



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 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 28-March 1, 2026

Said Holy Eucharist, Rite I

5:00pm Saturday

Sung Holy Eucharist, Rite I

11:00am Sunday

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

SATURDAY SAID LITURGY OF THE DAY

The Rev. Dr. Tyler J. Parry, Celebrant

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.



SUNDAY SUNG LITURGY OF THE DAY

The Rev. Dr. Tyler J. Parry, Celebrant

Setting:

Mass of St. Hugh

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

The Musicians of St. Luke's:

Gabriella Tolerico, Soprano

Meredith Hudak, Alto

Max Roche, Tenor

Christopher Gallo, Bass

Maria Zengion, Organist and Choirmaster

Hymns, in numerical order, are in the 1982 Hymnal; service music is listed on the service leaflet and may be found in the front of the 1982 Hymnal, with "S" before the number. "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.*

***PRELUDE**

O Maker of the world, give ear

Gerald Near (b.1942)

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #401 The God of Abraham praise**

Leoni

All stand, in body or in spirit.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE DECALOGUE

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All may stand or kneel, in body or in spirit.

The Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept

Celebrant and People

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.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those 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.

The Priest stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Priest offers the comfortable words.

***THE KYRIE ELIESON**

Sung by the choir

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O GOD, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

THE LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

I WILL lift up my eyes to the hills:
from where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.
He will not allow your foot to be moved:
and He who guards you will not sleep.
Look, He who guards Israel:
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord Himself is your keeper:
the Lord is your defence at your right hand;
So that the sun will not burn you by day:
neither the moon by night.
The Lord will preserve you from all evil:
yes, it is even He who will keep your soul.
The Lord will preserve your going out and your coming in:
from this time forward and for evermore.

THE SECOND READING**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

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

WHAT then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

***SEQUENCE HYMN #489 The great Creator of the worlds**

Tallis' Ordinal

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

All standing, in body or in spirit.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

THERE was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Father Parry

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

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All stand, in body or in spirit.

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

Intercessor God sent the Son into the world to save the world. As we prepare for the paschal feast, let us offer our prayers for all God's people that they may find new birth in the Spirit, saying: Hear our prayer.

For the Church: remembering especially Sean our Presiding Bishop and Audrey and Kevin our bishops, that the Holy Spirit will inspire us in our Lenten journey and help us to live as faithful disciples, we pray to you, O God. *Hear our prayer.*

For the people of our companion diocese of Kajo Keji in South Sudan, that God may strengthen, comfort, and hold them in safekeeping during this time of trial, we pray to you, O God. *Hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we, like Abraham, may go forth from all that is familiar to those new places and relationships into which God leads us, we pray to you, O God. *Hear our prayer.*

In thanksgiving for these days of Lent, that we may use this time to make space in the busyness of our lives to let God's Word move our hearts, we pray to you, O God. *Hear our prayer.*

For all the descendants of Abraham: Jews, Muslims and Christians; that we may honor all that we share in common and work together to overcome the evil that ensnares human hearts, we pray to you, O God. *Hear our prayer.*

For the gift of peace, that God will turn hearts from violence and conflict, bring an end to aggression and war, and open opportunities for reconciliation, we pray to you, O God. *Hear our prayer.*

For all who are overwhelmed by the burdens of loss, misunderstanding and uncertainty, that God will heal their pain, comfort those who are grieving and help them experience God's presence each day, we pray to you, O God. *Hear our prayer.*

For those whose lives are affected by severe weather, those living in fear of the unknown, and those in need of our prayers Jordan, Frank, Elaine, Lynn, Mary Jane, Robin, Heather, Chase, Philomena, Jeanette, Mario, Canon Bill+, Scott, Margaret, Brendan, Bessie, Christine, Colleen, John, Anne, Josie, David, Jane, Lily and her family, and Carl, that they may know that God watches over them by day and by night, we pray to you, O God. *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who have died, remembering especially Keith, Thomas, Bryan, David, and Earl, that as they have been born again, they may share in God's gift of eternal life, we pray to you, O God. *Hear our prayer.*

In the communion of blessed Mary the God-bearer, Blessed Luke, David of Wales, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

Celebrant Blessed are you, God of Abraham and Sarah, who made of your people a great nation. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all in need and grant us a share in the life to come. Glory to you forever and ever. *Amen.*

A PRAYER OF SELF-DEDICATION

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The Celebrant and People pray together

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

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 in body or in spirit while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

***THE FRACTION ANTHEM**

Sung by the choir.

