



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

The Sunday after Ascension

Steven Cagle, organist

FM 98.1

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 179.

PRELUDE

HYMN 355 CORONATION

“All hail the power of Jesus’ Name”

OPENING SENTENCES

Seeing that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. *Heb. iv. 14, 16.*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

LET us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

GENERAL CONFESSION

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 **Y** the LORD;

* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of / our sal**va**tion.

Let us come before his presence with / **th**anks**g**iving;

* 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 24. *Domini est terra.*

1 THE earth is the LORD'S, and all that therein is; *
the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 **For he hath founded it upon the seas, * and
stablished it upon the floods.**

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? * or
who shall rise up in his holy place?

4 **Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;
* and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor
sworn to deceive his neighbour.**

5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, * and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This is the generation of them that seek him; * even of them that seek thy face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this King of glory? * It is the LORD strong and mighty, even the LORD mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this¹ King of glory? * Even the LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Isaiah 33:5-6, 17, 20-22 (RSV)

A hymn of praise to the King

⁵The Lord is exalted, for he dwells on high;

he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness;

⁶and he will be the stability of your times,

abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge;

the fear of the Lord is his treasure.

¹⁷Your eyes will see the king in his beauty;

they will behold a land that stretches afar.

²⁰Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts!

Your eyes will see Jerusalem,

a quiet habitation, an immovable tent,

whose stakes will never be plucked up,
nor will any of its cords be broken.

²¹ But there the Lord in majesty will be for us
a place of broad rivers and streams,
where no galley with oars can go,
nor stately ship can pass.

²² For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our ruler,
the Lord is our king; he will save us.

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE

BLESSED art thou, O Lord / God of • our fathers:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.

Blessed art thou for the / Name of • thy Majesty:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.

Blessed art thou in the temple / of thy holiness:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest *between* the Cherubim:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.

Blessed art thou on the glorious / throne of thy Kingdom:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.

Blessed art thou in the firma/ment of heaven:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.

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.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – St. John 15:26-16:4

The Holy Spirit will point people to Jesus

WHEN the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto
you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which

proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them.

JUBILATE DEO

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 . . .

¶ Here, members of the congregation join in

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 THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

O GOD, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in

heaven; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR ASCENSION

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, WELCOME..... The Rector

HYMN 106.....ST. MAGNUS

“The head that once was crowned with thorns”

SERMON – Fr. Louis Guerin

Retired Dean of Pastoral Formation/Assistant Professor of Homiletics at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, Florida,

OFFERTORY

Sarah Carver - Flute

You Are Mine

arr. Mark Hayes

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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 352DIADEMATA
"Crown him with many crowns"

POSTLUDE

Those wishing to receive Holy Communion from elements consecrated at the 8:15 a.m. service are invited to remain in the church. Others are invited to leave quietly during or following the organ voluntary.

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.**

POSTLUDE

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Members of St. Luke's – Linda Gerlock, Jordan Van Horn, Christina Pinkerton, Bob Herrington; Judy Evans, Jody Kautz, Bob Morgan, Judy Smith, David Johnston, A.D. Frazier, Evelyn Smith, Sheila McConnell, Glenda Robinson, Diane Wikander, Deacon Tony McConnell, Tom McCormick, Rodney Allen, Charles Sims, Barbara Newman, Mercedes Misinco, Elizabeth Ann White, Tim Higdon, Gwen Skelton, Bruce Berkinshaw, Pat and Sherron Dearing, Tom Hoffer, Ann Thomason, MaryLynn Kipfmiller and Rosanne Johnston.

Family & Friends – Christy Noblett and Patsy Horsford (for the Nobletts), Joshua Stoddard (for Gwen Skelton), Gabriella Calla (granddaughter of Bill Baio), Arlene (friend of Barbara Newman), Kaylee West (for Tony McConnell), Alina Landry (for Dave Guzzardi), Deborah Ann Gray (sister-in-law of Priscilla and Paul Leming), Victor Palmeri, Clara Bradley (mother of Bob Bradley), Matt Cross (son-in-law of D.J. Fulton), Hayden Birkenshaw (grandson of Bruce and Cathy Birkenshaw), M.T. and Cindy Bean (for Teresa Wankel), Michael Briggs, Bill Morgan, Charles Cecil, Mildred Woody, April Weich (daughter of Rosanne Johnston), Bob Jost, and Lynn Grimme.

THE PARISH STAFF

THE REVEREND VICTOR H. MORGAN, Rector

THE REVEREND W. A. “TONY” MCCONNELL,

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Frank Rule

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BISHOPS AND AFFILIATIONS

The Most Rev. Foley Beach, Archbishop

Anglican Church in North America

The Rt. Rev. Dr. William Wesley Milsaps, Bishop

EMC Diocese of the South

The Rt. Rev. John Greaves, Coadjutor Bishop

EMC Diocese of the South

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers around the Altar are given to the glory of God.

BIRTHDAYS

Henry Gorr, May 15; June Gentile, May 16 and Priscilla

McDonald, May 17.

“Watch over thy children as their days increase.”

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Todd and Gail Lyons, May 14.

“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, and Jessica Wyllie Andres-Jansz, Kyle Yates and Ian Yates.

UPCOMING AND CURRENT EVENTS

Eastern Orthodox Vespers, today, 3 p.m.

Sharing Tuesday continues on Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m.

The Outreach Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 28 at noon. Contact Jodi Beauregard at 706-889-1328 or jbeauregardus@yahoo.com.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

AT ST. LUKE’S

N. GA Symphony String Quartet, Sunday, June 9 at 4 p.m.

Ah Surely (Celtic Ensemble), Sunday, July 21 at 5 p.m.

Alpharetta Symphony Wind Quartet, Sunday, August 11 at 5 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

Galatians: A Manifesto of Freedom continues Wednesdays through April 15. Lecture times are from 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon. Please bring your Bibles and read the chapters before attending these interactive sessions. Also, bring your lunch if you wish to continue the discussion or fellowship with the other participants. If you want additional commentary, you can listen to Dr. John W. Howe’s *The Early Years* at www.biblebanquet.com.

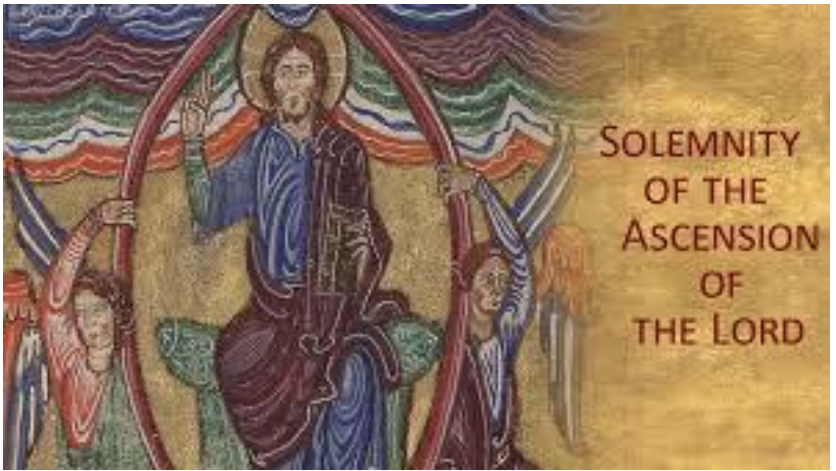
The study will be zoomed live at 10:30 a.m. each week. Zoom links will be sent prior to each session.

Presenters are:

5/15 Judy Brooten

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

St. Luke's will have one service at 9:30 a.m. on Fifth Sundays with a potluck lunch following. Dates are June 30; Sept 29; and Dec. 29.





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