



# SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

10AM 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 of Easter

April 18, 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

Sois loué, Jesus Christ

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

EASTER ACCLAMATION

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*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ is risen.

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

THE GLORIA

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Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**O** GOD, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING                      Acts 3:12-19

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

**P**ETER addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* *Thanks be to God.*

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
 you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
 have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
 how long will you worship dumb idols  
 and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*  
 when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
 speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
 and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
 Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
 more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
 for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

**THE SECOND READING**      **1 John 3:1-7**

*Reader* A reading from the First Letter of John.

**S**EE what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*Reader*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

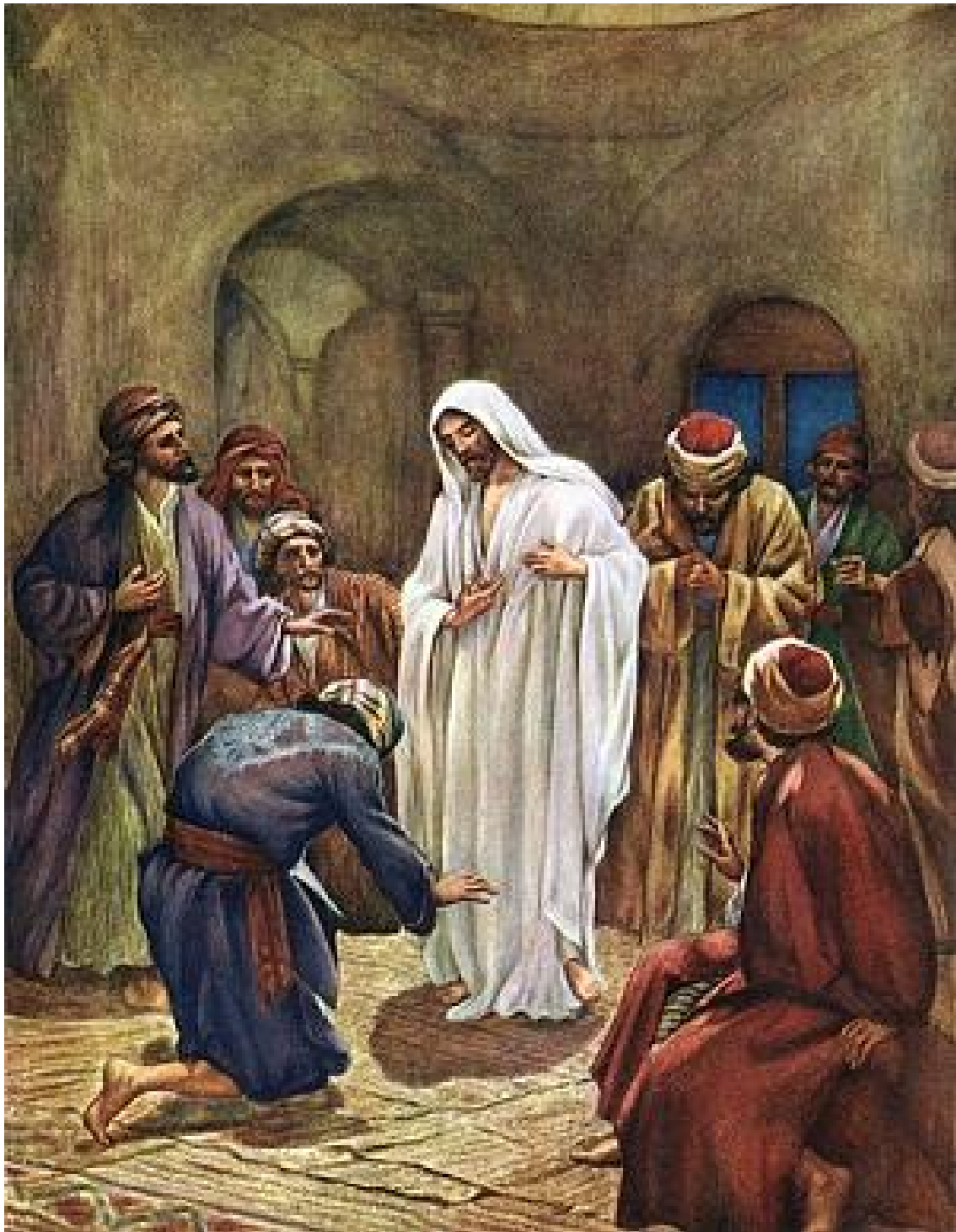
*Thanks be to God.*

1 A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let  
 2 Oh, with what glad - ness and sur - prise the  
 3 those hands of lib - eral love in - deed in  
 4 His en - e - mies had sealed the stone as  
 5 O Dead a - rise! O Friend - less stand by

1 Eas - ter mu - sic swell; re - joice in Christ, a -  
 2 saints their Sa - vior greet; nor will they trust their  
 3 in - fi - nite de - gree, those feet still free to  
 4 Pi - late gave them leave, lest dead and friend - less  
 5 ser - a - phim a - dored! O Sol - i - tude a -

1 gain re - joice and on his prais - es dwell.  
 2 ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,  
 3 move and bleed for mil - lions and for me.  
 4 and a - lone he should their skill de - ceive.  
 5 gain com - mand your host from heaven re - stored!

Words: Christopher Smart (1772-1771), alt. Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)



From *"The life of Jesus of Nazareth: eighty pictures"*  
(Eyre & Spottiswoode, 1906)

William Fergusson Hole (1846-1917)

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-38

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

*People* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

JESUS himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

## THE SERMON

**Mother Barnes**

## THE NICENE CREED *(All Stand)*

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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**