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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Celebrant and People, kneeling in body or in spirit.

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 we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

Gluten-free hosts are available. Please let the priest know as you are about to receive.

***ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION God so loved the world**

Sir John Stainer (1840-1901)

*God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;
but that the world through Him might be saved. Amen.*

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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 receiving Holy Communion.

MY JESUS, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen.*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. 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 honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

THE PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

These prayers over the people are an ancient form of blessing, said on all ferias (weekdays) of Lent. When the Celebrant invites us to do so, we bow our heads, and pray in silence.

Celebrant Humble your heads before God.

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

***THE FINAL HYMN #473 Lift high the cross**

Crucifer

DISMISSAL

***POSTLUDE**

Voluntary in D

Sir John Stainer

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 is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ruth Curtis by Carol McMullen and family.



SPECIAL MINISTERS

Saturday, 5:00pm

Ushers: L. Savinelli, M. Savinelli
Crucifer and Acolyte: D. Kraus
Lectors: K. DeSanto, TBD
Intercessor: K. DeSanto
Chalice Bearer: D. Kraus

Sunday, 11:00am

Ushers: R. Ammenhauser; B. Ott
Crucifer and Acolyte: TBD
Lectors: E. Rayburn, L. Fanelli
Intercessor: D. Kraus
Chalice Bearer: TBD

Diane Kraus, Verger



✚ ST. LUKE'S ALTAR GUILD ✚

Kim DeSanto, Diane Kraus, Diane Lewis, Ileta Monahan,
Lucetta Savinelli and Mario Savinelli

Officers of the Church:

Rick Ammenhauser, Senior Warden
David Wegner, Treasurer

Mickey Baccoli, Junior Warden
Diane Kraus, Clerk

The Vestry:

Rick Ammenhauser	Lauren Edwards
Anne Cianfichi	Linda Fanelli
Laura Craig	Diane Kraus
Kim DeSanto	Helen Trygar



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Announcements and Events at St. Luke's

Choral Evensong

Sunday, March 8, 4:00pm Join us at St. Luke's for a Lenten service of Choral Evensong, featuring a Convocation II & III combined choir from our own Artist-in-Residence The Lyric Consort and singers from St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, with Canon Mark Laubach serving as guest organist. This sung service will feature beautiful compositions from historic and contemporary composers as well as favorite hymns.

Easter Basket Donations

St. Luke's will again be collecting Easter Baskets for distribution by Friends of the Poor and Catherine McAuley Center. Pre-made baskets should be wrapped in clear cellophane and may contain candy, small toys, arts & crafts fun, etc. Please refrain from including any toys that could be perceived as weapons like water guns, etc. Bring your donations to Kreitler Hall through Sunday, March 22, 2026. Our baskets will be added to others collected by churches, schools, and non-profits in the area and will be distributed to families on March 28, 2026.

Evensong Reception

A reception is planned to follow the March 8th Choral Evensong. If you would like to bring some fingerfood or dessert to share, please sign up in Israel Lounge. You are welcome to bring your item in the morning if you are unable to attend Evensong.

Easter Memorial Flowers

Please find in your leaflets envelopes for this year's Easter memorial flowers. Memorials must be submitted by Sunday, March 29th.

Exploring the Stations of the Cross

6pm Fridays in Lent before Stations of the Cross and Compline, and Wednesdays after the Healing Eucharist, Father Parry will be leading an exploration of the history and meaning of the Stations of the Cross. A signup sheet for providing some soup and bread as a simple meal for the Friday gatherings is posted in Israel Lounge.

Molly's Little Food Pantry

We will continue to collect non-perishable food for Molly's food pantry at Nay Aug park. You can donate by adding food to the shopping cart in Kreitler Hall or by adding items directly to the pantry located near the helipad at the park.

Service Times This Week

11am Sunday Sung Holy Eucharist, Rite II
followed by Coffee Hour

12:10pm Wednesday Healing Eucharist
with Prayers and Anointing

7:00pm Friday Stations of the Cross
followed by Compline

5pm Saturday Said Holy Eucharist, Rite II
*followed by Coffee Hour the first
Saturday of the month*

If you would like to receive St. Luke's weekly email,
please email the Parish Office at
office@stlukescranton.org.



The Reverend Doctor Tyler J. Parry, Priest-in-Charge

Maria Zengion, Organist and Choirmaster

All Are Welcome.

Our Service Schedule:

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