



Holy Eucharist ~ Sunday, March 20, 2022 The 3rd Sunday in Lent ~ Blue Bag Sunday

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

North Main at Fourth Street,
Jamestown, New York

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop

The Rev. Luke Fodor, Rector; The Rev. Deacon Cathy Smith;

Mr. Paul Johnson, Verger; Mr. Ron McEntire, Minister of Music;

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*The mission is simple: to **Connect** all people, help them **Discover** God's love, empower them to **Serve** and watch them **Grow**.*

WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S

*We welcome you this morning to St. Luke's Church and are delighted to have you join us for worship today. If you are **visiting** for the first time, or are looking for a church home, please fill in a pew card and place it in the offering plate.*

At the time of Communion, all are invited to God's Table. In addition to the altar rail, a floor-level Communion station is made available, which includes gluten-free wafers and grape juice.

Available to children is a visit to the Children's Corner, or the use of a "Children's Activity Bag" found near the front of the church nave (ask an usher). Nursery care is provided downstairs.

Clergy and members of the congregation look forward to greeting you after services. Join us downstairs for refreshments. All are welcome! Audio transmitters are available for those who have difficulty hearing the service; please ask an usher.

~ Copies of today's sermon are available at the doors. ~

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in E minor (The Watchman)

- J. S. Bach

OPENING HYMN # 690, *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

THE DECALOGUE, *the people kneeling, in the red Book of Common Prayer, please turn to page 350 and respond with the words in italics.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION, *said by all, kneeling as able*

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.

8:00 am Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

10:00 am sung Kyrie, kyrie, Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie, kyrie, Kyrie elesion.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY: The Lord be with you. *Response: And also with you.*

Let us pray: Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading is from Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

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

Psalm # 63:1-8, *please join in saying the psalm in unison*

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

The Second Reading is from 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

Gospel Sequence Hymn # 648, *When Israel was in Egypt's Land*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke 13:1-9

Response before the Gospel: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

SERMON

The Rector

NICENE CREED, *said by all, standing as able*

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 I, BCP pg 384)

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 Sean, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Joe, our President, for the leaders of all the nations, for the nation of Ukraine and its people, for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

For reasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, 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 all those who travel on land, on water, in the air and through outer space, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the safety of Sally and Willson Baer traveling and assisting in Ukraine, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Erma Morrison, Will Carlson, Julie McTavish, Mazie Furlow, Pat Martonis, Margy Abernathy, Helen and Patty Walther, Bruce Harris, Barbara Bumsted, Donald Ruland, Sydney Benson, Mac Dawson, Pete Nagle, Kirk & Deb Cardone, Joyce Crate, Jeanne Green, Ann Lamp, Barbara Lissfelt, Susie Harris, Mary Holton, *and those others we now name*
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.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of Saint Luke and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *Let us exchange the Peace of Christ with one another!*

The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People* **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN # 754, *When from bondage we are summoned*

Words and Lyrics
Cáitlín O'Reilly

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Blue Bag Processional

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Blue bags full of gifts to share to light-en the bur - den our neigh-bors bear. Let us re-mem-ber those in need as Je-sus did the five thou-sand feed. Out of a com-pas-sion-ate heart, he calls to us his love to im - part. So may these blue bags we bring this day, be mul-ti-plied and hard - ships al - layed." The score includes measure numbers 5, 9, 13, 18, and 22.

Doxology: 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. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where 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 & BENEDICTUS

**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 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,

**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 *Silent moment*

"AGNUS DEI"

St. Bride setting

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, **have mercy on us**

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, **have mercy on us**

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, **grant us your peace.**

THE COMMUNION

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, all are invited to receive Communion.

*Gluten-free wafers, as well as grape juice, are available at the floor communion station; please indicate your preference.
If you have difficulty coming forward, communion will be brought to you at your seat.
You are invited to light a candle for a person or concern for your prayers.
The candle station is located to the right of the sermon pulpit.*

COMMUNION HYMNS # 685, *Rock of ages*

343, *Shepherd of souls*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER, *said by all*

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.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN # 344, *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing*

DISMISSAL Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Response: **Thanks be to God.***

POSTLUDE *“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”*

- arr. by Paul Manz

Sending Support and Prayers to Ukraine

St. Luke’s parishioners Sally and Willson Baer are in Ukraine, helping to transport medical supplies and emergency gear into Ukraine, and rescue refugees. Financial help is most welcome for this mission. To donate financially, make checks out to St. Luke’s, with “Ukraine” in the memo line. Please keep Sally and Willson in your prayers, as we continue to remember all those impacted by the war.

Lenten Programming -- Good Grief? GOOD GRIEF!

Whether you are experiencing a recent loss or an old loss, or if you’re curious about grief and loss and would like to learn more, join us on Wednesday evenings through Lent to explore Grief and Loss. St. Luke’s parishioner, Narda Gatgen, a licensed clinical social worker and Certified Grief Professional, will offer some insights about grief and loss. Our clergy will assist with theological application and introduce relevant prayer practices. Some parishioners gather and share a meal informally at the Labyrinth prior to the program. Look for Deacon Jessica or Deacon Cathy at a table by 5:30 pm each Wednesday.

COFFEE HOUR

Darcy Kell has volunteered to coordinate coffee hour for Sundays. If you are interested in “hosting” coffee hour, providing a “snack”, or helping to serve coffee, speak with Darcy on Sunday, or contact her at darcykell@yahoo.com or 716-499-8228. Coffee hour time is a good opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners.

Wednesday Group on March 30th at **11:30 am** in the Undercroft for Eucharist and lunch.

Wednesday Group is an opportunity for fellowship, food and faith who aren't able to regularly attend Sunday church services. Call the church office if you need a ride (or would like to offer one!)

Welcoming New Neighbors Join us for a panel discussion with Journey's End Executive Director, Karen Scott, on **Thursday, March 31st at 5:00 pm** to learn more about the refugee resettlement program, *Welcoming New Neighbors*, in Jamestown.