Welcome to Worship: Thank you for making Grace-St. Luke’s part of your spiritual journey and for joining us today for this virtual worship offering. If you are new among us, please complete an online Connect Card at gracestlukes.org/online-visitor-card. Our clergy-staff team would like to reach out to learn more about you and to explore how life at Grace-St. Luke’s might bless your journey and you bless ours. For more about our thriving faith community including online formation (learning) offerings, please visit www.gracestlukes.org.

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher

Assisting: The Rev. Meredith Jane Day

Voluntary: “Imperial March”

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Welcome and Announcements

Incense will be burned in a cooper bowl adjacent the altar throughout the service. Incense has been used in religious traditions for centuries especially on feast days. “Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.” from Psalm 141
Hymn 207, stanzas 1, 2, & 4, “Jesus Christ is risen today”

music: Easter Hymn, from Lyra Davidica, 1708; adapt, The Compleat Psalmodist, 1749, alt.
text: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

Glory to God, S-278

music: William Mathias (1934-1992)

1. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

4. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

5. You are alone the Holy One, you are alone the Lord,

6. You are alone the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

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

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Psalm 118:14-17, 22-24

setting: Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)
cantor, then all sing the ANTIPHON

14 The Lord is my strength and my song,*
    and he has become my salvation.
15 There is a sound of exultation and victory*
    in the tents of the righteous:  all sing the ANTIPHON
16 “The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
    the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”
17 I shall not die, but live,*
    and declare the works of the Lord.  all sing the ANTIPHON
18 The same stone which the builders rejected *
22 has become the chief cornerstone.
23 This is the Lord’s doing,*
    and it is marvelous in our eyes.  all sing the ANTIPHON

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

(3:1-4)
If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Lector  The Word of the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.
Silence
The Sequence: Hymn 210, “THE DAY OF RESURRECTION!”

text: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
2 Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see a right
3 Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin,

the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God,
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;

let all things seen and unseen their notes together blend,
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain
let all things seen and unseen their notes together blend,

for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory,
his own “All hail!” and, hearing, may raise the victory strain.
for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.
The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (28:1-10)

People  
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Gospeller  
The Gospel of the Lord

People  
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher

The Baptismal Covenant

The Celebrant may first address the people with these or similar words, all standing

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant  
Do you believe in God the Father?

People  
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant  
Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People  
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.

Celebrant  
Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People  
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.

Celebrant  
Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People  
I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant  
Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People  
I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant  
Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People  
I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant  
Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People  
I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant  
Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People  
I will, with God’s help.

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 in whose loving memory the altar gifts are given, Dr. Paula and Penny Johnson, Dimitri Pajitnov, Ian and Kathleen Boggs, Lucy Bratton Brown, John Waldrup Brown Sr., Sarah Phelan Day, William Brown Day, Kathryn Streater Cobb, Frank Adam Cianciolo, Kyle K. Anderson, those who have died, 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.

At 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 service 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, “Easter, from Five Mystical Songs” music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
text: George Herbert (1593-1633)
Daniel Massey, tenor

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him mayst rise:
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name,
Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song
Pleasant and long:
Or since all music is but three parts vied
And multiplied;
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:

The Sanctus and Benedictus: S-128

William Mathias

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

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. Then, all sing the Fraction Anthem.

Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S-155

Hymnal S-155

Gerald Near

At the Communion

The Celebrant says the following words
The Gifts of God for the People of God are taken in remembrance that Christ died for us. Let us feed physically and spiritually on Christ in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Mindful of the COVID-19 recommended precautions, the Clergy will each take Communion in one kind, the livestream congregation is invited to say the following prayers as part of a Spiritual Communion. Anglican-Episcopal tradition upholds that to receive communion in one kind is to fully partake in the Eucharistic feast. This belief (concomitance) affirms the Blessed Sacrament received in one kind is just as efficacious as it is when received in both kinds; one’s full communion is effected when one receives either the consecrated bread only, the consecrated wine only, or both together.
In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly Grace-St. Luke’s and those worshipping there, 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.

The Celebrant then says

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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 179, stanzas 1, 5, & 6, “Welcome, Happy Morning!”

music: Fortunatus, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)
words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.

1. “Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say:

2. Earth her joy confesses, cloth ing her for spring,

3. Months in due succession, days of lengthening light,

4. Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all,

5. Thou, of life the author, death didst undergo,

6. Loose the souls long imprisoned, bound with Satan’s chain;
   all that now is fallen raise to life again;
   show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
   bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!

1. Hell to day is vanquished, heaven is won to day!

2. All fresh gifts returned with her returning King:

3. Hours and passing moments praise thee in their flight.

4. Thou from heaven bold ing bu man na ture’s fall,

5. Tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;

1. Loo the dead is living, God for ever more!

2. Bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough,

3. Brightness of the morn ing, sky and fields and sea,

4. Of the Father’s God head true and on ly Son,

5. Come then, true and faithful, now fulfill thy word,

1. Him their true Creator, all his works adore!

2. Speak his sorrow end ed, hail his triumph now.

3. Van quisher of darkness, bring their praise to thee.

4. Man kind to deliver, manhood didst put on,

5. ’Tis thine own third morn ing! rise, O buried Lord!

Refrain

“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.
The Dismissal

Minister   Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People    Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Voluntary: “Finale, from Symphony No. 1”   Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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Daniel Massey, Cantor
Lucy Owens, Director of Communications

Easter Altar Flowers are offered to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of

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Kathryn Streater Cobb, Frank Adam Cianciolo from Trisha & Palmer Brown

Kyle K. Anderson from Minje & Dr. Randy Ramey
Grace-St. Luke’s: Join us for events between now and Easter Day. 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

Next week, we will resume our temporary schedule of worship, formation and fellowship offerings and hope you will spend Eastertide by participating. Follow this link for details.

Take Note

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.

REALM Connect for GSL Parishioners. Now, more than ever, we need to use all possible means to connect. One way to do this: setup your REALM profile, if you have not already done so. If you did not get your Realm invite, or you need help setting up your profile, contact Parish House Receptionist and Ministry Associate Abby Huber (901-252-6336, ahuber@gracestlukes.org) or Lucy Owens 901-252-6333, lowens@gracestlukes.org). It’s not just a database, but an 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 for more information.

Worship and Music

Worship Schedule. Join us Sunday mornings at 10:30 via livestream as the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher and others lead a Service of Morning Prayers, Meditation, and Music according to the Book of Common. Compline is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. via Facebook Live.

Christian Formation

Adults: All are encouraged to explore Virtual Offerings for a listing of events and 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 and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd resources at cgsusa.org/discover/cgs-approach/cgs-in-the-home-parent-resources.

Community Life

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@gracelstlukes.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@gracelstlukes.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 gracelstlukes.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** the Rev. Gary Nowlin, Brian, Betsy Tate, Nancy Wilkerson, Charles Chandler, Caroline Clay, Kay, John, Patty McManus, and Brad Larson.

**We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays,** especially Corinne Adrian, Marie Arkle, Christi Authement, Courtney Ciaramitaro, Grayson Czupryk, John Garrett, David Graber, Christiana Helvie, David Hickey, Betty Johnson, Terry Leitzell, Patty Liles, Teddy Mayer, James New, Mary Owens, Emily Richards, Anna Robbins, Anthony Scheving, Dee Sheats, Sarah Simmons, Jim Smith, Katie Smythe, Douglas Snider, Virginia Strother, and Beverly Trojan; and **for those celebrating wedding anniversaries,** especially Jerry & Sandy Crook.

**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.