

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Evanston

JUNE 2, 2024 AT 10:00 AM • YEAR B

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

PROPER 4

Voluntary • Prelude on *East Acklam*

Francis Jackson

THE WORD OF GOD

[all stand, as able]

At the Procession

Introit • “O Lord, I have trusted in Thy mercy...” Healey Willan

[sung by the choir]

O Lord, I have trusted in Thy mercy: my heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation. I will sing unto the Lord: because He hath dealt bountifully with me. Ps. How long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord? How long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me? Glory be...

Hymn • “The Kingdom of Heaven”

To God Be the Glory

[sung by all, see next page, remain standing as able]

Opening Acclamation

[remain standing, as able]

Priest: Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People: **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

[remain standing, as able]

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn • “The Kingdom of Heaven”

To God Be the Glory

1 The king - dom of heav - en is like a small seed, which plant-ed in
 2 The king - dom of heav-en's like yeast for the bread; the small-est a -
 3 The king - dom of heav - en, God's glo - ri - ous dream with - in us, a -

dark - ness be - comes a great tree, It grows ev - er tall - er its
 mount and then all shall be fed. Mere flour and wa - ter take
 round us, it's here to be seen. In small acts of kind-ness in

branch - es reach wide the birds of the air find their shel - ter in - side.
 on a new form and call us to ta - ble where we are trans - formed.
 great feats of faith the king - dom of heav - en breaks forth in this place.

Refrain

It is near! It is near! Christ bids us to see. It is near! It is

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near! Turn a - round and be - lieve. By love we are wel-comed by
 love we are called. The king-dom of heav-en is good news for all.

THE LESSONS

Isaiah 51:1-6

[please be seated]

“Listen to me, all you that pursue righteousness, all you that seek the AUTHOR OF LIFE.
 Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who writhed-in-labor for you all;
 he was just one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

For the GOD WHO SAVES has comforted Zion; she has comforted all her waste places.
 And she shall make her wilderness like Eden,
 her desert like the garden of the CREATOR OF ALL;
 joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of song.
 [Sorrow and mourning will flee away.]

Listen to me, my people, and my nation, to me give heed; for a teaching shall from me go forth,
 and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will do so suddenly.

My deliverance is near, my salvation has gone forth and my arms will govern the peoples;
 for me the coastlands wait, and for my arm they await.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look to the earth below.
 For the heavens like smoke will vanish, the earth like a garment will wear out,
 and those who live on it will die like gnats; yet my salvation will be forever,
 and my deliverance will never be broken.”

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

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 92:1-5, 12-15 • Bonum est confiteri Freyja Ragnarsson [sung by the choir, remain seated]

¹ It is good to give thanks to the AGELESS GOD, to sing praises to your name, Most High;
² To declare your faithful love in the morning, and your trustworthiness by night,
³ upon the ten strings and the harp; upon the murmurings of the lyre.
⁴ For you have made me glad, WELLSPRING OF LIFE, by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.
⁵ How great are your works, WOMB OF CREATION! Your designs are so very profound.
¹² A righteous woman or man flourishes like a palm tree, and grows like a cedar in Lebanon.
¹³ They are planted in the house of SHE WHO IS HOLY; in the courts of our God, they flourish.
¹⁴ Still producing fruit in their elder years; fat with sap and ever green.
¹⁵ They declare that the MIGHT GOD is upright; she is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in her.

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

[remain seated]

Now sisters and brothers [or friends and kin]. I could not speak to you all as spiritual, but rather as carnal, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still carnal. Given there is still jealousy and discord among you, are you not carnal, and going around as mere human? For when one says, “I am Paul’s,” and another, “I am Apollos,” are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Ministers through whom you came to believe, as the Messiah granted to each person. I planted, Apollos watered, but God produces growth. The one who plants and the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters are alike, and each will receive wages according to the labor. For we are God’s coworkers, working together; you are God’s cultivation, God’s construction.

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Sequence Hymn 631, Verse 2 • “Thank we those who toiled in thought”

Liebster Jesu

[sung by all, stand as able]

The Gospel • Mark 4:30-34

[remain standing, as able]

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

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

Jesus also said, [to the women and men around him]. “With what can we represent the realm of God, or in what parable shall we put it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the earth, is smaller than all the other seeds on earth. Yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes bigger than all other shrubs, and produces large branches, so that the birds of the heavens can nest in its shade.” Now with many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear. And Jesus did not speak to them except in parables, however, privately he explained everything to his disciples.

Deacon: The Gospel of our Savior.