To the God of our ancestors who has glorified his servant Jesus, let us pray for our own needs and those of the world, saying: *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, that we may be signs of Christ's forgiveness to a broken and sinful world. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that the Spirit of God will give us courage to share the Gospel and our experience of God's love and action in our lives. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who are broken and wounded, that we may recognize Christ in them and help them to see Christ in their lives. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the people of St. Vincent whose lives are threatened by volcanic eruption, and others in danger from tornadoes and floods, that God will watch over them and keep them safe. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

That people of good will may come together to work for justice and the welfare of all, and that peace may prevail, especially in cities and communities which are threatened by storms of rage and violence. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who are commended to our prayers, remembering especially Jordan, Mary Ann, Beverly & Frank, Anne, John, Barbara, Lois, Jim, Gail, Edna & Bob, George, Winnie, Eleanor, Perfecto, Anita, Chester, Robin, Bill, Betty, Susan, Father Joe, Carl, Mila, Brendan, Paula+, Janet, Matthew, and Alvin, that they may put their trust in the Lord who makes them dwell in safety. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, remembering especially Connie, Terry, Philip, Adam, Duante, and the violence and disaster, especially the victims of the shooting in Indianapolis, that they may now be with the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead, let us pray to the Lord. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Blessed Mary, the God-bearer, Blessed Luke, and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.*

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, O God of our ancestors in the faith, you have glorified your servant Jesus, and made him the source of peace and reconciliation for the world. Hear the prayers we offer this day and send us forth as heralds of that peace and forgiveness. Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. *Amen.*

## **THE PEACE**

*All stand.*

*The Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*



## 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 EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### THE EASTER DISMISSAL

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*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People* *Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

### 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.*

## POSTLUDE

Christ lag in Todesbanden

Heinrich Scheidemann (1595-1633)

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**April 18, 2021 – Easter 3 (B)**  
**Meet Our Religious Communities: What's in It for Me?**

**How can a religious order help me in my spiritual journey?**

Connection with a religious order can include spiritual guidance and friendship, resources, connection with other friends of the community, and retreat opportunities. Religious communities offer prayers for the world and individuals as requested.

