



**Morning Prayer and Sermon  
together with Shortened Holy Communion**

**The First Sunday after Easter**

**10:15 A.M. - FM 98.1**

**Anna Kathryn Hayes and Owen Malone**

**George Atwell, organist**

**8:15 a.m.** – The Order of Service is found in the Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 67. Propers (Collect, Epistle and Gospel) begin on page 132.

**ATTENTION PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN.** A family care room, (The Snuggery) with changing facilities and a closed-circuit television is available on the ground floor. An usher / greeter will be glad to direct you to it.

**PRELUDE**

**“I Want To Walk As a Child of the Light”**

arr. Mark Hayes

“Come ye faithful, raise the strain”

### OPENING SENTENCES

He is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. *St. Mark* xvi. 6; *St. Luke* xxiv. 34.

### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

LET us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

### GENERAL CONFESSION (kneel or sit)

**ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

### ABSOLUTION

¶ *To be made by the Priest alone, standing; the People still kneeling.*

**ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and**

pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **VERSICLES AND RESPONSES**

*Minister:* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People:* **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

*Minister:* O God, make speed to save us.

*People:* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

## **GLORIA PATRI (please stand)**

*Minister:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*People:* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

*Minister:* Praise ye the Lord.

*People:* **The Lord's Name be praised.**

## VENITE

O COME, let us sing | unto • the LORD;

\* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of | our **salv**ation.

Let us come before his presence with | **thanks**giving;

\* and show ourselves | glad in him with psalms.

For the LORD is a | **great** God;

\* and a great | King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners | of the earth; \* and the strength of the hills is | **his also**.

The sea is | his, and • he made it;

\* and his hands prepared • the **dry** land.

O come, let us worship and | **fall** down,

\* and kneel before the | LORD our **Maker**.

For he is the Lord | our God;

\* and we are the people of his pasture,

and the | sheep of **his** hand.

O worship the LORD in the | beauty • of holiness;

\* let the whole earth | stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to | judge *the* earth;

\* and with righteousness to judge the world,

and the | peoples with his truth.

GLORY be to the Father, and | to the Son,

\* and | to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be,

\* world without **end**. **Amen**.

## THE PSALTER

Psalm 66. *Jubilate Deo.*

1 O BE joyful in God, all ye lands; \* sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.

**2 Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works! \* through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies bow down unto thee.**

3 For all the world shall worship thee, \* sing of thee, and praise thy Name.

**4 O come hither, and behold the works of God; \* how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.**

5 He turned the sea into dry land, \* so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice thereof.

**6 He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: \* and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.**

7 O praise our God, ye peoples, \* and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

**8 Who holdeth our soul in life; \* and suffereth not our feet to slip.**

9 For thou, O God, hast proved us; \* thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.

**10 Thou broughtest us into the snare; \* and laidest trouble upon our loins.**

11 Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads; \* we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

**12 I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings, and will pay thee my vows, \* which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble.**

13 I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the

incense of rams; \* I will offer bullocks and goats.

**14 O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God; \* and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.**

15 I called unto him with my mouth, \* and gave him praises with my tongue.

**16 If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart, \* the Lord will not hear me.**

17 But God hath heard me; \* and considered the voice of my prayer.

**18 Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer, \* nor turned his mercy from me.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## **FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 13:1-12**

**(RSV)** (sit)

*God declares Himself as “your Saviour: I have redeemed you” making this poem penned at the hand of one the greatest Old Testament prophets appropriately read in the Easter Season.*

43 But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my eyes,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give men in return for you,  
peoples in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup> Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, Give up,  
and to the south, Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of the earth,  
<sup>7</sup> every one who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”  
<sup>8</sup> Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes,  
who are deaf, yet have ears!  
<sup>9</sup> Let all the nations gather together,  
and let the peoples assemble.  
Who among them can declare this,  
and show us the former things?  
Let them bring their witnesses to justify them,  
and let them hear and say, It is true.  
<sup>10</sup> “You are my witnesses,” says the LORD,  
“and my servant whom I have chosen,  
that you may know and believe me  
and understand that I am He.  
Before me no god was formed,  
nor shall there be any after me.  
<sup>11</sup> I, I am the LORD,  
and besides me there is no savior.  
<sup>12</sup> I declared and saved and proclaimed,

when there was no strange god among you;  
and you are my witnesses,” says the LORD.

**TE DEUM LAUDAMUS** (said)

*The Te Deum is a Latin Christian hymn, believed to date back to A.D. 387, with origins in the Ambrosian hymnal.*

WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

**All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.**

To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the Powers therein;

**To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

**Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.**

The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.

**The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.**

The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.

**The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;**

The Father of an infinite Majesty;

**Thine adorable, true and only Son;**

Also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

**THOU art the King of Glory, O Christ.**

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

**When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.**

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

**Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.**

We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.

**We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.**

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.

