



Holy Eucharist ~ Sunday, March 27, 2022 The 4th Sunday in Lent ~ Mothering 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

"Etude # 3 in E-Major", Op. 10

- Frederic Chopin

OPENING HYMN # 448, O love, how deep

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: 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 is from Joshua 5:9-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

Psalm # 32, *please join in saying the psalm responsively by whole verse*

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

**2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

**4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

**6 I said," I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

**8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

**10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."**

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

**12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

The Second Reading is from 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

Gospel Sequence Hymn # 393, *Praise our great and gracious Lord*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on

him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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 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 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 Alan Pomeroy, Barb Slumsky, Dave Brigotta, Dale Braden, Cheryl Hill, Erma Morrison, Will Carlson, Julie McTavish, Mazie Furlow, Margy Abernathy, Helen and Patty Walther, Bruce and Sue 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 *Tony Ciancio* and 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 # 469, *There's a wideness in God's mercy*

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 # 693, Just as I am

641, Lord Jesus, think on me

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 # 411, O bless the Lord, my soul

DISMISSAL Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Etude # 5 in G-Flat Major”, Op. 10

- Frederic Chopin

Prayers and Support for 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.

Join us for Wednesday Group this week on March 30th

Wednesday Group is an opportunity for faith, food, and fellowship for those who are unable to regularly attend church on Sunday mornings, the retired, and others free on Wednesday morning/afternoon. Come to the undercroft at **11:30 am** for Eucharist and lunch. Call the church office if you need a ride (or would like to offer one! - 716-483-6405)

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. In lieu of a soup supper prior to our Lenten programming, parishioners are welcome to gather and share a meal informally at the Labyrinth each Wednesday. Look for Deacon Jessica or Deacon Cathy at a table by 5:30 pm each Wednesday.

Welcoming New Neighbors

You are invited to an expert panel discussion on the financial, legal and humanitarian issues involving the resettlement of people forced to leave their home country. Free to all ages to attend, join us at the **ROBERT H. JACKSON CENTER**, (305 E. 4th St. Jamestown - *entrance on Prendergast Ave*) 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.

Stations of the Cross

On **Friday, April 1st at 7pm** Ron McEntire will be performing Dupre’s Stations of the Cross, including the recitation of the poem between each station. Join us!

Easter Flower Memorials and Thanksgivings

The 40 days of Lent will soon pass and we will celebrate Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 16th and Easter Day on April 17th. For the beauty of the spring Easter altar, please submit your Easter memorials and thanksgivings to the church office by April 10th (Palm Sunday), for inclusion with the Easter bulletins. Flower offering envelopes are available in your box of pledge envelopes and are also available in the church pews.