



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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 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 Es ist das Heil uns Kommen her Jan Pietersoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

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.

ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Acts 8:26-40

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

AN angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 22:24-30 *Deus, Deus meus*

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- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
 and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
 "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
 and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
 he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
 all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
 my descendants shall serve him; *
 they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
 the saving deeds that he has done.

THE SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

Reader A reading from the First Letter of John.

BELOVED, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

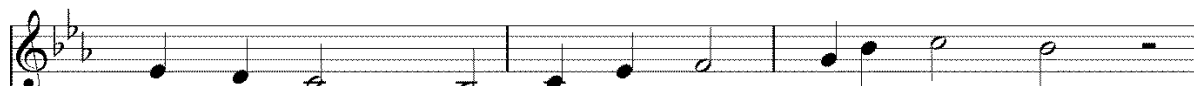
By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*





1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;
 2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;
 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

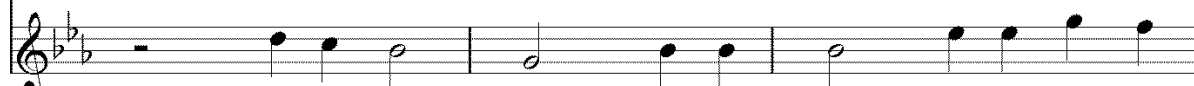
Tenor or soprano ad libitum



3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;




and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.
 and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
 in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.



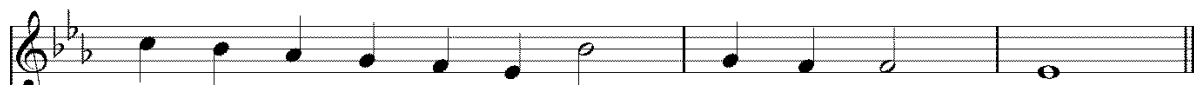
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.




Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;
 Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;
 Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;



Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;



thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.
 and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.
 e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.



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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

JESUS said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

As branches of Jesus, the living Vine, we seek to abide in the Spirit of love, and bring our prayers to God, saying: *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, that our faith may deepen, our hope be strengthened, and our love abound, as we draw our life from the Risen Christ. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For Barbara Gessner, newly ordained Deacon, that she may continually draw life from Christ and bear a rich harvest in witness to the good news of God's love. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that the Spirit will help us to bear witness to the good news of God's love, in deeds of justice, and service to others. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the grace of letting go, that God will help us to let go of those things which need to be pruned, so that life and love may flow through us as signs of God's love. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those places overwhelmed by the Corvid virus, particularly India and Brazil, that God will slow the spread, give strength to all caregivers, and open opportunities for vaccinations. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For an end to violence in our cities and communities, that God will turn hearts from destructive deeds, open pathways for dialogue, and protect the innocent from harm. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who are in need of our prayers, remembering especially, Jordan, Mary Ann, Beverly & Frank, Anne, John, Barbara, Lois, Jim, Gail, Edna & Bob, George, Winnie, Eleanor, Perfecto, Anita, Chester, Robin, Father Joe, Carl, Mila, Brendan, Janet, Matthew, Alvin, Benjamin, Peter, and Tim, that Christ will renew the gift of life within them, and strengthen them in God's love. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially, Connie, Terry, Philip, Adam, Duante, Ma'Khia, John+, Michael, and Stephen+, and Andrew, that they may abide in the love of God for ever. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, 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 Lord our God, who abides in all who love you. Hear the prayers we offer this day and give us your Spirit of peace so that loving one another we may walk in the way that leads to eternal life. 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.**



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

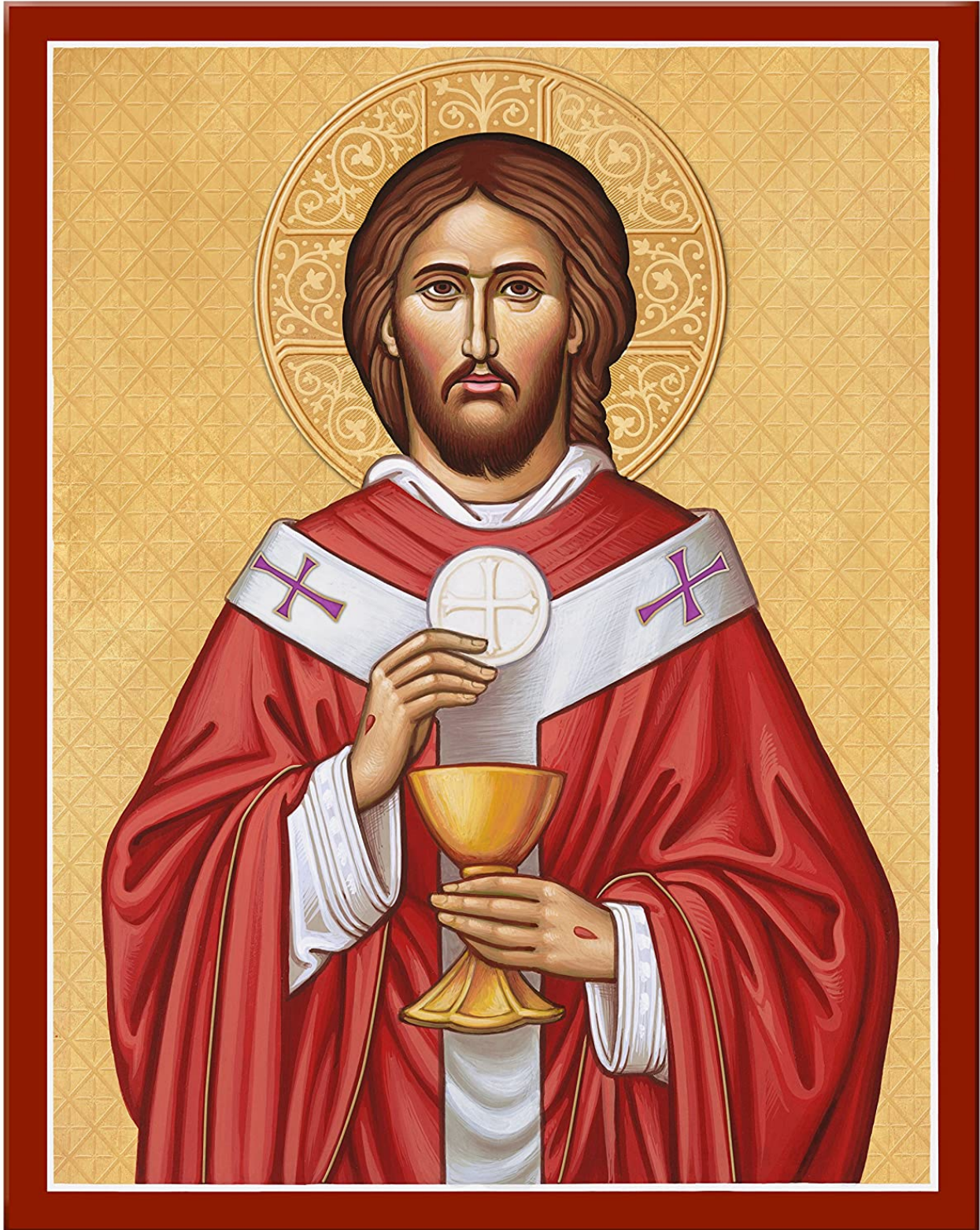
In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection,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