**O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine heritage. Govern *them* and lift them up for ever.**

Day by day we magnify thee;

**And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.**

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

**O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.

**O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.**

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – St. John 20:19-23 (RSV) (sit)**

*The disciples' unshakable faith that God had raised Christ from the dead led them to know Him as victor over sin and death. In this passage, Pentecost is also anticipated.*

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."<sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you."<sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

## JUBILATE DEO (stand)

### *Psalm 100*

O BE joyful in the LORD | all ye lands:

\* serve the LORD with gladness,  
and come before his | presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the LORD he is God;

it is he that hath made us, and not | we ourselves;

\* we are his people and the | sheep of • his **pasture**.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
and into his | courts with praise;

\* be thankful unto him, and | **speak** | good of • his Name

For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is | everlasting;

\* and his truth endureth from generation to |  
gener**ation**.

GLORY be to the Father, and | to the Son, \*

and | to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be,

\* world without **end. Amen.**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I BELIEVE IN GOD the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness**

**of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

## **SALUTATION AND VERSICLES**

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*Answer:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Minister:* Let us pray.

¶ *Here, all kneeling or sitting, the Minister shall say,*

*Minister:* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*Answer:* **And grant us thy salvation.**

*Minister:* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*Answer:* **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

## **COLLECT FOR EASTER 1**

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **COLLECT FOR PEACE**

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **COLLECT FOR GRACE**

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT**

O LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and to all in Authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR THE CLERGY AND PEOPLE**

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN**

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [*\*especially those for whom our prayers are desired;*] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

## **GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

**ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM**

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

**GRACE**

*2 Corinthians 23:14*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

**HYMN 90**

**NEANDER**

“He is risen, he is risen!”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, WELCOME..... The Rector**

**ANTHEM**

“The Lord’s Prayer”

by Malotte/Deis

Duet Anna Kathryn Hayes and Owen Malone

**SERMON – The Rector**

**OFFERTORY**

“Spirit of the Living God”

arr. John Carter

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**DOXOLOGY, AMERICA (LAST STANZA)**

**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.**

**Our fathers' God, to thee,**

**Author of liberty,**

**To Thee we sing;**

**Long may our land be bright**

**With freedom's holy light;**

**Protect us by Thy might**

**Great God, our King.**

**Amen.**

**PRAYERS** (parish birthdays, anniversaries  
military, etc.)

**HYMN (insert)**

**MACCABEUS**

“Thine be the glory”

**DISMISSAL**

*Officiant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

“And Can It Be?”

arr. Laura Page

*Those wishing to receive Holy Communion from elements consecrated at the 8:15 a.m. service are invited to remain in the church. This next service will not begin until the postlude is completed and those leaving the service of Morning Prayer and Sermon have departed.*

## **Shortened Holy Communion**

### **PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

**WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world.  
Grant us thy peace.**

### **THE COMMUNION**

*All persons who have been baptised and have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.*

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who**

have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

## **THE BLESSING**

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Members of St. Luke's** – Suzie Skelton, Bob Bradley, Curly Robison, Ron Wikander, Dick Gensel, Jennifer Higdon, Stacy and Chris Johnson and Family, Jordan Van Horn, Christina Pinkerton, Bob Herrington, Bob Morgan, David Johnston, Sheila McConnell, Glenda Robinson, Deacon Tony McConnell, Tom McCormick, Rodney Allen, Charles Sims, Barbara Newman, Elizabeth Ann White, Pat and Sherron Dearing, Tom Hoffer, MaryLynn Kipfmiller, Rosanne Johnston, Thomas Heard, Martha Millsaps, and Paul Hiller.

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**THE PARISH STAFF**

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The Rt. Rev. John Greaves, Coadjutor Bishop

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

Given in honor of the birthday of my son James L. Yacavone IV by Meredith Yacavone.

## BIRTHDAYS

Joyce Geiger, Apr. 9, Matthew Muschamp,  
*“Watch over thy children as their days increase.”*

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity”* (Colossians 3:14)

## IN MILITARY SERVICE

Please remember in your prayers those serving in the Armed Services, especially those who have connections with St. Luke’s particularly, Alex Mark, Tyler Ketron, Wesley Ryan McIntosh, Christian Wade Newman, Kyle Morgan, Sam Sonn, Marc Rodriguez, Brooks Johnson, Jessica Wyllie Andres-Jansz, Kyle Yates and Ian Yates.

## CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### April

- **Fellowship Luncheon** – Sunday, Apr. 12, following the 10:15 a.m. service.
- **Teaching Tuesday, The Church Sacraments and Rites** - Tuesdays, Apr. 14 - May 19, at 10 a.m. For more information, contact DJ Fulton. 770-713-4202.
- **Vestry Meeting** – Sunday, Apr. 26, following the 10:15 a.m. service

## DEADLINE FOR CALENDAR

All additions to the calendar should be submitted to the church office — [stlukesblueridge@gmail.com](mailto:stlukesblueridge@gmail.com) — no later than Wednesday at noon.

### FROM THE TREASURER

#### Summary for 3-29-2026

Attendance in person: 8:15 - 17 / 10:15 – 76= 93

General Fund: Contributions / Budget

3/29/2026    \$ 3,637                      \$ 3,764

YTD:            \$ 65,290                      \$ 41,404



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