



8:00 AM ~ Holy Eucharist ~ April 16, 2023
The 2nd Sunday of Easter

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; Mrs. Cindy Lind Hanson, Interim 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, at the 10 a.m. service a floor-level Communion station is made available, which includes gluten-free wafers and grape juice, please indicate your preference.

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. ~

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY, said by 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.

GLORIA, said by all

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 the Acts of the Apostles 2:14a.2-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'
This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

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

PSALM # 16, please join in saying Psalm 16 in unison

- Saint Helena Psalter

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *

I have said to the Holy One, "You are my God, my good above all other."

**2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.**

**3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.**

**4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

**5 O God, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.**

**6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

**7 I will bless you, O God, who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.**

**8 I have set you always before me; *
because you are at my right hand I shall not fall.**

**9 My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.**

**10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

**11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

The Second Reading is from the 1st Letter of Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John 20:19-31

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas, who was called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 III

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Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Sean the Bishop of our Diocese; and for all bishops,
priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for peace and good will among all nations; for Joe, our President; for Kathy, our Governor; for the members Congress and the Supreme Court; for the safety of the men and women of our armed forces, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Comfort, O Lord, all those in trouble, sorrow, need, or any other adversity, especially
Christi Carson and her family; Bob Stewart; Jim Walton; John Villella; Cheryl Hill;
Ron McEntire; Jane; Mark Bender; Kirk and Deb Cardone; Donald and Mary Ruland;
Pete Nagle; Joyce Crate; Mary Holton;
for the people of Ukraine;
and those others we now name: *Silence*

have compassion on those who suffer from any illness, grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Remembering Greg Billstone and Jim Belin, give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

The celebrant concludes with a collect

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son 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 *All things come of thee, O Lord. And of thine own have we given thee.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

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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.

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 sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS, *said by all*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One 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.

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*

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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, please indicate your preference; If you have difficulty coming forward, communion can be brought to you at your seat. You are invited to light a candle for a person or concern in your prayers. A candle station is located at the back of the Chapel.*

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

DISMISSAL Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Response: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in thanksgiving for the people of St Luke's Church Family.*

Announcements

Youth Sunday! It is solemn tradition at St. Luke's to let our young people take over the 10 AM for a special Youth Sunday worship service planned and led by the remarkable youth of St. Luke's. This means that the music is a bit more secular and rambunctious. The theme of this year's Youth Sunday is "Knead to Know" and it will be held next Sunday, April 23rd and Maddie DeJoy will be a youth preacher. Please plan to join us.

The **Wednesday Group** will gather for an Easter Eucharist on Wednesday, April 26th, at 11:30 AM in the undercroft. Coffee will be available at 11:00 am, followed by a service of communion and more time to visit during lunch. Transportation is provided to those who need a ride, call the church office at 716-483-6405. The Wednesday Group especially welcomes all those who are unable to regularly attend Sunday worship.

Chautauqua BIG BOOK Read – April 24

On Monday, April 24th, from noon to 2 pm, St. Luke's will host a discussion of this year's CHQ Book Read – a countywide initiative to engage Chautauqua County residents, businesses, nonprofits and organizations to help heal our divides and propel participants to be engaged citizens working toward a more inclusive and just society. This year's selection is ***Under the Skin: The Hidden Toll of Racism on American Lives*** and on the Health of Our Nation by Linda Villarosa. Those interested in participating may register at <https://tinyurl.com/CHQbookread>.

CSA Sign-Up NOW is the time to sign up for the CSA.

CSAs are an opportunity to invest in a farmer's growing season by buying a "share" of the produce in advance of the growing season and receiving dividends weekly throughout the summer and fall.

The CSA program will run from June through September. Shares will be available for pick-up at St. Luke's on Wednesdays from noon to 7pm

There are three sizes available:

1) **Fun Size: \$200** Perfect for an individual, couple or family looking to introduce 3-4 unique and local veggies to your household

2) **Family Size: \$375** For households looking to try new produce options, with 5-7 fresh fruit/ veggie varieties

3) **Full Size: \$500** For larger families or households that LOVE their fruits and veggies and wish to receive larger servings of seasonal options

Public and Mobile Market Volunteer Opportunities:

Summer is almost here! We are seeking volunteers to assist with our many programs, including the Mobile Market, Public Market, SPROUTs (children's program), community gardens and other one-time events! Visit our website (www.jtownpublicmarket.org) and click "Get Involved" to sign up today!!

Save the Date! Bishop's Visit May 21st

St. Luke's To Host a Regional Confirmation Service Sunday, May 21 with Bishop Sean

If you or another you know is interested in confirming your faith in the Episcopal Church,

Contact Luke Fodor (luke.fodor@stlukesjamestown.org), or Deacon Jessica Frederick

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