



SAINT LUKE'S PARISH
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THE FEAST OF SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST | CONSECRATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 18, 2020

5:00 P.M. COME AS YOU ARE EUCHARIST

PREACHER: *The Reverend Terence L. Elsberry*

CELEBRANT: *The Reverend Ryan C. Fleenor*

PRELUDE "SURRENDER"

RECTOR'S GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

"GOODNESS OF GOD"

I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never failed me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

CHORUS:

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
And in darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God, yeah!

CHORUS

'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me, oh-oh
'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running after, it keeps running after me

CHORUS

I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing
'Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God (x2)

Welcome to visitors and members alike. Our church's motto is: "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You" and we hope you find this a most hospitable place to worship, to grow, and to be.

The order for our service is from the **Book of Common Prayer**. The order is called the liturgy, which means "work of the people." It is responsive and participatory because your contribution to worship is what truly makes us a worshipping community.

"Goodness of God"
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The Lectionary: The choice of readings comes from the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle of readings covering the whole Bible that we share with other major Christian denominations.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-7a

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

"LORD OF LORDS"

Beholding Your beauty
Is all that I long for
To worship You Jesus
Is my soul's desire
For this very heart
You have shaped for Your pleasure
Purposed to lift Your name higher

[Chorus 1:]
Now unto the Lamb
Who sits on the throne
Be glory and honor and praise
All of creation resounds with the song
Worship and praise Him
The Lord of lords

Here in surrender
In pure adoration
I enter Your courts
With an offering of praise
I am Your servant
Come to bring You glory
As is fit for the work of Your hands

Spirit now living
And dwelling within me
Keep my eyes fixed
Ever on Jesus' face
Let not the things of this world
Ever sway me
I'll run 'til I finish the race

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The Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

There is always a **Gospel** reading and it is proclaimed by the deacon or priest from among the people. The gospel is the story of Jesus Christ among us, but it is also our story, the good news of our faith.

“BETTER”

All the money that the world could hold
Mountains made of solid gold
Riches that could buy my dreams
You are better than all these things

The prettiest face to turn their eyes
Beauty that could hypnotize
The open doors that looks may bring
You are better than all these things

Your love is better than life
You are the well that won't run dry
I have tasted and I have seen
Oh, You are better than all these things

Power that could shake the moon
Most important one in every room
Status matched by only kings
You are better than all these things

Your love is better than life
You are the well that won't run dry
I have tasted and I have seen
You are better than all these things
Oh, Your love is better than life
You are the well that won't run dry
I have tasted and I have seen
You are better than all these things

Being liked and loved by everyone
Approval that outshines the sun
Cheered by all who think of me
You are better than all these things (x2)

You are better, oh, You're better
I have tasted and I have seen
You are better than all these things
Oh, Your love is better than life
You are the well that never runs dry
I have tasted and I have seen
You are better than all these things
You are better than all these things

Oh, I know You are better than all these things
I know You are better than all these things
I know You are better than all these things
You are better than I can imagine

Better than I can imagine, over, above what I seek
Better than I can imagine, Your love for me
Better than I can imagine, over, above what I seek in life
You are better than all these things
Woah, I know You are better than all these things
Woah, I know You are better than all these things
Better than I can imagine

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR A CHURCH

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Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol, *We thank you, Lord.*

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name, *We thank you, Lord.*

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God, *We thank you, Lord.*

For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life. *We thank you, Lord.*

For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it, *We thank you, Lord.*

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us, *We thank you, Lord.*

For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people, *We thank you, Lord.*

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness, *We thank you, Lord.*

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance, *We thank you, Lord.*

For the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Luke, our patron, and of all your Saints, *We thank you, Lord.*

Lord, we pray for our own needs and those of others.

Your prayers are invited, aloud or silently. The Celebrant concludes with the following Doxology,

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty;
For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;
And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Offertory, we gratefully offer back to God a portion of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. To make a gift today, please either visit www.saintlukesdarien.org/give or scan the QR code below with your phone.

Thank you for your generosity.