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

Prayers of the People • Sundays and Seasons

[remain standing as able]

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

God of wholeness, we pray for believers all over the globe. Unify us in service of the gospel, that we may work together as beloved siblings to share your love with all.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the cosmos, we pray for creation; the gardens, waterways and creatures near to us and diverse forms of life that remain unseen. Teach us to treat the natural world with reverence, seeking restoration when human divisions have caused harm to your beloved creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all people, we pray for harmony among the nations. Cast out from us unclean spirits of greed and fear, that we may work in solidarity with one another for the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of abundance, we pray for those who are oppressed or in any need. Encourage those who have begun to lose heart. Strengthen and renew us with your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of righteousness, we pray for this holy house of worship. Set our gaze upon things eternal, that in *thanksgiving* for your mercy, we may extend grace to more and more people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

We remember those we know who are sick or in need . . .

[Intercessions may be offered here.]

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 this week for . . .

and with grateful hearts, we celebrate the blessings in our lives . . .

[Intercessions may be offered here.]

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

The Homily & Commissionings • The Reverend Kathryn Banakis and Warden Amy Skalinder

[please be seated]

The Welcoming of Newcomers

[please remain seated]

Erin Bugajski, Robert, Caroline, Billy, and Baird Cunningham,
Joshua Kramer, Sam Rivi, Jasmin Rodriguez, Elaine Theiss, Jeanie Young

Vestry

Member: I invite forward 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.

The Blessing of Graduates

[please remain seated]

The Peace

[stand, as able]

Priest: The peace of Christ be always with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Announcements

[please be seated]

Offertory Sentence

THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Offertory

Anthem • *Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauren* Johannes Brahms

[sung by choir]

Do not be sorrowful or regretful; Be calm, as God has ordained, and thus my will shall be content. What do you want to worry about from day to day? There is One who stands above all who gives you, too, what is yours. Only be steadfast in all you do, stand firm; what God has decided, that is and must be the best. 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 proceeds:

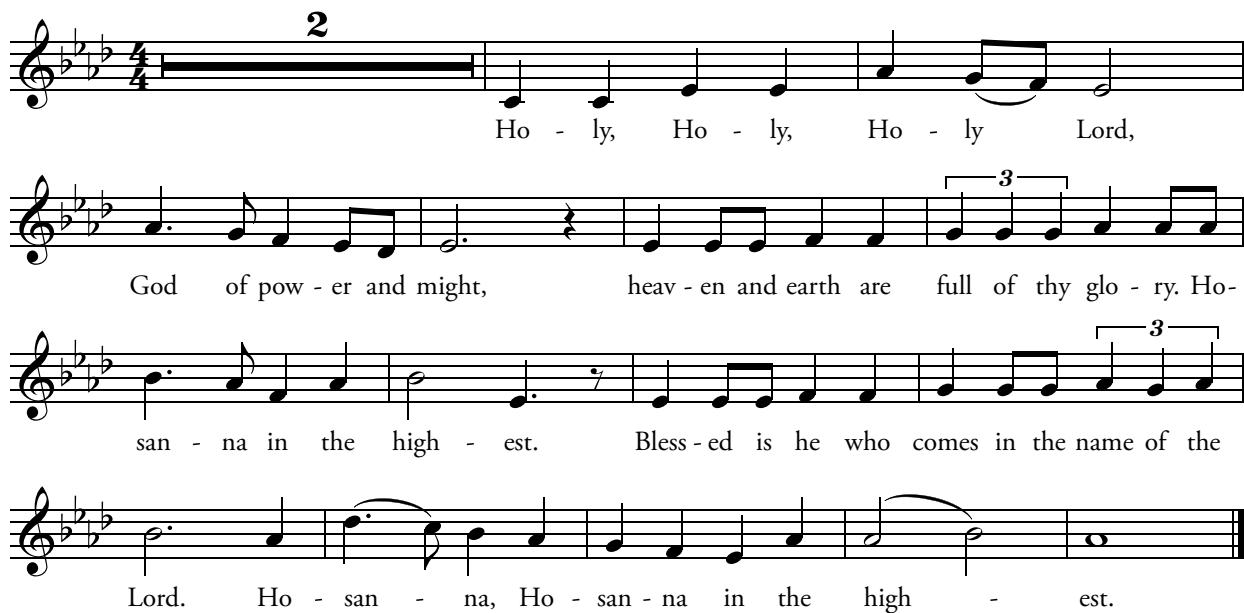
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 Mary Beth Bennett

[sung by all, remain standing as able]



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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,

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God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Ho-

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san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues:

[remain standing, as able]

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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 Melissa Dunphy

[sung by all]

Cantor

Congregation

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world. Have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world. Have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world. Grant us your peace.

