

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Evanston
JUNE 1, 2025 AT 10:00 AM • YEAR C

The Feast of the Ascension

[TRANSFERRED]



Voluntary • *Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père (Majesty of Christ praying that His Father should glorify Him), from L'Ascension* • Olivier Messiaen

“Père, l’heure est venue, glorifie ton Fils, afin que ton Fils te glorifie.” (Jean 17:1)

“Father, the hour has come, glorify Thy Son, so Your Son may glorify Thee.” (John 17:1)

THE WORD OF GOD

[all stand, as able]

At the Procession

Introit • *O ye of Galilee...* • Healey Willan

[sung by the choir, stand as able]

O ye of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heav’n? Alleluia! This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ps. Oh, clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. Glory be...

Hymn 450 • *All hail the power of Jesus’ Name!* • Coronation

[sung by all]

Opening Acclamation

[remain standing, as able]

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: **The Lord is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Gloria • S 278 • Mathias

[remain standing, as able, sung by all]

The Collect of the Day

[remain standing, as able]

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen**

THE LESSONS

Acts 1:1-11

[please be seated]

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 47 • Omnes gentes, plaudite • Frederick A. G. Ouseley

[sung by the choir, remain seated]

*Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.
For the Lord Most High is to be feared;
he is the great King over all the earth.
He subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet.
He chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;*

*sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is King of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.
God reigns over the nations;
God sits upon his holy throne.
The nobles of the peoples have gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God,
and he is highly exalted.*

Alleluia • verse: Go and make disciples... • Tone IVe

[sung first by the Cantor, then by all]

Go and make disciples of all nations; I am with you always, to the close of the age



The Gospel • Luke 24:44-53

[remain standing, as able]

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "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. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Prayers of the People • Written by the Schmidt Family

[remain standing as able]

When Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, he showed us the promise of eternal life. Let us, like his disciples, believe in the immeasurable greatness of his power, praying, may we live with joy in our world.

We pray for our church leaders, that they may open all minds and hearts to understand the scriptures and to help us make them visible through our actions. **Let us pray, may we live with joy in our world.**

We pray for our local, state, and national government leaders. Help them to create policies and make decisions to care for our country and those who live in it. **Let us pray, may we live with joy in our world.**

We pray for those living in fear of gun violence and for those who have been injured or killed by guns. Give us courage to find solutions so that all may live in safety. **Let us pray, may we live with joy in our world.**

We thank you for the end of the school year, the coming of summer, and the delight of long, slow days. **Let us pray, may we live with joy in our world.**

Let us pray for the needs of others and for ourselves.

[Intercessions may be offered here. Intercessions from the community can be found on the prayer list at the back of the bulletin]

We remember those we know who have died and those who mourn . . .

[Intercessions may be offered here]

We ask you to bless the work of members of this community to care for others, especially...

With grateful hearts, we celebrate the blessings in our lives ...

[Intercessions may be offered.]

God, we thank you for the gift of your son Jesus who lived on earth before he ascended into heaven. Help us to know and understand your powerful love. **Amen.**

Homily and Commissioning of Ministries

[please be seated]

The Blessing of Graduates

[please remain seated]

The Peace

[remain standing, as able]

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

Response: **And also with you.**

The Welcoming of Newcomers

[please remain seated]

Vestry Member: I invite those who wish to live out their faith in this community. Please introduce yourselves.

[Each newcomer states their name].

Priest: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Newcomers: I do.

Vestry Member: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God, and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world through the giving of your time, your talent, and your treasure?

Newcomers: I do.

Priest: Will you do all in your power to support these people in living out their faith in Christ in this community?

People: We will.

Priest: Will you struggle, listen, grow, laugh, and cry with them?

People: We will.

Priest: Let us commit ourselves to one another and to Christ in the words of the Apostles Creed.

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
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. Amen.**

Priest: Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. May your hand be over your servants who have made a promise to be part of St. Luke's here today. Embolden them with your Holy Spirit. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Vestry Member: Let us, the members of St. Luke's, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

All: **We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witness of our risen Savior.**

We rejoice in our pilgrimages of faith which have brought us to this time and place. We give thanks for each community of faith that has been one of our spiritual homes in the past. We celebrate one another's presence in this household of faith.

Vestry Member: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of St. Luke's Church, we welcome you into the company of this congregation.