Rooted in an awareness of God's love and forgiveness, we honestly confess that we have sinned (which comes from a Greek word meaning "missed the target") in thought, word and deed. The Celebrant pronounces the forgiveness of sins in Christ's name, and having been reconciled with God and one another, we exchange the Peace.

The Peace has been exchanged at the Eucharist since the time of the Apostles. It is both the proper response to the Word, and our expression of reconciliation with one another before we come to the altar to be reconciled with God.



OFFERTORY “HE’S ALWAYS BEEN FAITHFUL”

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

All stand.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because in the obedience of your saints you have given us an example of righteousness, and in their eternal joy a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s

The **Offertory** is where we bring our gifts of bread, wine, money, and our very selves to present to the Lord as our initial act of Thanksgiving, which is what Eucharist means.

For Episcopalians, the **Eucharist**, rather than the sermon, is the principle act of Christian worship. The Eucharistic prayer always entails a full proclamation of the heart of the Gospel.

Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of all your children, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Luke, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!
The Gifts of God for the people of God.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

In union, dear God, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my self, my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I tie myself to you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live, now and forever, in your love. Amen.

“COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING”

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it; mount of thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer hither by thy help I'm come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me as a stranger wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger interposed his precious blood

[Refrain]

Living water, pour out on us
Holy Spirit, heal our hearts
Living water, pour out on us
Holy Spirit, make us new

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

[Refrain]

The **Lord's Prayer** is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. It is a form on which we can model our prayers.

The Eucharist, or **Communion**, is reminiscent of the Passover meal that Jesus shared with his disciples before his death. Now he shares it with us and invites all of us to share symbolically in his life, death, and resurrection, through it. It should remind us that we are Christ's body in our time.

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

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE MUSIC

You will be dismissed by ushers. For your health and safety, please abide by Saint Luke's guidelines by maintaining physical distancing and wearing a mask while on the church campus.

Welcome to Saint Luke's!

We are a vibrant community of faith that welcomes everyone—regardless of where you are on your faith journey—to hear God's word, to be fed at God's table, and to experience the love of community, so that you will be strengthened to serve God in the world.

To begin receiving our weekly e-newsletter, join our mailing list by visiting www.saintlukesdarien.org. To learn more about getting more involved or becoming a member of Saint Luke's Parish, please contact Cindy Scam in the Parish Offices.

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We thank the band for their leadership in our worship service.

Vocals, Violin:	Anna Jacobson
Guitar, Vocals:	Tod Baharian
Piano, Vocals:	Bob Leinbach
Lay Readers:	Laura Wilcock Finn Berger

The Post-Communion Prayer concludes the Eucharist. In it we always say “thank you” to God for the gift of Christ, the Spirit, and the community of the Church.

One of the roles of the priest is to declare the eternal truth of God's ever-present **blessing** to God's people.

The **Dismissal** is an important part of the service. Having heard the gospel and been served at the table of Christ, we are sent out into the world to proclaim the good news and be Christ's hands and feet on earth.

Parish Intercessions

We encourage parishioners to pray throughout the week for these members of our parish family:

For those who are ill: Sheila, Janetta, Robert, Stephen, Mary, Dave, Jim, Jessica, Lilia, Lois, Karen, Verna, Rose, Joan, Peter, Caroline, Andrea, Jeff, Deedee, Martha, Susan, and Ginny

For those with special needs: Allison, Aldin, the Singh family, Zeke, Simon, Cara, and Elizabeth

If you or someone you know is in need....

If you or someone you know is facing an illness, hospitalization, death in the family or any other stressful life situation, please consider a visit or call from one of our clergy or trained lay volunteers. Please call the parish office at 203.655.1456. We can also place your name on the list of people who receive prayers during our worship service.



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Welcome to *Come as You Are* at Saint Luke's. We're delighted you're with us. Please take a minute to fill out this contact form so that we can get to know you, and further connect you to Saint Luke's.

At the time of the Offering, please tear this section away from the Service bulletin and place it in the collection plate, and a clergy or parishioner will contact you during the week.

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