



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Fort Collins, Colorado

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Prelude

Mairi Bhan Og

trad. Scottish

Ringing of the Bell

Processional

Christ ist erstanden

All stand at the ringing of the bell as you are able.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these"

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

The Kyrie Confession

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria *Said by all*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life.

**Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'**

The Collect of the Day

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 Lessons

Please be seated

1 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4

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.

Please stand as you are able

The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

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

Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among the disciples 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you Lord Christ**

Sermon

The Reverend Roger Butts

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

Lector: That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection we pray to God
Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter we pray to God
Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love we pray to God
Hear our prayer.

That God may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter we pray to God
Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world we pray to God

Hear our prayer.

That God may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, we pray especially for those on our parish prayer list (the prayer list is now read out loud).

Comfort and strengthen them we pray to God

Hear our prayer.

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day we pray to God

Hear our prayer.

That God may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, we pray to God

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements and Offering

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Timeless Love

Norman Warren

The Great Thanksgiving *Standing*

Celebrant and People:

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and

stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

People stand or kneel.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Luke and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

People: **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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Invitation

All who are worshipping are invited to receive communion together. You may come to the altar or receive from your pew. You may also receive a blessing from the altar.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Behold who you are, become what you receive.

Communion Music

Tucker

David Hurd

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: And now let us join together in the Post Communion prayer.

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

Life is short and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen**

Recessional

Hyfrydol

Rowland Hugh Prichard

The people turn as the procession passes in preparation to go, love and serve.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia Alleluia

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia Alleluia!**

Postlude

Voluntary

Ignite the Vision!

St. Luke's Retreat Day April 21st

One service and conversations in small groups about "Vision Goals" and future ministries at St. Luke's.

One Service at 9:30am followed by conversations, goal setting and lunch in small groups.

Childcare will be provided



**ST. LUKE'S
TALENT SHOW**



**April 14 at
Noon with
a Pizza
lunch!**

SUGGESTED DONATION \$5.00