POSTLUDE Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort, BWV 1103 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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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May 2, 2021 – Easter 5 (B) One in the Spirit, a Way of Love Revival Weekend

The Episcopal Church greets Pentecost with *One in the Spirit, a Way of Love Revival Weekend* designed to fan the flames of hope, celebrate difference, honor creation, foster beloved community, and send people toward Jesus's Way of Love. The weekend of events includes the following:

- Saturday, May 22, 6-7:30 p.m. ET: Concert for the Human Family and "From Many, One" Community Conversations
- Sunday, May 23, 4-5:30 p.m. ET: Churchwide Pentecost Revival Worship from Philadelphia, Navajoland, Seattle, St. Louis, and Washington, D.C.

"Pentecost is the season when we celebrate the birth of the church and the Spirit landing on the glorious diversity of God's people," said Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. "Thanks to vaccinations and CDC recommendations, it's also the moment when lots of our churches can finally open their arms more fully to the public. We want to mark this moment of renewal with a revival and pray that God would rain blessing, guidance and power down on all people."

Curry has led revivals across the church since early in his term. With the advent of pandemic, he and his team have partnered with groups like Washington National Cathedral, the Diocese of Central Gulf Coast, and the Union of Black Episcopalians to host virtual revivals and prayer services.



The Pentecost Way of Love Revival Weekend begins Saturday, May 22, at 6 p.m. ET with the first in a series of virtual *Concerts for the Human Family and Conversations Across Difference*. Filmed at Philadelphia Cathedral in compliance with COVID protocols, the May concert features a diverse team – including Nashville pianist and composer Kory Caudill and Baltimore-based hip-hop artist Wordsmith – offering original music inspired by the Prayer for the Human Family.

The concert is framed by the *From Many, One: Conversations Across Difference* effort, with a pair of musicians sharing their stories at the opening of the concert. Bishop Curry will host further conversation after the concert and then invite the entire audience to share in small group Conversations Across Difference. Register for the free concert and conversations at <https://events.episcopalchurch.org/concert-series/>.

Most churches will have their local Pentecost celebrations Sunday morning. All are invited to a virtual Pentecost Way of Love Revival Worship Service on Sunday, May 23, at 4 p.m. ET. The spirit-filled celebration will draw on the gifts, testimonies, songs and voices of Episcopalians in cathedrals and communities across the church including St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle, indigenous churches in Navajoland and South Dakota, Christ Church Cathedral in Philadelphia, St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle, Washington National Cathedral, and Christ Church in St. Louis, Mo.

"We'll pray next to bee colonies on Seattle's cathedral roof and chant and give thanks for the earth with Navajo leaders. We're going to celebrate our diversity, bless God's creation, and receive the gifts of the Spirit for all that's ahead," said Jerusalem Greer, the church's staff officer for evangelism. "It's time for us to live the Way of Love out in the world in a new way."

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, MAY 1 - Feast of St. Philip and St. James - 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, MAY 2 - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

[The Fifth 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, MAY 3 - MONDAY IN EASTER 5 - NO SCHEDULED SERVICES

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

TUESDAY, MAY 4 - THE FEAST OF ST. MONICA

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 - WEDNESDAY IN EASTER 5

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

THURSDAY, MAY 6 - THURSDAY IN EASTER 5

- 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, MAY 7 - FRIDAY IN EASTER 5 - THERE WILL BE NO STREAMED SERVICES TODAY

- 9AM - [Friday Morning Prayer](#)
- 5PM - [Friday Evening Prayer](#)

SATURDAY, MAY 8 - FEAST OF JULIAN OF NORWICH - THERE WILL BE NO STREAMED SERVICES TODAY

- 9AM - [Saturday Morning Prayer](#)
- 5PM - [Saturday Evening Prayer](#)

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 The Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2, 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 [May 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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Rick Ammenhauser (2024 —Junior Warden),
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