Announcements

[please be seated]

Offertory Sentence

THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Offertory

Anthem • *Come, Holy Spirit*

[sung by the St. Cecilia Singers]

Anthem • *Jubilate Deo* • Benjamin Britten

[sung by choir]

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands :
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.*
- 2 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God :
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*
- 3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise :
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.*

*4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
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 Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer A

[stand as able]

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.**

The Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus • S 128 • Mathias

[sung by all, remain standing as able]

The Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer • S 148 • Harm. by Mark Howe

[sung by all]

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Agnus Dei • S165 • Mathias

[sung by all]

DURING COMMUNION

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often, and you who have not been here for a long time or ever before; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.

- THE IONA INVITATION

Communion Anthem • Abendlied (Bleib bei uns) • Josef Rheinberger

[please be seated]

Bide with us, for evening shadows darken, and the day will soon be over.

Communion Hymn 315 • Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray • Song I

[stand as able]

The Post Communion Prayer

[spoken by all, remain standing, as able]

**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 and these gifts 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 for Ascension Day

[stand as able]

May the risen Christ who has passed into the heavens clothe you with power from on high; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 209 • *We walk by faith, and not by sight* • St. Botolph

[sung by all, stand as able]

Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

Voluntary • *Prière du Christ montant vers son Père (Prayer from Christ ascending towards His Father), from L'Ascension* • Olivier Messiaen

“Père, j’ai manifesté ton nom aux hommes... Voilà que je ne suis plus dans le monde; mais eux sont dans le monde et moi je vais à toi...”

(Prière sacerdotale du Christ, évangile selon Saint Jean)

“Father, I have made your name known to the men... I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.”

(Priestly prayer of Christ, Gospel according to Saint John)

THOSE PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant and Preacher	The Reverend Kathryn Banakis
Deacon	The Reverend Rick Incorvati
Acolytes, Crucifer, and Sanctus Bell Ringer	Sonia Loos Logan, Evan Janus, Chris Roberts, Jasmin Rodriguez, David Nix, Billy Cunningham
Altar Guild	Debora de Hoyos, Rich Winship
Communion Assistants	Bill McGaghie, Anne McIntosh
Communion Bread Bakers	Clyfford Young
Healing Ministers	Juanita Dugdale, Martha Meyer
Greeters	Peggy Newton, Rosemary Bayzer
Lectors	Kathleen Murphy
Intercessors	Birch Burghardt
Flowers	In honor of those who have died of gun violence and those who loved them.
Musicians	The Choir of St. Luke's Church; Andrew Lewis, Director of Music and Choirmaster; Meg Cutting, Organist; St. Cecilia Singers.
Audio Visual	Pedja Kovacevic, Steve Ruckdaeschel
Bulletins and Proofreading	Laura Torres, Julie Kaufman

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

*Please include the following people and concerns in your prayers
during worship this day and throughout the week.*

For the concerns of our hearts:

Rosemary Harp, *St. Luke's parishioner who is ill*; Barbara Skalinder, *St. Luke's parishioner who is ill*; Erin Stich, *who has an aggressive, metastasized breast cancer*; The Rev. Larry Handwerk, *former rector at St. Luke's, who is ill*; Molly Symmonds, *for the family of her friend, Daniel, as they grieve Daniel's recent death*; LeAnn Gannon, *for her friend, Fletcher Banner, adjusting to life as a widower*; LeAnn Gannon, *for her daughter, Julianne, for health problems*; Newland Smith, *for his wife Martha, for her ongoing cardiac issues*; Newland Smith, *for an end to the starvation of two million civilians in Gaza*; Jackie Grygotis, *for her brother Norman Hickey, who is managing advanced cancer*; Julie and Beth, *for their friends Dean and Sarah, who are dealing with serious medical concerns*; Kat, *for her friend Rachel, who received a recent breast cancer diagnosis*.

Aaron Scully, Ben Pileski, Samuel Kite, Trey Hart, and Will O'Brien *who are serving in the military*; our Armed Forces Chaplains, *and all who work for peace and security*.

