



SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday Liturgy---10:00 O'clock AM

The Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Priest-in-Charge

Our Mission Statement

To spread the Gospel to all people through hospitality, service, and spiritual growth.

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

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PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE

O Almighty God, *who pourest* out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to *thee*, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship *thee* in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRELUDE

Vater unser im Himmelreich

Ulrich Steigleder (1593-1635)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People *His mercy endures for ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant may read the following sentence

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If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8,9

Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

The Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

THEN GOD spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow

down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 19 *Caeli enarrant*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The Reader A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

THE MESSAGE about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

THE PASSOVER of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.



Cleansing of the Temple

El Greco (1541 – 1614)

Frick Collection, New York City

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THE NICENE CREED

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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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

Gathered in God's house, let us offer our prayers to God who embraces us with steadfast love, saying, *for your mercy is great.*

For the Church, and especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, that we may faithfully proclaim Christ crucified and lead others into the mystery of God's love. Hear us, O God, *for your mercy is great.*

For this parish family, that in this Lenten time, we may grow in our awareness of our dignity as temples of the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God, *for your mercy is great.*

For an end to violence and injustice, that God will heal the brokenness in our society that devalues human life. and inspire leaders to work toward protecting the innocent and vulnerable from harm. Hear us O God, *for your mercy is great.*

For a deepening of prayer in our lives, that we may find ways to make room for God and deepen our dedication to the word Jesus has spoken. Hear us O God, *for your mercy is great.*

For those recovering from winter storms, the homeless, the hungry, and the unemployed, and all those sickened by the coronavirus, that they may see the power of God in the hands of those who come to their aid. Hear us, O God, *for your mercy is great.*

For those in need of our prayers, remembering especially Jordan, Mary Ann, Sally, Beverly & Frank, Anne, John, Barbara, Lois, Jim, Gail, Ruth, Jennifer, Edna & Bob, George, Winnie, Alice, John, Eleanor, Perfecto, Maria, Jim, Anita, Marlee, Chester, Betty, Robin, and Joe, that they find strength in the arms of Christ embracing them from the cross. Hear us, O God, *for your mercy is great.*

For those who have died, remembering especially Ann, Vince, Donna, Shawna, and John, that they may be raised up from death to eternal joy with Christ. Hear us O God, *for your mercy is great.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *To you, O Lord our God.*

Celebrant Holy is your Name, O God. Incline our hearts to keep your commandments and hear the prayers we offer this day. In this Lenten time, may we open ourselves to the gift of your Spirit and become living temples of your love. Glory to you for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

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The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

People and Celebrant

**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.**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**



AGNUS DEI

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The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here

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.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Prayer of St. Alphonsus de Liguori

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

People and Celebrant

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.*

A moment of silence is observed

Celebrant Come Lord Jesus,

All and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*



A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

People and Celebrant

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with a truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Humble your heads before God.

KEEP THIS your family Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE DISMISSAL

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

Aus tiefer Not

Heinrich Scheidemann (1595-1663)

PRAYER AFTER THE SERVICE

Grant, we beseech *thee*, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through *thy* grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

Live streaming and zoom gatherings from St. Luke's.

Please join us on our [Facebook page](#) for the streaming of the services.

** (Note: if you are NOT a Facebook member, when you click on the link it will ask you to sign in or create an account, which you can ignore and just scroll down the page a bit till you see the service.)

Click [here](#) for a copy of the Book of Common Prayer!

Click [here](#) for a copy of Enriching Our Worship 1. This contains supplemental liturgical materials (i.e. Canticles) we occasionally use for Morning and Evening Prayer.

Daily Office: Morning and Evening Prayer – Morning Prayer at 9 AM; Evening Prayer at 5PM are live-streamed on Sunday; Tuesday through Saturday.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6 – Evening Prayer livestreamed from St. Luke's at 5PM. A full service leaflet for the Saturday Evening Prayer service may be found by clicking below:

[Click here for Saturday Evening Prayer Service Leaflet](#)

SUNDAY, MARCH 7 – The Third Sunday in Lent

The Third Sunday in Lent (Lectionary Readings)

- **Morning Prayer, Rite I at 9AM live streamed from the Memorial Garden.**
- **Sunday Liturgy, 10AM** – Sunday Liturgy is a service of Ante-Communion with spiritual communion. A full service leaflet for the Sunday service may be found by clicking below:

[Click here for the 10 AM service leaflet](#)

- **Virtual Coffee Hour, Sundays, 11:15AM** (following 10AM Sunday Liturgy). Please note the new time! Click [here](#) to join coffee hour.

Children's' Christian Education and Formation

Sunday School, 9:30 AM – We use Godly Play a Montessori –based curriculum. Please email Mother Barnes at mthrbarnes@gmail.com to register and receive Zoom log-on information.

Children's Christian Education Materials

Click below to access free faith formation resources for kids.

- For **Sunday, March 7, 2021**. Materials include: Lectionary based **Sunday Paper Junior**
- For Lent, we are offering An Illustrated Lent for Families – Reflections on the Heart. To have these materials sent to you, please email Mother Barnes at mthrbarnes@gmail.com

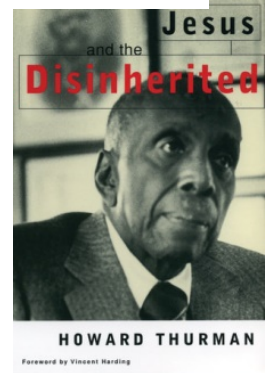
See our [Children and Youth page](#) for more offerings including resources for talking with kids about the challenging issues of our time.

