

Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II May 12, 2024 10:00 am



St. Luke's extends a warm welcome to the families and friends of our children who are presenting our Spring Musical today! We are glad that you are worshiping 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

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

The Word of God

Prelude "We gather together" arr. John Carter

Hymn 433 "We gather together" [Kremser]

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 S280

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.

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, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *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 1:1-11

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm will be read responsively by the half verse.

Psalm 47

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; * shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; * he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, * and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, * the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, * the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; * sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; * sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; * God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together * with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, * and he is highly exalted.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able and willing

The Gospel Luke 24:44-53

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise

from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Musical: Fishers of Men (see insert)

The people stand as able

Children's Prayers of the People

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 abundantl 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 Duo on *Lasst uns erfreuen*, arr. Rebecca te Velde

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.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



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. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. 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:

Sanctus S129

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.

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.

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

Here I Am Lord By D.L. Schutte

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
my hands will save.

I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them;
They turn away.

I will break their heart of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word for them, whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide,
'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them,
whom shall I send?

Refrain

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

Post-Communion Prayer- The Shrine Mont Shouting Prayer

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 Vs 1-3 of "Hail the day that sees him rise" [Llanfair] See next page

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Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the people

Friends, life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us so be swift to love and make haste to be kind and let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude Carillon by Herbert Murrill (1909-52)

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Praise God for Those Who Serve Today

Clergy: Rev. Nicholas Hull

Organist: Kate Weber-Petrova

Vestry on Duty: Caroline Tringali

Ushers: Geoff French, Molly French, Robert McPeek, John Young

Acolytes: Blake Brunton, Vincent DeMarco, Sam Glassman, Kiera

Hope

Verger: Elizabeth Moorman

Readers: Margery Stallman, Lisa Maple

Eucharistic Ministers: Alan Hope, Rebekah O'Donnell, Suzanne

Reynolds

Video: Richard Maple, 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, Thomas Dill;

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: Michelle Brigance, 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,

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For all those who have died