



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL **CHURCH**

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 13 & 14, 2021



Cross in the Sanctuary at St. Luke's Church.

*Our Mission: **To know Christ and to make Christ known.***

*Our Vision: **To follow Christ's teaching in an atmosphere of love, joy, and healing.***

All are welcome!

Be still and know that I am God! Psalm 46:10

Please, as you enter the Church, observe a sacred silence to prepare yourself to the encounter with the Lord, and to allow others to do the same.

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Prayer No. 64, Before Worship; BCP, p. 833)

*At 9:55am we begin live streaming the worship service,
please refrain from all conversations at that time.*

Prelude

Aria Da Chiesa

Meorg Muffat

The Penitential Rite

Processional Hymn 686 vs. 1 *Come, thou fount of every blessing*

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.

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Opening Acclamation

Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins. *His mercy endures for ever.*

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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.*

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.*

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

A reading from the Book of Numbers

⁴From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.

² *Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.*

³ He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷ *Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; they were afflicted because of their sins.*

¹⁸ They abhorred all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹ *Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.*

²⁰ He sent forth his word and healed them and saved them from the grave.

²¹ *Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.*

²² Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

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 Second Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ- by grace you have been saved- ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God- ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 671 vs. 1 *Amazing grace! how sweet the sound*

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

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The Gospel

John 3:14-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John ✠ *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

¹⁴Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sequence Hymn 671 vs 4 *Amazing grace! how sweet the sound (see page 4)*

Sermon

The Rev. Jim Schubert

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.

The Prayers of the People

Form I

The Deacon: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for our Governor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the quad-city area, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widows and orphans, for the sick and the suffering, especially those on our prayer list and those we now name silently or aloud, *(silence)* let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

In thanksgiving for the birthdays of Sophie, Nornie, Marissa, Steve, Wolfgang, Jim, Julie, Vera, Marge and Chris, and for the anniversary of Frank and Nancy, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

(Celebrant) Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. Revelation 4:11

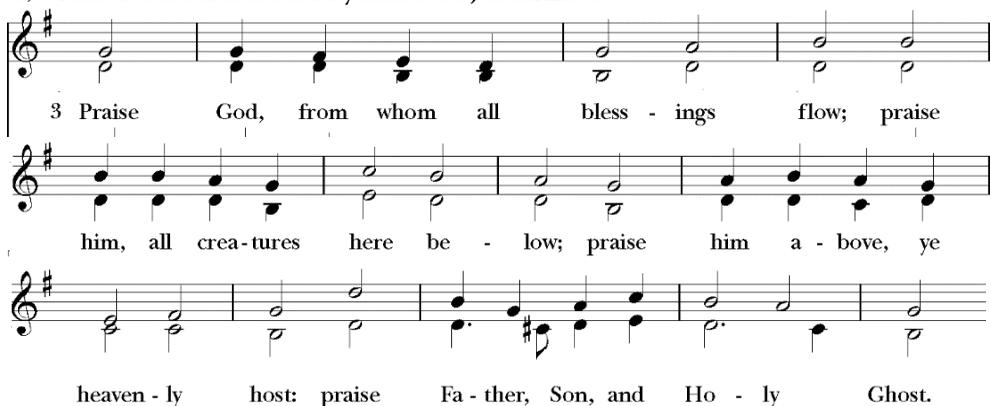
(5:00 pm) All things come to thee, O Lord, **and from your own are we given Thee.**

(10am) **Offertory Anthem**

Holy Holy Holy

Schubert

(8 & 10 am) **The Presentation Hymn 380, Stanza 3**



3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer B

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

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 Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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

*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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Luke and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

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 Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *grant us peace.*

The Communion

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.

All who are baptized are invited to share in the banquet of the Lord's Supper. All wafers are Gluten-free. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.

(10 am) Let's say the Prayer of Spiritual Communion in union with those who follow the service from home.

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Communion Anthem *Jesus the Very Thought of Thee* Mary Bowers, Mezzo Soprano

Communion Hymn 685 vs. 1, 2, 3 *Rock of ages, cleft for me*

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt. Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Solemn Prayer over the People

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. *Thanks be to God.*

Closing Hymn 473 vs. 1 & 4 *Lift high the cross*

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.
Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:
the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

repeat refrain

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is a treble clef with a single melodic line. The second staff is also a treble clef with a single melodic line. The third staff is a bass clef with a single melodic line. The fourth staff is a bass clef with a single melodic line. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words hyphenated across lines. The word 'Refrain' is written above the first staff. The word 'repeat refrain' is written below the fourth staff.