LENT AT ST. LUKE'S

FRIDAY LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND COMPLINE

• Fridays in Lent: On Friday, February 19 at 7:00 PM (and continuing at this time on Friday evenings throughout Lent) we will pray the Stations of the Cross followed by Compline. Stations will be offered over Zoom. [Click here to attend.](#)

• **LENTEN ADULT BOOK STUDY: *Jesus and the Disinherited*** - On Tuesday evenings in Lent at 7PM, (2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23) our seminary intern, James Smurl will lead us in a discussion of Howard Thurman's classic theological treatise. *"Howard Thurman (1900-1981) demonstrates how the gospel may be read as a manual of resistance for the poor and disenfranchised. Jesus is a partner in the pain of the oppressed and the example of His life offers a solution to ending the descent into moral nihilism. Hatred does not empower—it decays. Only through self-love and love of one another can God's justice prevail."* This book study will be held on Zoom. [Click here to join in the class.](#)



• **CENTERING PRAYER:** Our ongoing group meets each Thursday at 5:30 via Zoom. All are welcome to join in. To access the "zoom chapel" click [here](#). Click [here](#) for a brochure on *The Method of Centering Prayer*.

• **LECTIO DIVINA LENTEN VIRTUAL RETREAT DAY:** On Saturday, March 13 from 10am-2pm, Mother Barnes will lead a virtual retreat on the spiritual practice of Lectio Divina. Lectio Divina, literally meaning “divine reading,” is an ancient practice of praying the Scriptures. During Lectio Divina, the practitioner listens to the text of the Bible with the “ear of the heart,” as if he or she is in conversation with God, and God is suggesting the topics for discussion. Join us to learn more about this traditional way of cultivating a relationship with Christ through reflection on His word that leads beyond mere acquaintanceship to an attitude of friendship, trust, and love. **To register, please email Mother Barnes at mthrbarnes@gmail.com** The quiet day will take place over Zoom. Click [here](#) on the 22nd to attend.

• LENT FOR FAMILIES - REFLECTIONS ON THE HEART

We are thrilled to provide families with a resource for engaging their children in faith formation at home during Lent. We are offering Illustrated Ministries Lent for Families -Reflections on the Heart. As we journey through this season of Lent together, families are invited to focus intentionally on the spiritual discipline of evaluating what the heart treasures. Some are physical treasures we can touch, hold, store, and give. Some treasures are invisible, yet still greatly matter and guide our lives. By exploring Gospel passages about treasures and matters of the heart, families will reflect on what kind of treasure matters to us, why we store treasures, and the power these treasures have in our lives. Starting with Ash Wednesday and going through Easter, each weekly session will have a scripture, reflection, discussion questions, activity, coloring page, and prayer. Our Lent devotions are written for all ages. We believe you'll find appropriate questions and discussion topics in each devotion for your children, no matter the age. Materials will be sent to our Sunday School families. [If you or someone you know wishes to receive the weekly reflections, please email Mother Barnes at \[mthrbarnes@gmail.com\]\(mailto:mthrbarnes@gmail.com\)](#)



BULLETIN INSERTS

March 7, 2021 – Lent 3 (B) Becoming Beloved Community Grants

The Presiding Officers' Advisory Group on Beloved Community Implementation is pleased to announce the availability of grants to catalyze the church's work of racial healing, reconciliation and justice.

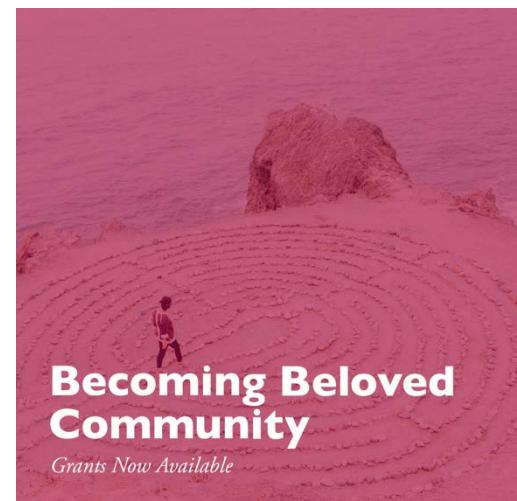
Allocated by the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, the intent for this funding is to build capacity and increase Episcopal engagement in four primary fields: telling the truth about our churches and race, proclaiming the dream of Beloved Community, practicing Jesus' way of healing and reconciliation, and repairing the breach in institutions and society.

Applications are open and the deadline for submitting a grant application is April 12, 2021.

“During and since General Convention, leaders from dioceses throughout The Episcopal Church have shared their desire to develop and put forth programming, action, and education around racial reconciliation that comes from and makes sense in their various contexts,” said advisory group chair, the Rev. Edwin Johnson, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. “We are excited to empower and partner with churches, dioceses and communities to do just that, as they know their people and contexts better than anyone else. In the end, we are hopeful that the work we support throughout the church will enable the work of racial reconciliation on the local level while growing our collective wisdom and will to engage it more broadly together.”

These grants are available to Episcopal institutions (parishes, dioceses, provinces, schools, seminaries, monastic communities). Episcopal organizations and other Episcopal-affiliated entities are also eligible to receive these funds. Partnerships with non-Episcopal entities are welcome and encouraged, but an Episcopal entity must serve as the project leader, active manager, and reporting agent.

The Advisory Group recommends institutions and organizations interested in applying for a grant, begin this process by reading and reflecting on The Episcopal Church's resource: *Becoming Beloved Community Where You Are* (iam.ec/bbcwya), which describes specific ways to engage in this work.



The grant application, criteria, and additional information are available on The Episcopal Church website: iam.ec/bbcg. For more information, please contact Sarah Alphin, 212-716-6102, or Ann Hercules, 212-716-6321, or visit www.episcopalchurch.org/beloved-community.



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