



Holy Eucharist ~ Sunday, March 13, 2022

The 2nd Sunday in Lent

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;

The Rev. Deacon Jessica Frederick, Curate for Children, Youth & Family Ministry

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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

"Fairest Lord Jesus" with "Moonlight Sonata"

- arr. by Marilyn Reimer

OPENING HYMN # 401, *The God of Abraham praise*

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 OF SIN, *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.

ABSOLUTION *is declared by the officiant*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

8:00 am	Lord, have mercy upon us.	10:00 am sung	<i>Kyrie, kyrie, Kyrie eleison.</i>
	Christ, have mercy upon us.		<i>Kyrie, kyrie, Kyrie elesion.</i>
	Lord, have mercy upon us.		

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

Let us pray: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading is from Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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

Psalm # 27, *please join in saying the psalm responsively by whole verse*

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *

it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army should encamp against me, *

yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4 And though war should rise up against me, *

yet will I put my trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD * and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head * above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Harken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." * Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, * nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; *

do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the LORD will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O LORD; * lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *

for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD *

in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *

wait patiently for the LORD.

The Second Reading is from Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

Gospel Sequence Hymn # 495, “Hail thou once despised Jesus”

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke 13:31-35

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

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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

SERMON

The Rev. Deacon Jessica Frederick, Curate

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 seasonable 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 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 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 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 *Martha Herbst, Robert Whitman, Lloyd White*, and 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.**

GIRL SCOUTS RECOGNITION

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN # 328, "Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord"

8 AM *All things come of thee, O Lord. And of thine own have we given thee.*

8 AM THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: *Eucharistic Prayer A,
please turn to page 361 in the red Book of Common Prayer*

At 10:00 AM:

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*

8:00 AM Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

10:00 AM, 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.

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.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

You shall cross the barren desert

WLP # 811, (Wonder, Love & Praise)

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.

You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.

You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.

You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid. I go before you always.

Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown,
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all. *Refrain*

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you! *Refrain*

HYMN # 654, *Day by day*

- blue pew hymnal

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

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 # 655, "*O Jesus, I have promised*"

DISMISSAL Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "*My Jesus I love thee*" with "*Etude in E Major*" *- arr. by Marilyn Reimer*

Sending Support and Prayers to Ukraine

We have all been consumed by the news from Ukraine—and some have set about doing something. What began as a desire to help Ukrainian refugees has expanded to support the defense effort, as well: St. Luke's parishioners Sally and Willson Baer are headed to Ukraine on Tuesday, bringing medical supplies and emergency gear with them. To donate financial support, 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.

Good Grief? GOOD GRIEF! Lenten Programming

Most of us have experienced a variety of losses, or we are struggling to be a support to those who are actively grieving. Whether your loss is old, new, or it just lies smoldering waiting for fresh grief to trigger it; 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.

This **Wednesday, March 16th**, we will gather in the church to honor our grief with a special service of song and meditation with a special service of art and music.

Some fellow parishioners will gather and share a meal informally at the Labyrinth prior to the program. Look for Jessica at a table by 5:45 pm each Wednesday.

March Blue Bag Ministry – Chautauqua Humane Society

We are part a whole web of creation that God has put into our care. Our Blue Bag Ministry helps those on two legs and even those on four! This month we'll be assisting our friends at the Chautauqua Humane Society. We often host their Well-Pet Pop-Up Clinics in the Undercroft, so it seems appropriate to collect to support their work on Strunk Road. Wish Lists for the Human Society are available on the tables by the doors. Be sure to pick up a Blue Bag and a copy of the list today, and ***return your donations next Sunday, March 20th***.

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.

Welcoming New Neighbors (Refugee Resettlement in Jamestown)

The Rector has been leading a conversation in our community to partner with Journey's End in Buffalo to welcome some of the many new refugees coming to the US from Afghanistan, Syria, the Congo, etc. Following the submission of a plan of action for approval from Journey's End, the conversation is beginning to become real in a new way. The initial plan calls for four congregations to work together in pairs to sponsor a family and accompany them in our community for 12-18 months. We will be working as de facto case managers to assist the family in finding housing, employment and getting them to their legal and medical appointments. Deacon Cathy Smith will lead the effort. Contact her with questions and to offer your support.