



SAINT LUKE'S PARISH
1864 Post Road, Darien, Connecticut 06820

THE FEAST OF SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST | CONSECRATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 18, 2020

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

PREACHER: *The Reverend Terence L. Elsberry*

CELEBRANT: *The Reverend Ryan C. Fleenor*

The Tower Bells

Please stand as the clergy and worship leaders enter.

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name: through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Please be seated.

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.

The Psalm: 147:1-7

Spoken in unison.

1 Hallelujah!

***How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!***

***2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.***

***3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.***

***4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.***

***5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.***

***6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.***

***7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.***

The Second Lesson

2 Timothy 4:5-13

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 552

Please meditate on the text and music while refraining from singing with the soloist.

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine
*3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy Guide; his bound - less
*4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chan - geth

strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and
eyes and seek his face; life with its way be -
mer - cy will pro - vide; trust, and thy trust - ing
not, and thou art dear; on - ly be - lieve, and

it shall be thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
fore us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.
thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

Text: John Monsell (1811—1875)
Music: Pentecost, William Boyd (1847—1928)

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.

The Sermon

The Reverend Terence L. Elsberry

The Nicene Creed

Said by all, standing.

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

A Litany of Thanksgiving for a Church

BCP, 578-579

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.

The Celebrant stands and says,

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.***

Maintaining proper physical distancing, we greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Welcome and 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, scan the QR code below with your phone, or drop an offering in the designated boxes this morning. Thank you for your generosity.



The Offertory Anthem

“Deep River”
Joe Chappel, *baritone*

arr. Moses Hogan

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand.

Enriching Our Worship 1

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:

***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.***

Please remain standing.

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 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 taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

***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.

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.

Silence is kept.

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

May the angels of God watch over you. May Mary, Luke, and all the saints pray for you. May the holy and undivided Trinity sustain you, guide you, and give you joy. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Tower Bells

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.

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Katharine Urban Peterkin and DeWitt Peterkin, Jr., by the Peterkin family; and in loving memory of Sidney Phillips Morse by her children.

We are thankful for everyone serving at today's service; especially today's Lay Readers, Altar Guild, Flower Guild, and Ushers.

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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(203) 655.1456.

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, Susan, Ginny, and Martha

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

CLERGY AND PROGRAM STAFF

The Reverend Ryan C. Fleenor, *Rector*

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