



Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

April 28, 2024

8:00 and 10:00 am



We are glad that you are worshipping with us this morning and pray that your experience here is a blessing to you. If you are a visitor and want to know more about the church, please visit our website for more information or to contact us: www.saintlukeschurch.net/. On the website select Contact Us. Also, visit us on Facebook

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Let this bulletin be your guide through the service; it includes everything you need.

The Word of God

Prelude Nocturne by Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

at 10 o'clock

Hymn 487 "Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life" [*The Call*]

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant 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.

Gloria *Spoken at 8 o'clock*

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

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

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;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

at 10 o'clock

Glory to God S236

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Most of the people sit, except for that guy up front who can't see everyone else sitting. Will someone kindly let him know?

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going

along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm will be read responsively by the half verse.

Psalm 22:24-30

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to

the LORD, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *

he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in
worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *

the saving deeds that he has done.

The Epistle

1 John 4:7-21

Reader

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able and willing

at 10 o'clock

Hymn 576 "God is love" [*Mandatum*]

The Gospel

John 15:1-8

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear

fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit and pretend not to check their phones

The Sermon

Rev. Nick Hull

The people stand as able

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 III

BCP 387

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.

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.

Collect at the Prayers

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Celebrant 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.

The Priest, stands and says

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 Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Don't be surprised if you meet a lot of Dons and Susans. We have an abnormal amount of them.

The people are seated.

Announcements

If you are new to St. Luke's or just visiting, thank you for coming today, we're glad to see you. Please consider filling out a yellow pew card or by scanning the QR code on the front page, reaching out to someone around you, or joining us after the service to enjoy some fellowship - we'd love to get to know you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Excerpt from Symphony no. 3

by Johannes Brahms (1833-97)



If you would like to make an offering today you can scan this QR code, make a donation on our website, or place your offering in the plate.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and collection plate, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

At the presentation, please sing:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

[Hymn tune *Old 100th*]

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give thanks and praise.

Celebrant 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:

at 8 o'clock

Sanctus

Celebrant and People, Spoken

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.

at 10 o'clock

Sanctus S129

The people kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

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. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

at 10 o'clock

Fraction Anthem S155

The Celebrant says

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.

Communion “How lovely are thy dwellings”

Text: Psalm 84:1-3,10; Music by Samuel Liddle

Sung by soprano Jennifer Jellings at 10:00

How lovely are Thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts!
My soul longeth, yea fainteth, for the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house,
And the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young,
Even Thine altars, even Thine altars,
O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.

O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,
Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.

How lovely are Thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts!
My soul longeth, yea fainteth, for the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house,
And the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young,
Even Thine altars, even Thine altars,
O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.

at 10 o'clock

Choir: Ave Verum, op. 1, no. 2 by Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Ave verum corpus natum
Ex Maria virgine,
Vere passum, immolatum
In cruce pro homine.

Cujus latus perforatum
Vero fluxit sanguine;
Esto nobis praegustatum,
Mortis in examine.

O clemens, o pie, o dulcis
Jesu, Fili Mariae.

Hail true body, born
of the virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, dying
on the cross for man.

From whose pierced side
flowed the true blood;
be for us a foretaste [of the heavenly
Banquet]
in the trial of death.

O merciful, O holy, O sweet Jesus,
Son of Mary.

The people stand, kneel, or sneak out unsuccessfully avoiding Fr. Nick's judgmental gaze. Yes Jon, this is about you.

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

The Celebrant says

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts
and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus
Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Hymn 376 “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee” [*Hymn to Joy*]

Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the people

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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Praise God for Those Who Serve Today

Clergy: Rev. Nicholas Hull, Rev.

Dr. Cory Irwin

Organist: Kate Weber-Petrova

Vestry on Duty: Alex Rennick

Usher at 8 am: Tim Staples

Reader at 8am: George Coviello

Ushers at 10 am: Burr Ferguson,

Matt Harding, Kevin Roberts

Readers at 10am: Amanda

Wallingford, John Moorman

Paten Bearer: Meredith Perry

Chalicer: Suzanne Reynolds

Acolytes: Jack Jukuri, Louise

O'Donnell, William O'Donnell,

Phoebe Schultz

Verger: Charles Lamb

Video John Moorman, Alex

Rennick

Prayer List

For those in the hospital;

For those in hospice care;

For those in nursing home or assisted living, especially Gene Cotey, Marcia

Tringali, Ted Wills, Jeannine Anderson, Vivian Kronstedt, Donna Reiling;

For those who are pregnant;

For new arrivals, especially Ingrid Bohn;

For those serving overseas and those who await their safe return, especially Caleb Krugh;

For those serving in our nation's military, especially Thomas Huffman Bruno, Ben Pegher;

For our President: Joseph Biden, Jr.;

For our Presiding Bishop: Michael Curry;

For our Virginia Bishops: Mark Stevenson, Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Bud Shand;

For our brothers and sisters in Christ, especially Gaddiel Acquaah Memorial Methodist Church, the people of Haiti, the people of Afghanistan, the people of Ukraine, the people of Turkey and Syria, the people of Russia, the people of Hawaii and Florida, and the people of Israel and Gaza;

For those who are sick, in need, or any kind of trouble: Diana Scoggins, Jeff Bruce, Kelli Esser, Lukas Esser, Rose Esser, Ginny Johnson, Bobbi Bruce, Hazel Maddox, Leandra Burke, David Moss, Sally Engstrom, Tim Tobin, Anthony Welch, Tyler, Kelly, Sergei, Joyce Delaney, Roland, Tom Delaney, Sarah, Kathy, Emily Hwang, Anne Turnbull, Joey Rebentisch, Charley Chesnutt, Johnathan Stubblefield, Jr., Julia, Joel Brothers, Alyssa, Ana, Oscar and Franco Merino, Susan, Wayne and Karen, Arnvid Froystein, Aaron and Sam Castelo, Karina, Joan and Don Irvin, Pete and Joanne Nanos, Jason, Carol, Kyle, Lorrie, Rob V., Aiden, and Caroline, Steve, April Simcox, William and his children Sarah and Jonathan, Emma, Tom Favor, Sharon Kronstedt, DiAnna, Vicki, Jillian, Sally, Heather Diatz, Leslie Jones, the family of Sarah Langenkamp, especially her parents, children and husband, Tina Cowlshaw, Nancy, Linda and Larry Nichols, Rachel and Andy Carr, Kelvin Childs, Seward Jones, Sr., Michael Insley, Julie Seamon, Juliette Theroux and her family, Brielle Roberts, Rebecca and Tommy, Stephanie Manous, Jo MacMichael, Lynn Radford, Don Reynolds;

For all those who have died, especially Alison Kate LaPorta and Holly Rison.