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

Anthem • *O sacrum convivium* Gabriel Jackson

[sung by the choir]

O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received; the memorial of his passion is renewed; the soul is filled with grace; and a pledge of future glory is given to us. Alleluia.

Hymn 424 • “For the fruit of all creation” East Acklam

[sung by all, stand as able]

The Post Communion Prayer

[spoken by all, remain standing, as able]

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of 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 Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

[stand as able]

Hymn 432 • “O praise ye the Lord!” *Laudate Dominum*

[sung by all, stand as able]

Dismissal

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

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary • Toccata from “Fantasia on a Theme by Gustav Holst”

Aaron David Miller

Today's service uses the Episcopal Church's authorized expansive-language for the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two. Today's readings are from *The Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Year B* by Wilda C. Gafney.

THOSE PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Kathryn Banakis
Deacon:	The Reverend Rick Incorvati
Acolytes:	William Reed, Sonia Loos Logan, Steve Logan
Lector:	Beth Wright
Intercessor:	Chris Chroniak
Sanctus Bell Ringer:	VG Hartt, Evelyn Hartt
Communion Distribution:	Kathleen Murphy, Tim Rogus
Communion Bread Baker:	Ted Adams
Healing Ministers:	Birch Burghardt, Fran Sweeney
Altar Guild:	Cheryl Souder
Greeters:	Rosemary Bayzer, Doug Doetsch
Music:	The St. Luke's Choir, Andrew Lewis, Director of Music and Choirmaster Peter Morey, Associate Director of Music and Organist Annamarie Collins & Zachary Guo, Organ Scholars

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

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

Cycle of Prayer: Today we pray for The Most Rev. Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury; and for our companion dioceses of Renk in the Sudan and of Southeastern Mexico.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Paula, our Bishop; and for all members of St. Luke's.

For our President Joseph and all leaders and policymakers.

For those who are ill and those who care for them: Grace Carlson Lund, Paula Harbage, Linda Davie, Andrew Taylor and Logan Taylor, *grandsons of Linda and Alastair Davie*, Brigitte Saupe, *mother of Anja Roberts*, Rosemary Harp, Ruby, *mother of Julie Kaufman*, Martha Smith, *wife of Newland Smith*, Susan Hemeren, Jake Blain, Kevin Sullivan, *friend of Linda Davie*, Oretha Kollie, *friend of David and Penny Lukens*, Casey Christensen, Jim Flagler, Mary Barbara, *mother of Barbara Mahany*, Diane Todd, Lucy and Marcus Rogers, Judy McCabe, *cousin of Gloria Hopewell*, David Reed, *friend of Gloria Hopewell*, John Storey Williamson, Julian, Patricia Jones, *mother of Kathleen O'Connor*, Doug Paige, Martha Sutton, Dana, *friend of Jim McPherson*, Quill, Callie, and Cory, *family of LeAnn Gannon*.

For those serving in the military: Aaron Scully, Anna Graettinger, Ben Pileski, Samuel Kite, Trey Hart, and our Armed Forces Chaplains, Will O'Brien, the Officers, Crew, and families of the USS Mason and the USS Carney.

For those in our area who were reported as gun violence fatalities in the last four weeks: Dontius Wilson, *18 years old*, Imanni Miliam, *21 years old*, Jesus Arce, *29 years old*, Jamyah Triplett, *20 years old*, Luis Huesca, *30 years old*, Darnell Shanks, *19 years old*, Everette Cresswell, *54 years old*, Victor Mejia, *27 years old*, Dewayne Bolden, *51 years old*, Eric White, *21 years old*, Malik Washington, *24 years old*, Tetorsha Williams, *27 years old*, Michael Flagg, *39 years old*, Khalil Dunbar, *22 years old*, Jannica Evans, *42 years old*, Matthew Tennent, *19 years old*, Jeremiah Doyle, *17 years old*, Ariana Molins, *8 years old*, Jaime Serrano, *21 years old*, Kamarian Jones, *19 years old*, Rodney James, *39 years old*, Jacquez Harris, *28 years old*, Reign Ware, *5 years old*, Jacob Logan, *23 years old*, Ronald Williams, *43 years old*.

Anniversaries of the departed: John Pemberton, Jerome West, Allen Strehlow, Alice Stevenson DeWitt, Donald Webb, Gerard Ziffer, Roy Hanson.

Birthdays: Cecilia Lowman, Amanda Loos Logan, Lucas Karabatsos.

Anniversaries: Silvija and John Danielson

Thanksgiving for Mission Ministries: Moveable Feast, ReVive Center, United Power, Seraj Library Project, Interfaith Action of Evanston.