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.

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All are asked to observe silence during the

Voluntary: “Meditation on Draw us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Welcome, Announcements and Children’s Message
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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader Here ends the Lesson.

Psalm 145:8-15 read responsively by whole verse

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone * and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, * and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom * and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power * and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; * your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words * and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; * he lifts up those who are bowed down.

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.

The Gospel

Priest A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Priest Here ends the Lesson.
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 III
The Leader and People pray responsively

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.

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 [N.N.], those in whose memory the altar supplies are given [Mary Louise Jones Prewitt and Thomas Ryan Prewitt Sr.], 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. We remember those reflected on the Prayer List of this service leaflet; for the whole human family during this season of the coronavirus pandemic and of social unrest and violence; for our baptismal call to foster reconciliation and healing; and for those we now name either silently or aloud [N.N.]

We give thanks for all who work in any way to respond to the needs of others; for the invaluable offerings of time, talent, and treasure that support life at Grace-St. Luke’s; for our parish School and all schools that serve our community; and for [N.N.]

On the day after Independence Day, we pray for the nation: Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Silence. The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

The Offertory

During the offertory music or following this service, your offering supports this virtual ministry and much more of 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 2020 PLEDGE; mail to the church office. We are 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, “Draw us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether; For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment’s hem.

As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living Make us sacraments of thee,
That be caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

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 Blessing
The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ’s hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

Hymn 607, “O GOD OF EVERY NATION”

music: Llangloffan, melody from Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru, 1865;
harm. The English Hymnal, 1906
text: William Watkins Reid, Jr. (1923-2007)
The Dismissal

The people are dismissed with these words

Minister        Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People          Thanks be to God.

Voluntary: “Fanfare for the Common Man”    Aaron Copland

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@gracelisles.org or dial 901-252-6320, and for hospitalizations or emergencies, dial the 24/7 Clergy-on-Call phone line at 901-252-6334.

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Dr. Patrick A. Scott, Director of Music & Organist
Elizabeth Hornor, Daniel Massey, & Andrew Carroll, Cantors
Lucy Owens, Communications Administrator
Virtual Offerings

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 5, 10:30 a.m., Livestream Service of Morning Prayer including music and sermon via the GSL website (www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship) and Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live). This marks the first Sunday for our new Associate Rector, the Rev. Laura F. Gettys.

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 5, 5:30 p.m., Trumpet & Organ Recital with Scott Moore & Patrick A. Scott, at 5:30 p.m. on Facebook Live.

Tuesday, July 7, Compline (Night Prayers), 8 until 8:15 p.m. via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).

Thursday, July 9, Men’s Morning Fellowship, 7 until 7:45 a.m. via ZOOM. Read more and sign up below.

Thursday, July 9, Compline (Night Prayers), 8 until 8:15 p.m. via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 12, 10:30 a.m., Livestream Service of Morning Prayer including music and sermon via the GSL website (www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship) and Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).

Christian Formation Offerings. Stay tuned for plans being explored by the clergy, staff, and formation leadership for summer and beyond.

Event Details. For important details about each of these and more, follow this link (www.gracestlukes.org/news/weekly-virtual-offerings) to Virtual Offerings and watch for the Friday Looking Ahead eNews.

Take Note

Today, we welcome our new Associate Rector, The Rev. Laura F. Gettys and her family (husband Josh, sons Foster and Joseph) for the 10:30 a.m. service. Laura+ started her service at GSL on July 1 and looks forward to connecting with the parish community through a variety of ways being planned by the Rector and the Associate Rector Search Advisory Committee (Mike Davis, Jane Morse, Kurt Patton, Charlie Pazar, Beth Perkins, Virginia Rowland, Senior Warden Simon Wadsworth). We are profoundly grateful for the interim ministry of the Rev. Anne Carriere who now serves as Priest Associate to assist the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Rector, and Laura+ primarily with pastoral care matters.

Recent Past Vestry Minutes. In addition to a monthly message from the Senior Warden, you may read minutes from recent meetings of the Vestry by following this link: tinyurl.com/Jan-MayVestryMinutes2020.


Friday, Looking Ahead 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.

Worship and Music

Worship: Online and In-Person. Join us via livestream or in-person on Sunday mornings at 10:30 as the clergy and musicians lead worship services. Limited space is available for in-person worship and sign up is required. Compline (Night Prayers) is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. via Facebook Live. Visit www.gracestlukes.org/worship for more about worship, and to explore past and upcoming services, follow this link (www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship).

