



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Dr. Tyler J. Parry, Priest-in-Charge

Our Mission Statement:

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



THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

May 31, 2025

Said Holy Eucharist, Rite II

5:00pm Saturday

Please silence all cell-phones & digital devices until after the Service! Thank you.

SATURDAY SAID LITURGY OF THE DAY

Headings marked with an asterisk (*) Sunday only; Hymns are omitted and those portions of the liturgy designated to be sung are said. “BCP” with a page number refers to The Book of Common Prayer.



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.*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALMIGHTY GOD, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

FATHER IN HEAVEN, by your grace the virgin mother of your incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping your word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to your will; 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

All sit.

THE FIRST READING 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Reader A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

HANNAH prayed and said,
“My heart exults in the LORD;
my strength is exalted in my God.
There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.
Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.
The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.
Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.
The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.
The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts.
He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,

to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.
For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
and on them he has set the world.
He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.
The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 113

Laudate, pueri

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- 1 Hallelujah!
 Give praise, you servants of the LORD; *
 praise the Name of the LORD.
- 2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, *
 from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
 let the Name of the LORD be praised.
- 4 The LORD is high above all nations, *
 and his glory above the heavens.
- 5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high *
 but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
- 6 He takes up the weak out of the dust *
 and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- 7 He sets them with the princes, *
 with the princes of his people.
- 8 He makes the woman of a childless house *
 to be a joyful mother of children.

THE SECOND READING Romans 12:9-16b

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 1:39-57

All standing, as able.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

IN THOSE DAYS Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."
And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home. Now the time
came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Father Parry

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

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All stand, as able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at
the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our bishop and Audrey, bishop of Central Pennsylvania for
all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord,
have mercy.*

For the people of our companion diocese of Kajo Keji in the South Sudan, that God may
strengthen, comfort, and hold them in safekeeping during this time of trial. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may
be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the
earth, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those in positions of public trust especially Donald, our President, and Paige our Mayor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For Jordan, Frank, Elaine, Lynn, Mary Jane, Robin, Heather, Chase, Carol, Stacy, Isabella, Will, Dave, Philomena, Kyle, John, Diane, Jeanette, Anne, Rick, Amy, Mario, David, Canon Bill+, Charles, Richard, Laura, Todd, Joseph, Scott, Bill, Joann and Karen , we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Fran, Ruth, Jan, Father Dan+, Leona, Luke, Francis and Arch and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of Mary the God Bearer, Blessed Elizabeth, Blessed Luke, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

Silence

Celebrant For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Ministers and the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer B

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We welcome all baptized persons, regardless of age or denomination to receive communion at Saint Luke's. The Celebrant will place the consecrated host in your hand; a Eucharistic minister will then offer you the common cup. You may receive the wine, intinct (dip the bread in the wine), or the Eucharistic minister can intinct for you. If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. To show that you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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ETERNAL GOD, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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.

EASTER DISMISSAL

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.*

The Candle beside the Aumbry in which the Blessed Sacrament is reserved has been given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Francis McMullen by Maria Zengion.

The Paschal Candle is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of The Rev. Lester E. Stephenson by the Stephenson family.

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, 5:00pm: Altar Guild – L.Savinelli, M. Savinelli; Ushers – L.Savinelli, M. Savinelli; Crucifer and Acolyte – D. Kraus; Lectors – K. DeSanto; Intercessor – K. DeSanto; Chalice Bearer – D. Kraus

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Diocesan Convention Childcare Volunteers – The Diocese is looking for volunteers willing to assist with children and youth during the Diocesan Convention October 17-18 here in Scranton. Safe Church requirements will need to be fulfilled beforehand. If you would like to volunteer, please see Father Parry.

Parish Clean-up and Memorial Garden Workday, June 14 10:00AM-12:00PM – All are welcome to come lend a hand in tidying up the church and parish house. The Memorial Garden Committee will be meeting at the same time to work in the garden, so feel free to join in, inside or out!

Free Little Library - The Free Little Library in the Warren Memorial Garden is in need of books. Donations can be put directly in the library as space allows, or can be added to the tote in the coat closet in Israel Lounge.

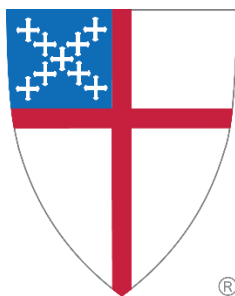


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Said Holy Eucharist Saturdays 5:00pm

Followed by Coffee Hour in Kreidler Hall the first Saturday of the month.

Sung Holy Eucharist Sundays 11:00am

Followed by Coffee Hour in Kreidler Hall every Sunday.

The First Sunday of each month we offer a "Family Eucharist" with special participation by our youth. All other Sundays, Sunday School is offered for younger children at 9:30am.

Said Holy Eucharist Wednesdays 12:10pm

with prayers and anointing for healing

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Maria Zengion, Organist and Choirmaster

The Vestry

Mickey Baccoli, (Senior Warden), Rick Ammenhauser (Junior Warden), Amanda Wrazien (Clerk),
Thomas Hoppel (Treasurer), Kim DeSanto, Anne Cianfichi, and Diane Kraus

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