**How can I learn about a religious order?**

Religious orders are listed on the CAROA website ([www.caroa.net](http://www.caroa.net)) and The Episcopal Church website, with a short description of each community and link to each community's website. You might consider which community is most convenient for you to visit and which seems to speak to you. You could ask to be added to their mailing list for email and newsletters and also check out their social media presence.

Attending a retreat or a short visit or watching a video could be first steps in getting to know the community and to see if it is a good fit for you. Retreats may include a speaker, spiritual direction, periods of silence, or may be a self-directed retreat in which you decide how to spend your time. It is a good idea to check out what is offered and consider what will best meet your needs at this time. Some retreatants find that they need a lot of rest and sleep; some want opportunities to talk with members of the religious order and other retreatants; some yearn for extended periods of silence, prayer, reflection, and journaling.



**How can I engage with a religious order?**

After the pandemic, taking retreats on a regular basis can be nourishing and supportive, and can offer opportunity to build your relationship with a community. Some religious orders offer on-going spiritual direction, usually for a donation. Communities sometimes have volunteer opportunities and welcome financial support.

Once you have made a connection with a community, you might want to develop a closer relationship and establish a deeper commitment. Most communities have associate and/or oblate programs which usually begin with a discernment process and preparation, followed by formal service of commitment. Associates and oblates usually promise to pray for the members of the community and other associates and oblates, to offer financial and other support, to commit to a rule of life, and to attend retreats for associates and oblates on a regular basis.



It may make sense to become an associate first before considering becoming an oblate. Oblates usually have a more extensive period of discernment and preparation, and may take vows. Some oblates receive a habit. Often oblates promise to attend regular meetings or programs specifically for them at the convent or monastery and to support the community in specific ways.

While contacting a religious order may seem daunting at first, you will likely receive a warm welcome and gain spiritual friendship which can sustain you and nourish your soul for years to come. We look forward to hearing from you!

## 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, APRIL 17 – Saturday in Easter 2 – Evening Prayer live streamed 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, APRIL 18 – The Third Sunday of Easter**

**The Third Sunday of Easter** (Lectionary Readings)

- **9 AM-Morning Prayer, Rite I live streamed from the Memorial Garden.**
- **10AM – Sunday Liturgy** – 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.
- **5PM – Evening Prayer** ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

**MONDAY IN EASTER 3, APRIL 19 – NO SCHEDULED SERVICES OR EVENTS.**

- [Monday Morning Prayer](#)
- [Monday Evening Prayer](#)

**TUESDAY IN EASTER 3, APRIL 20**

- **9AM – Morning Prayer** ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- **1PM-3PM Grab & Go Food Giveaway**
- **5PM – Evening Prayer** ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

### WEDNESDAY IN EASTER 3, APRIL 21

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 5PM – Evening Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

### THURSDAY IN EASTER 3, APRIL 22 (*Earth Day*)

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 5PM – Evening Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 5:30PM – 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*.

### FRIDAY IN EASTER 3, APRIL 23

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 5PM – Evening Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

### SATURDAY IN EASTER 3, APRIL 24

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 5PM – Evening Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

#### *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](mailto: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 **The Third Sunday of Easter, April 18, 2021**. Materials include: Lectionary based **Sunday Paper Junior**

See our **Children and Youth page** for more offerings including resources for talking with kids about the challenging issues of our time.

#### *Racial Justice and Reconciliation Task Force Racial Audit Survey*

Important message from the Diocese regarding racism. All St. Lukan’s, please fill out the survey by clicking the link below. Here’s a [link to the the video](#) with more information!

[Click here to complete the Survey.](#)

**New St. Luke’s Newsletter:** Our latest edition of the St. Luke's Newsletter is hot off the press. Click here to see the [April 2021 edition](#).



**ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
"In the heart of things"

**The Rev'd Rebecca A. Barnes, Priest-in-Charge**

**Ms. Maria Zengion, Organist and Choirmaster**

**The Vestry**

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