



**Welcome to St. Luke's Church**  
**Easter**  
**Sunday, April 4, 2021**

**Our Vision:**  
**To Know God and To Make Him Known**



**St. Luke's Church**

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*Visitors are not expected to participate in the offering.  
We hope you enjoy visiting with us today. Please come again soon.*

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## Processional Hymn

### “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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## Welcome and Call to Worship

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Collect for Purity

**All: 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 Summary of the Law

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40)

## The Kyrie

**Sung:** Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy on me  
Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy on me

**Christe eleison, Christ have mercy on me  
Christe eleison, Christ have mercy on me**

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## Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: 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, by your life-giving Spirit, be delivered from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## Announcements

## Praise and Worship

### "Christ Is Risen"

Let no one caught in sin remain  
Inside the lie of inward shame  
But fix our eyes upon the cross  
And run to Him who showed great love  
And bled for us, freely You've bled for us

Chorus: Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave

Christ is risen from the dead  
We are one with Him again  
Come awake, come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave

Beneath the weight of all our sin  
You bowed to none but heaven's will  
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown  
No burden great can hold You down  
In strength You reign,  
Forever let Your church proclaim (Chorus)

Bridge: O death, where is your sting?  
O hell, where is your victory?  
O church come stand in the light  
The glory of God has defeated the night.  
Singing, O death, where is your sting?  
O hell, where is your victory?  
O church come stand in the light  
Our God is not dead! He's alive! He's alive! (Chorus)

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### **“Way Maker”**

You are here moving in our midst  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here working in this place  
I worship You I worship You

Chorus: (You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker  
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness  
My God that is who You are

You are here touching every heart  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here healing every heart  
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here mending every heart  
I worship You I worship You

Tag: That is who You are, that is who You are  
That is who You are, that is who You are

Bridge: Even when I don't see it You're working  
Even when I don't feel it You're working  
You never stop You never stop working  
You never stop You never stop working

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### **"How Great Thou Art"**

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

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## The Lessons

*At the end of each reading the lector says:*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalms 118:14-17, 22-24

Acts 10:34-43

## The Gospel

**Sung: Alleluia! Alleluia! Opening our hearts to him  
Singing Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is our King**

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Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 16-1-8

**All: Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

*At the end of the reading:*

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Message

### The Nicene Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**All: 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.**

### **The Confession and Absolution of Sin**

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to the Lord.

**All: 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Comfortable Words**

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1-2)

**The Offertory:** (Tithes and offerings are collected at this time)

### **“Ain't No Grave”**

Shame is a prison as cruel as a grave  
Shame is a robber and he's come to take my name  
Love is my redeemer lifting me up from the ground  
Love is the power where my freedom song is found

Chorus 1:

There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down  
There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down  
When I hear that trumpet sound  
I'm gonna rise up out of the ground  
There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down

Fear is a liar with a smooth and velvet tongue  
Fear is a tyrant he's always telling me to run  
Love is resurrection and love is a trumpet sound  
Love is my weapon I'm gonna take my giants down

There was a battle a war between death and life  
There on a tree the Lamb of God was crucified  
He went on down to hell He took back every key  
He rose up as a lion  
Now He's setting all the captives free

Chorus 2:

There ain't no grave could hold His body down  
There ain't no grave could hold His body down  
When He heard the trumpet sound  
He rose up out of the ground

There ain't no grave could hold His body down  
There ain't no grave could hold His body down

Bridge: If you walked out of the grave, I'm walking too.  
If you walked out of the grave, I'm walking too.

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Celebrant: All things come of you O Lord  
**All: And of Your own have we given You.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*(We invite all baptized Christians to join us at the Lord's table.)*

Celebrant: It has long been the Church's understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion in person, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace.

Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive the Sacrament at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. Please join me and those who have joined us virtually in the prayer of Spiritual Communion.

**All: Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **The Sanctus**

**Sung: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Most  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Most High  
All glory, power, and praise ad blessing now we raise  
For You alone can save**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Most  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Most High  
All glory, power, and praise ad blessing now we raise  
For You alone can save**

Dan Morgan

### **The Prayer of Consecration**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved.

By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory; that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

### **Mystery of Faith**

Deacon: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord:

**All: Face to Face.**

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 forever.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

**All: Our Father Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done  
On earth as 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 the power and the glory  
Forever and ever. Amen**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**All: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## **The Prayer of Humble Access**

**All: We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant:     The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.  
                  The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

**Sung: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
      Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
      Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.**

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## **Music During Communion**

### **“In Christ Alone”**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
'Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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## **"I Love You, Lord"**

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice  
To worship you, O my soul rejoice.  
Take joy, my King, in what you hear.  
Let it be a sweet, sweet, sound in your ear.

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## Post Communion Prayer

**All:** Heavenly Father, 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 into the world 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 forever. Amen.

Celebrant: All our problems

**All: We send to the cross of Christ**

Celebrant: All our difficulties

**All: We send to the cross of Christ**

Celebrant: All the devil's works

**All: We send to the cross of Christ**

Celebrant: And all of hopes

**All: We set on the risen Christ**

## The Blessing

## The Recessional

### "The Blessing"

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace

Chorus: Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen

May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations  
Your family and your children  
And their children, and their children

May His presence go before you  
And behind you, and beside you  
All around you, and within you  
He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, in the evening  
In your coming, and your going  
In your weeping, and rejoicing  
He is for you, He is for you

He is for you, He is for you  
He is for you, He is for you  
He is for you, He is for you

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### **The Dismissal**

Deacon: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Peace**

Deacon: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Deacon: Exchange with one another the Lord's Peace.

**Readings for April 11: Isaiah 26:1-9, 19, Psalm 111,  
1 John 5:1-5, John 20:19-31**