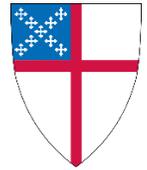




# St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Metuchen, NJ



## Summer-Fall Service 2021 Booklet 4

10 am Sunday Service/Baptism

*See Summer Service Music & Summer-Fall Hymnal for hymns & sung prayers*

### **Hymn**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

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 Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

*Amen.*

### **The Lessons**

*The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_ .

*After each Reading The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm** *(said between the two Lessons by Celebrant & People)*

### **Hymn**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_ .

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

*After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### **The Sermon**

#### **Hymn**

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

I present \_\_\_\_\_ to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*I will, with God's help.*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*I will, with God's help.*

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*I renounce them.*

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*I renounce them.*

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*I do.*

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*I do.*

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*I do.*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

*We will.*

Let us join with *those* who *are* committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### **The Baptismal Covenant**

Do you believe in God the Father?

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

*I will, with God's help.*

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*I will, with God's help.*

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*I will, with God's help.*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*I will, with God's help.*

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*I will, with God's help.*

### **Prayers for the Candidates**

Let us now pray for *these persons* who *are* to receive the Sacrament of new birth. Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Baptism

\_\_\_\_\_, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
*Amen.*

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your *servants* the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *the man* inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

\_\_\_\_\_ you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized. We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*And also with you.*

## Hymn or Anthem

### The Holy Communion

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence. They offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing.

#### *Sanctus*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into the covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave

himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment and sanctification of all. When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

[Remember NN. and) all who minister in your Church.]

[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]

[Remember\_\_\_\_\_.]

[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with\_\_\_\_\_) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

**AMEN**

***The Lord's Prayer***

***Fraction Anthem - Agnus Dei***

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### *Hymn*

Let us pray

*In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come.  
Amen*

*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 peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### *Hymn*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*Thanks be to God.*