Musical Moments in July: Sundays at 5:30: For the month of July, we’ll be having more short Sunday recitals at 5:30 p.m. on Facebook and YouTube Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live, www.youtube.com/gracestlukes). We’ll begin our series with music for trumpet and organ with GSL member and Memphis Symphony principal trumpet, Scott Moore. July 12 & 19 will be vocal solos by our GSL staff singers, everything from hymns to Broadway. And the final recital will be a solo organ recital by GSL’s Director of Music, Dr. Patrick A. Scott.

July 5: Scott Moore, trumpet, & Patrick A. Scott, organ
July 12: Staff Singer favorites
July 19: More Staff Singer favorites
July 26: Patrick A. Scott, organ

Christian Formation

Adults. Explore Virtual Offerings (www.gracestlukes.org/news/weekly-virtual-offerings) for a listing of learning opportunities and plans for the future.

Youth: Join us every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. for a Netflix Party Movie Night and Saturday for Noonday Prayer on Insta Live. Starting Monday, June 1, we will restart our schedule of Weekly Prayer on Insta Live and EYC via Zoom on Sunday evenings. For more information, contact Director of Youth Formation Amzie Williams.
Children: For information about current and summer plans for households with young children, contact Director of Children’s Formation Sharon Campbell and join the Children’s Formation Facebook page. Meanwhile, explore Faith at Home and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for a variety of creative ways to engage children in this new season for the Church.

Virtual VBS 2020: Compassion Camp. Despite technical difficulties on the runway, Compassion Camp has taken off and we’re making up for lost time! Our first week focuses on Compassion at the Table. We’re learning that compassion is seeing and welcoming ALL people to our tables, wherever those “tables” may be. It’s so important to see and welcome people who are different from us, because it helps us to better understand each other. If we can understand other people’s feelings, we can feel with them. This is called empathy, and it’s the beginning of compassion! We looked for moments of compassion in our Bible story, the Prodigal Son, and thought about how the returning son felt, how the father felt, and how the other brother felt, too, because everyone has feelings that matter. Today we’ll get crafty and create centerpieces for our tables at home to help us remember the importance of welcoming others to the table. Just like the Story Telling station at in-person VBS, Ms. Teresa Betts treated us to a video read-aloud of All Are Welcome. This beautiful book embraces diversity, featuring children of all colors and ethnicities, traditional and non-traditional families, and people of different physical abilities living and playing side by side. We’re learning to say the three parts of compassion with objects to illustrate, and in sign language too. We’re working on our first camp song, Come to the Table, and look out, because it’s awfully catchy! Later this week we’ll enjoy Mindfulness and Movement in our first virtual yoga session led by Kim Norris and a pair of special helpers. Thanks to all our Compassion Campers for being part of this new experience. If this first week is any indication, our next three are going to BE LOVED too!

Resources for Racial Healing. The Episcopal Church provides rich resources for addressing racism, racialized violence, reconciliation, healing and justice. Individuals and households may explore www.episcopalchurch.org/responding-to-racist-violence and visit the new “racial healing” portal at www.gracestlukes.org/discover. The parish clergy and laity, including members of the evolving Social Justice Team, will provide helpful information and a broad variety of resources for one’s spiritual formation work on this complex aspect of the human family.

Community Life

Thank You for Supporting Life at GSL. The Rector, Wardens and Vestry are glad and grateful that the parish community is practicing self-care and care for others the COVID-19 pandemic. Your sacred offerings of time, talent, and treasure serve to keep GSL strong and sustainable. All financial gifts in any amount contribute in countless ways to support weekly administration and operations, worship offerings, clergy-staff team personnel, and congregational life. You may visit gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving, text GSLChurch ALMS to 73256 to give to ALMS, text GSLChurch PLEDGE to 73256 to give to 2020 PLEDGE, mail offerings to the church office, or contact Parish Administrator Linda Stine (lstine@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6324).

