



WELCOME TO

# ST. LUKE'S

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## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A PARISH IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 A.M.

APRIL 21, 2024

The Rev. Dr. Robert Black

*Rector*

The Rev. Bonnie Duckworth

*Deacon*

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*Director, The Children's Space*

The Rev. Thomas Carter

*Priest Associate*

*In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome! Whether you are a guest or a long-time member, we are blessed by your presence which helps us to more fully gather as the beloved community of God.*

*Established in 1753, St. Luke's today is an Episcopal community that is grounded in the Eucharist and is focused on becoming a church that follows, looks, and acts like Jesus. We invite you to come and see the difference Christ makes through abundant grace, intentional worship, and beloved community.*

*If you are our guest today, we encourage you to please complete a Guest Card, found in the pew rack in front of you and place it in the offering plate or speak to the clergy who will greet you as you leave the church. We want to be able to fully welcome you into our communal life at St. Luke's.*

### Worship in Eastertide

In Eastertide, we celebrate and share the Good News that the Lord is risen! Just as the Cross shows us that God's love has no limit, Easter proclaims that love triumphs over all, even Sin and Death. In the season of Easter, which runs through the Day of Pentecost, we focus on our Baptismal union with Jesus Christ and one another. The color for the season is white, symbolizing the dawn of the renewed Creation that was opened with the tomb on Easter morning. We enthusiastically stand and shout Alleluia as we rejoice in the glory and wonder of the Resurrection.

### THE WORD OF GOD

**VOLUNTARY**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing  
Canticle of Joy

arr. Matthew Compton  
Jodi Acker-Bohr

## HYMN IN PROCESSION

#234 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing *Please stand. Sung by all.*

Hymnal 1982

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

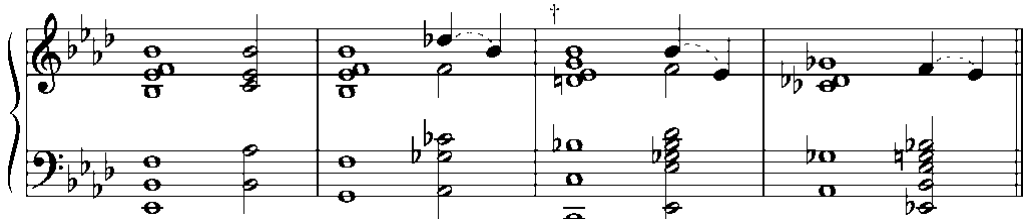
*Book of Common Prayer, 355*

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

PASCHA NOSTRUM *Sung by all.*

*Wonder, Love & Praise*



*Cantor* Alleluia

*All* Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for **us**;  
therefore let us keep the **feast**,  
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and **e-vil**,  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alle-**lu-ia**.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die **again**;  
death no longer has dominion over **him**.  
The death that he died to sin, once for **all**;  
but the life he lives, he lives to **God**.

† So also consider yourselves dead to **sin**,  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alle-**lu-ia**.

Christ has been raised from the **dead**,  
the first fruits of those who have fallen **asleep**.  
For since by a man came **death**,  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the **dead**.

† For as in Adam all **die**,  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alle-**lu-ia**.

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, 224

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. *People:* **And also with you.**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING *Please be seated.*

Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

## PSALM 23

BCP, 612

The Lord is My Shepherd     *Sung by Choir.*

setting, Howard Goodall

## THE SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

GRADUAL HYMN #478 Jesus, our mighty Lord     *Please stand, sung by all.*     *Hymnal 1982*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

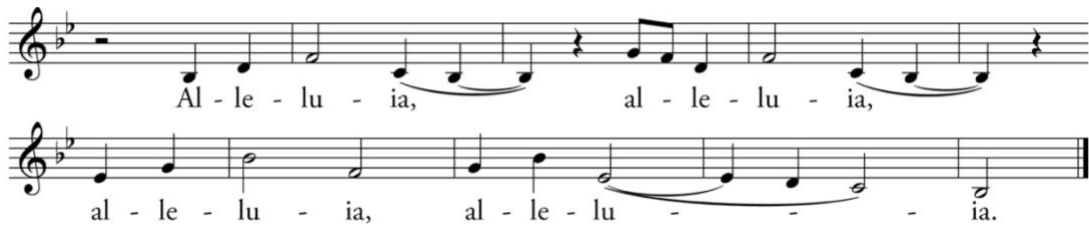
Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away--and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my

own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.      *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### THE ALLELUIA RESPONSE “A Repeating Alleluia”

Calvin Hampton



### THE SERMON *Please be seated.*

The Rev. Dr. Robert Black

Notes for Reflection

- Have you ever forgotten that you are God's beloved child?
- What makes you forget this? Remember this?
- How does the Church help your relationship with God?
- In what ways could the Church draw you closer to God's love?
- What role do other people play in your faith?