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Special Dates this Week

Birthdays

March 14: Sophie Buisson, Nornie Vergote, Marissa Signor

March 16: Steve Slonneger, Wolfgang Schneider

March 18: Jim Damm

March 19: Julie Jones

March 20: Chris Christy, Vera Mulnix, Marge McGuire

Anniversaries:

March 17: Frank and Nancy Davidson

For Those In Need We Pray:

March Thanksgiving & Healing Prayers

For effectiveness of the Covid-19 vaccine that will put an end to this virus and for all those people affected by this pandemic. Brandon & Nikki Reynolds; Carol Glover; Etta Parson; Mark Tuttle; Sara Williman; Barbara Harber; Vera Mulnix; Rich Staudt; Steven; Joan Hedger; Doug & Pat Ogburn; Jeanne Miller; Tim Salem, Ed Ausmus, Riley Faith, Christina England, Greg & Mary Bowers; Gary Delisle; Jim & Jan Casacchia; Bill Christy; Jean Ehlers; Larry Allen recovering from detached retina surgery, Karen Kensing struggling post surgery; Deborah & the Delmastro Family; Kerry McClung; Gloria Owen-Roddy; Bill & Rita Kraus;

For those in our Armed Forces: Echo, Brian, Lopez, Dante', Florian

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Barnabas on the Desert, Scottsdale

In the St. Luke's Outreach Cycle of Prayer: Prescott Area Shelter Services, Stagger Straight Emergency Shelter, St. Luke's Food Pantry

Saturday & Sunday, March 13 & 14

5:30 p.m. Service

Celebrant: The Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson

Preacher: The Rev. Jim Schubert

Deacon: The Rev. Kimball Arnold

Crucifer/Lector: Larry Neece

Greeters: Bill & Rita Kraus

8:00 a.m. Service

Celebrant: The Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson

Preacher: The Rev Jim Schubert

Deacon: The Rev. Kimball Arnold

Crucifer/Lector: Gib McIntosh

Ushers: Carol Sweeden, Margie Hultberg

10:00 a.m. Service

Celebrant: The Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson

Preacher: The Rev. Jim Schubert

Deacon: The Rev. Kimball Arnold

Crucifer: Nancy Reynolds

Lector 1: Tani Hendrickson

Lector 2: Zibbie Wolter

Prayers: Doris Schoeben

Verger: Lynne Wells

Greeter: Marilyn Henry-DeLisle

Ushers: Mary Berkheiser & Becky Hansen

12 noon Service

Celebrant: The Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson

Preacher: The Rev Jim Schubert

Greeter: Rachel Coker

Altar Guild Team - Nancy Reynolds, Tigger Gillam, Barbara Baker-Rosenberg,
Doris Schoeben, Dorcas Lawn

St. Luke's Episcopal Church welcomes you!

Vestry: George Chesney, *Senior Warden*; Don McKellar, *Junior Warden*;
Bill Towne, *Treasurer*; Beth Parknowitz, *Clerk*; Leanne Bryan, Lloyd Needham,
Nancy Reynolds, Paul Nelson, Roger Peacock, Ron Weiss, Don Martin,
Kathy Pessin, Carol Sweeden, *members*

Staff: Beth Parknowitz, *Parish Administrator*; Lauree Birchmeier, *Admin Assistant
to the Rector*, Dennis Houser, *Director of Music*; Sophie Buisson, *Children and
Youth Director*; Helen Henderson, *Bookkeeper*; Alfonso Hernandez, *Sexton*; Kay
Houser, *Organist*; John Euson, *Chapel Organist*

Clergy: Pierre-Henry Buisson, *Rector*; Kimball Arnold; Chris Christy, *Deacons*.
Richard Lassiter; Jim & Susan Schubert; Jack Wolter, *Assisting priests*

We acknowledge the living culture of the Yavapai people, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the role they play in the life of this region. Resolution #2016-3, of the 56th Diocesan Convention