GSL Fall Sports Registration: Currently, GSL plans to participate in the traditional ESCRA League Fall Sports Program. The GSL Church JK-4th grades fall sports registration is open July 1-15 and can be accessed online at www.gracestlukes.org/youthsoccerandfootball. Please remember to register promptly because teams do fill-up quickly. In case we are unable to offer the traditional ESCRA League fall sports programs due to COVID-19 and the CDC guidelines, we are prepared to provide a quality alternative soccer program for JK-4th grades. This program will be led by certified instructors and will focus on skill development, individual competition, and fun play. The season dates will coincide with the ESCRA season and run September through November. I will keep you informed as more details emerge. Each person’s safety and well-being are our priorities and Grace-St. Luke’s Church leadership team will continue to monitor the pandemic. We look forward to resuming our youth fall sports programs in some capacity as soon as we can. Contact: Christi Authement (cauthement@gracestlukes.org)

MOVING IN FAITH: Wellness Initiative. In week three, somehow Germantown United Methodist team snuck up and slipped past all the teams to take FIRST place. This was a shock to all because they had been in the bottom three since the beginning of the challenge. Well, this just can’t happen again, so our team is fired up about taking back what is rightfully ours. We can’t let the Methodist churches (Christ United Methodist and now Germantown United Methodist) hijack this challenge! The Episcopal Church doesn’t want to be known just for its beautiful stained glass windows, angelic choirs, amazing homilies, Maundy Thursday and Pancake Supper events, but also for the GSL Moving In Faith Team that persevered with daily exercise and prayer, conquered personal fitness and wellness goals, and won the 2020 MIF Challenge! For more information, follow this link: www.gracestlukes.org/news/moving-in-faith.

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 clergy confidentially via 901-252-6320 or pastoralcare@gracestlukes.org. For hospitalizations or emergencies concerning a member, contact the 24/7 Clergy-on-Call phone line at 901-252-6334. This is the best way to communicate pastoral needs and ensure a prompt response from a member of the clergy or pastoral care team.

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!
Got REALM Connect? Increased and new connections between parishioners as well as by clergy-staff team members with parishioners are being made through REALM, our new and advanced platform for the GSL community. You can update your membership profile with a photo, reach out to others through the directory, sign-up for ministry teams, online fellowship groups and events, manage financial giving, and much more. Visit www.gracestlukes.org/realm or contact Receptionist and Ministry Associate Abby Huber (901-252-6336, ahuber@gracestlukes.org) for assistance.

Outreach

Serving Within and Beyond Our Doors. More Than A Meal continues on Sundays from 4-4:45 p.m. with a “brown bag” plan that is working well. The Food Pantry is closed with plans to reopen as soon as possible. All who are able may give now or anytime to the Mid-South Food Bank. For information about GSL Servant Ministry Partners, visit gracedlukes.org/outreach. If you are interested in participating in outreach, email Outreach Committee Chair Bill Pichette at outreach@gracestlukes.org or visit gracedlukes.org/outreach.

A Step Ahead Foundation. Read how GSL Outreach grantee A Step Ahead Foundation continues to serve the community and carry out its mission in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, written by Outreach Committee member James Drummond, follow this link: www.gracestlukes.org/sites/549/uploaded/files/ASAF_Grace_St_Lukes_eNews.pdf.

Stay Informed

Visit gracedlukes.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 Carolyn Gardiner, Jerry V. Crook+, Brian Davies, Martin Edwards, Steven Schultz, Kristin, Nancy Menzies, Amanda Adams, Betsy Tate, Nancy Wilkerson, Charles Chandler, Caroline Clay, Kay, John, Patty McManus, and Brad Larson.

Our prayers are asked for those who have died: especially those in whose memory the altar supplies are given: Mary Louise Jones Prewitt and Thomas Ryan Prewitt Sr., and those who have died from coronavirus.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially Suzanne Busby, Steve Conn, Christy Alberson, Ron Byrnes, Frank Colvett, Natalie Davis, John Edwards, Mary Katheryn Flippo, Billy Golden, Janet Goode, Terre Greer, Chuck Kerwin, Hanna Knoll, Ciana Lee, Lonnie Locklear, Melissa McLean, Brian Mellone, Hallie Peyton, Caela Rhea, David Stegbauer, Ann Sullivan, Campbell Taylor, Ivey Taylor, Michael Tugg, Shelby Ward, Marley White, Finley Williams, Ted Wyatt, and for those celebrating wedding anniversaries, especially Alan & Margaret Everett, Jere & Ellen Fones, Brian & Courtney Jacks, Don & Lucy McLemore, and Bill & Caroline Willson.

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.

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