For those who have died and those who mourn:

Anniversaries of the departed in June: Irving Lauf, Marcia Lauf, John Pemberton, Jerome West, Allen Strehlow, Alice Stevenson DeWitt, Donald Webb, Gerard Ziffer, Roy Hanson, Anita Babcock, Corrie Stribling, Daniel Callahan, Henry Mihran leVon, Helen Tuttle, Thomas Lawrence Agabiti, Grace S. Ellis, Emily Lodine Overgaard, Doug Paige, Adrienne Atkins, Theresa Danielson, Dorothy Hann, Florence Poole, Hazel Barnes, Fred Glover II, James Timothy, Imke Schulteman, Cynthia Corky Tuttle, James Timothy, Elizabeth Coleman, Selma Waggoner, Helen Scott, Dorothy Harris, Paul Valentine Strehlow III, Dorothy Hauworth, Robert Fox, Helen Fleischer.

Recently departed: Karel Paukert, *former organist and choirmaster at St. Luke's*; Daina Lewis, *sister-in-law of Andy Lewis*; Bob Bates, *friend of John and Bette Cochran*; Claudette Cauty, *mother-in-law of Molly Symmonds*.

Local gun violence fatalities reported in the last four weeks: Eric McArthur, *39 years old*; Tzaddi Cox, *35 years old*; Allante Harrison, *24 years old*; Maria Izquierdo, *38 years old*; Alfonso Wright, *47 years old*; Keith Harding, *58 years old*; Mario Jaime, *35 years old*; David Johnson, *38 years old*; Elzie Johnson, *19 years old*; Byron Cannon, *32 years old*; Tajanae Stephens, *22 years old*; Ra'Chaun Vance, *31 years old*; Derrell Givens, *28 years old*; Rodrigo Vazquez Torres, *36 years old*; Angelo Seabrook, *40 years old*; Deonte Thrasher, *30 years old*; Pierre Lavelle Moore, *20 years old*; Jose Castillo, *21 years old*; Donnell L. Patton, *40 years old*; Troy Andre Morris Jr., *25 years old*; Akaysha Miller, *19 years old*; Mileena Brown, *20 years old*; Syruus Box, *15 years old*; Gerson Rivas Diaz, *24 years old*; Dexter Williams, *38 years old*; Monte Potts, *34 years old*; Freddy Roberto Pena-Busto, *64 years old*; Lamarr Barber, *42 years old*; Jacques Williams, *45 years old*; Joaquin Trujillo, *35 years old*; Anthony K. Harvey, *42 years old*; Cordell L. Avant, *38 years old*.

Partner organizations in the care of others:

Moveable Feast, ReVive Center, United Power, Seraj Library Project, Interfaith Action of Evanston.

For the joys and blessings in our lives:

Carly and Brickey LeQuire, *for the birth of Augustus Oliver LeQuire*; Louie Rhodes Garza, *for his upcoming baptism*; Shannon Page, *for her ordination to the transitional diaconate*; Henry Bays, *attending the University of Michigan*; Leo Brock, *attending Davidson College*; Jerry Davids, *attending North Park College*; Milos Mrvaljevic, *attending the Cleveland Institute of Music*; Spencer Roan, *attending the University of Vermont*; Maddie Schwendener, *attending Grinnell College*; and Shalizeh Takloo-Bighash, *attending St. Olaf College*.

Newcomers we welcome into St. Luke's today: Jamie, Louie, and Tina Garza; Tim Heuer; Kevin Palmer and Frank Schneider; Gretchen George; Leslie Grayson; Alan Hooker; Red and Louise Sullivan; Jason, Chloe, Miles, and Marshall Kang; Rich Meliska.

June Birthdays: William Reed, Lucas Karabatsos, Amanda Loos Logan, Casey Christensen, Perry Sartori, Barb Leebens-Osilaja, Derek Settle, Sonia Loos Logan,

Hannah Foote, Grace Carlson-Lund, Callan Espinal, Henry Bays, Jeannette DeFriest, Nicholas Giacobbe, Monique Wartell, Richard Foote, Bill McGaghie.

June Anniversaries: John and Silvija Danielson; Rebecca Strehlow and B. Jane Young; Reenie and John Ruckdaeschel; Karen and Terry Spina.

Cycles of Prayer:

The Episcopal Church, for our companion dioceses of Renk in the Sudan and of Southeastern Mexico; The Anglican Church of Korea; for Sean our Presiding Bishop; for Paula, our Bishop; for Kat our Rector; Garth and Rick our Deacons; and for all members of St. Luke's.

For President Donald; our Senators Richard and Tammy, and Governor J.B.; our Representatives in Congress, including Jan, Delia, Mike, and Bill; and all leaders and policymakers.

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