### THE NICENE CREED *Please stand.*

BCP, 358

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Please remain standing.*

*Deacon:* Consoled by the knowledge that the Good Shepherd gives his life for us, let us pray for the needs of our community, our church, and our world, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* The earliest Christian fellowship held all things in common, and no one was in need. May we recommit ourselves to hold the goods of this world in common and to work to eliminate hunger and homelessness. For this let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

When we share with one another, we participate in God's abundance. Inspire and strengthen us to serve those in need, and open ourselves to receiving the gifts of others. For this let us pray to the Lord; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Following the example of the shepherd who searched for the lost sheep, let us seek out the lost in our community and welcome all of God's children into our fellowship. For this let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Conscious of the Good Shepherd's voice, may we speak God's words of reconciliation and peace to all we meet, and may all in authority receive the joyful message of peace. For this let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We are called to give up our lives for others. Let us praise God for all in serving professions who work at low pay for the welfare of others. May we give our lives to those in our care. For this let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Trusting in God's goodness, we commend to God's healing grace all who are suffering, especially Merilee, Becky, Cam, Patricia, Mark, Patsy, and Fred, as to God's eternal light all those who have died. For this let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* God, in you we live and move and have our being. You seek us before we know your name and in love, you call us your children. Accept our prayers of joy in being found by you, for we pray in the name of Christ your Son and in the joy of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

God of grace and glory, you formed us in your image and mercifully restored us in Jesus Christ. In baptism, we were buried with Christ and rose to new life in him. Renew us in your Holy Spirit, that we may grow as members of Christ and temples of the Holy Spirit, and strengthen our union with all of Christ's Body. May we, whom you have counted worthy, nurture this gift of your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith and worship you with holy living; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THE PEACE *Please stand.*

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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated.*

### BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS *Prayed by all.*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Gifts to support the ministries of St. Luke's may be placed in the Offering Plate or at [www.SLS.church/give](http://www.SLS.church/give)*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal arr. Alice Parker

*Hark, I hear the harps eternal Ringing on the farther shore,  
As I near those swollen waters, With their deep and solemn roar.  
Hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM.  
And my soul though stained with sorrow, Fading as the light of day,  
Passes swiftly o'er those waters To the city far away.  
Souls have crossed before me, saintly, To that land of perfect rest;  
And I hear them singing faintly In the mansions of the blest.*

(Attributed to F. R. Warren; "Invitation," from Southern Harmony)

**DOXOLOGY: Hymn 193 Verse 5** *Please stand, sung by all.*

*Hymnal 1982*

*All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live;  
to God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.*

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A**

*BCP, 361*

*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 right, and a good and joyful thing...who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

**SANCTUS, S-125** *Sung by all.*

*Hymnal 1982*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*Please remain standing. The Celebrant continues...* therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
*Celebrant and People:* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**  
*The Celebrant continues...* in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*BCP, 364*

# FRACTION ANTHEM, S-154

*Sung by all.*

*Hymnal 1982*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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## COMMUNION HYMN #343 Shepherd of souls, refresh *Sung by all.*

*Hymnal 1982*

*The Holy Eucharist is central to our worship and identity, and we want all to be able to participate. Please see card at end of each pew for more information about how to receive Communion or a Prayer of Blessing.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand.*

*BCP, 366*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

## HYMN IN PROCESSION #399 To God with gladness sing *Sung by all.*

*Hymnal 1982*

## THE DISMISSAL

*BCP, 366*

*Deacon:* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## VOLUNTARY Carillon

Herbert Murrill

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Eucharist candles given by Holly Cormack in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Cormack, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Cormack, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Taylor

Office candles given by Holly Cormack in memory of her Godparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Gorrell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Cormack, and Maribelle Cormack

Sanctuary Lamp given by Dr. Richard Brownell in memory of Lorraine Brownell and in honor of Elizabeth

Brownell Duncan and Heather Elizabeth Duncan, and by Reg Boland in honor of people who are kind

## Altar Flowers

**Servers This Week:** *Ushers:* Bob Setzer, Andy Lund, Pennie Martin, Erik Lipscomb; *Greeter:* Pennie Martin; *Emergency Response:* Stephanie Phoenix, Ryan Poag; *Lectors:* Luke Hamaty, Ryan Poag; *Chalicians:* Chip Carter; *Intercessor:* Michelle Whitson; *Acolytes:* Grace Eppheimer, Nick Clement, Malachi Whitson, Rowen Black; *Verger:* Gary Thornburg; *Vestry Deposit:* Hank Newman, Jennifer McKinney; *Children's Church:* Kathy Gregg, John Cowan; *Nursery:* TBA

**Servers Next Week:** *Ushers:* Bob Setzer, Andy Lund, Pennie Martin, Erik Lipscomb; *Greeter:* Pennie Martin; *Emergency Response:* Stephanie Phoenix, Ryan Poag; *Lectors:* Luke Hamaty, Ryan Poag; *Chalicians:* Chip Carter; *Intercessor:* Michelle Whitson; *Acolytes:* Grace Eppheimer, Nick Clement, Malachi Whitson, Rowen Black; *Verger:* Gary Thornburg; *Vestry Deposit:* Hank Newman, Jennifer McKinney; *Children's Church:* Kathy Gregg, John Cowan; *Nursery:* TBA

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