

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday of Easter

18 April 2021 ✠ 10:00 A.M.

Holy Eucharist

The Reverend Allison Caudill, *Celebrant*

The Reverend Anne Harris, *Preacher*

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

“Christ lay in the bands of death”

J. S. Bach

Choral Introit

The English Gradual

As newborn babes, alleluia: desire ye the sincere milk of the word, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing we merrily unto God, our helper: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end, Amen.

The Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gloria in excelsis

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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.

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 First Lesson**Acts 3:12-19**

When Peter saw it, he 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4**Anglican Chant***Cum invocarem*

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 Lesson

I John 3:1-7

See 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.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Gradual: Choral Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia. After eight days, when the doors were shut: stood Jesus in the midst of his disciples, and said, Peace unto you. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

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

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

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them 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.

After the reading, the Celebrant says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Said by all, standing

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.

Prayers of the People, Form III

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Terry, our Bishop, for Michael, Allison, Anne, Art, and Jim, our clergy and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joe our President, Andy our Governor, and Neil & Greg our Mayors, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed, ..., eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially **Al, Allen, Amy, Ann, Annie, Beecher, Bethann, Beverly, Bill, Braxton, Bud, Carol, Charles, Christy, Danny, Dave, David, Dawn, Diana, Doug, E.J., Eleanor, Elizabeth, Erma, Gene, Helen, Hugh, Ira, Jackie, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jewell, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Karen, Kathy, Kelly, Ken, Laura, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, London, Lynn, Martha, Marty, Mary, MaryBeth, Matt, Meg, Mike, Milo, Monica, Morgan, Nancy, Nina (Nine-ah), Patricia, Rob, Ronald, Rueben, Sandy, Sherrie, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trent, Trey, Ursula, Velda, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn; for the men and women of our armed forces, especially Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Sinclair, Steve.**

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

“Lead me, Lord”

S. S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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,

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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 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 the 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.

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Luke 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 the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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. We invite you to join us in this prayer wherever you are.

A Prayer from the St. Augustine Prayer Book

As the celebrant receives the elements of Communion, the congregation says aloud this prayer

All Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.

Communion Anthem

“Abendlied”

Josef Rheinberger

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for evening is at hand,
And the day will soon be over.

Text: Luke 24: 29

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 Blessing

The Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain in your pew following the dismissal to enjoy the Postlude.
Following the postlude, Ushers will direct your departure to maintain social
distancing. Please be mindful that you are expected to adhere to social
distancing and continue to wear a mask
for as long as you are on our campus.
We are so grateful you have joined us today and look forward
to gathering again very soon!*

Postlude

“Christ is arisen”

Scheidemann

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Luke's Music Series

St. Luke's will present Ben Weaver, organist at Highland Presbyterian Church, in recital TODAY at 3:30pm on Facebook: www.facebook.com/StLukesAnchorage . Plan to join us!

Farewell Open House for Mother Allison

The open house will take place at Owl Creek Country Club, Sunday, April 25th, 2 PM til 4 PM. Owl Creek Country Club, 12400 Osage Rd., Anchorage, KY. Hors-d'oeuvres and cash bar will be available. Mask required.

Wednesday AM Lenten Bible Study!

Please join us via Zoom every Wednesday at 9:45 am to discuss a chapter of The Path, a Bible Study published by Forward Movement. This is a lay-led discussion of the core stories of our faith from Genesis to Revelation, and is intended for all levels of experience! The Zoom link is published to our email list each week, so please contact Dawn at admin@stlukesanchorage.org to be added to our email list. It's never too late to join this rich Christian formation opportunity!

Thursday Night Bible Study

The Basics of the Bible Study continues on Thursday evenings with Mother Allison! We are using The Path to guide our study, but all you need is a Bible and access to the internet to join us. We are gathering every Thursday evening from 6:45-7:45 on Zoom to discuss the foundational stories of our faith and to explore how these stories connect to our own journeys. Please follow this link on Thursdays at 6:45 to join us!

Contemporary Anglican Saints – Sunday 9am Class

Please join us Sunday mornings, 9:00. The British Isles and the greater Anglican Communion has been the home and origin of many great saints. These saints are people with fascinating stories, and great impact on global Christianity. Please join us as we learn about these saints and discuss their influence and ideas.

For more information, email Dave Kirchinger at episcopaliandave@gmail.com.

The link to the class is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85144530030> / Meeting ID: 851 4453 0030
If prompted to enter a password, please enter our parish office phone number - 2458827

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer has changed to every **FIRST** and **THIRD** Tuesday. Join us on **April 20 from 6 – 7pm** on ZOOM until we can all join back in the Lyman Office.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89768653053>

Meeting ID: 897 6865 3053

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St. Luke's Connections

St Luke's Connections is our latest media production, that happens right before our Sunday 10:00 AM live stream. In St Luke's Connections we get to know members of our community here at St Luke's. Currently we are in need of our community of faith to volunteer about 10-15 minutes of their time to be interviewed as part of St Luke's Connections. If you are interested in being interviewed please contact either Ira Creasman or Mitch Wilson.

Ira: 205-382-4800 or ibcreasman@gmail.com / Mitch: mitchelldalewilson@hotmail.com

Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you've had a birthday or anniversary over the past several weeks, or have one coming up in the weeks ahead, please let Dawn know, admin@stlukesanchorage.org. Let her know your birthday, or the date of your wedding anniversary and how many years you've been married, and we will offer a blessing over you during our recorded worship.

The Flowers on the Altar are given by Michael Goad in loving memory of Seth & Suzie Holleman.

In our prayers ... for Al, Allen, Amy, Ann, Annie, Beecher, Bethann, Beverly, Bill, Braxton, Bud, Carol, Charles, Christy, Danny, Dave, David, Dawn, Diana, Doug, E.J., Eleanor, Elizabeth, Erma, Gene, Helen, Hugh, Ira, Jackie, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jewell, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Karen, Kathy, Kelly, Ken, Laura, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, London, Lynn, Martha, Marty, Mary, MaryBeth, Matt, Meg, Mike, Milo, Monica, Morgan, Nancy, Nina (Nine-ah), Patricia, Rob, Ronald, Rueben, Sandy, Sherrie, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trent, Trey, Ursula, Velda, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn; and our men and women serving in our armed forces and their families. We offer prayers of blessing and thanksgiving for all men and women serving in the armed services, especially these persons known to us: **Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Sinclair, Steve.** We pray that they have safe journeys and know the loving concern of friends and family. May God watch over them and grant them strength and courage to face perils which beset them.

Readings for:

**April 25:
Fourth Easter**

**Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23;
I John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18.**