alan & Cathie Cline, and Aubrey & Jennie Tucker.

About the prayers: Names on the prayer list will remain for 1 month. If you would like your or your loved one’s name to remain longer, please call the church office.