



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

FEAST OF DEDICATION | KICKOFF SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020
5:00 P.M. COME AS YOU ARE EUCHARIST

PREACHER: *The Reverend Ryan C. Fleenor*
CELEBRANT: *The Reverend Susan C. Wyper*

PRELUDE "DON'T GROW WEARY"

RECTOR'S GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

"THE STAND"

You stood before creation
Eternity in Your hand
You spoke the earth into motion
My soul now to stand

You stood before my failure
And carried the cross for my shame
My sin weighed upon Your shoulders
My soul now to stand

[CHORUS]:
So what can I say?
And what can I do?
But offer this heart, Oh God
Completely to You?

So I'll walk upon salvation
Your spirit alive in me
This life to declare your promise
My soul now to stand

[CHORUS]

I'll stand
With arms high and heart abandoned
In awe of the One who gave it all
I'll stand
My soul, Lord, to You surrendered
All I am is Yours

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

I Peter 2:1-5, 9-10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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.

"The Stand"
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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.

“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

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

[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

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

[Chorus 2:]
Now unto the Lamb
Who sits on the throne
Be glory and honor and praise
All of eternity echoes the song
Worship and praise Him
The Lord of lords

Holy Lord
You are holy
Jesus Christ
Is the Lord
(x3)

[Chorus 3:]
Now unto the Lamb
Who sits on the throne
Be glory and honor and praise
Call all the saints to join in the song
Worship and praise Him
The Lord of lords

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The Gospel

Matthew 21:12-16

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer’; but you are making it a den of robbers.”

The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became angry and said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read,

‘Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?’”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Ryan C. Fleenor

“PRAISE THE FATHER, PRAISE THE SON”

O sov'reign God, O matchless King
The saints adore, the angels sing
And fall before the throne of grace
To You belongs the highest praise

These sufferings, this passing tide
Under Your wings I will abide
And every enemy shall flee
You are my hope and victory

Chorus:

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, Three in One
Clothed in power and in grace
The name above all other names

To the valley, for my soul
Thy great descent has made me whole
Your word my heart has welcomed home
Now peace like water ever flows

Chorus

Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever
(x2)

Chorus

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.

“Praise the Father, Praise
the Son”
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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.



OFFERTORY “CHRIST IS ENOUGH”

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. Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest; in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before you a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in your sight. 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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

“BETTER IS ONE DAY”

How lovely is Your dwelling place, Oh, Lord Almighty
For my soul longs, and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Better is One day in Your courts
Better is One day in Your house
Better is One day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere

Better is One day in Your courts
Better is One day in Your house
Better is One day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
Than thousands elsewhere

One thing I ask, and I would seek, to see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells (x2)

My heart and flesh cry out for You the Living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You, to You

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

Like living stones, precious in God's sight, may you be built up into a temple of Christ's presence and a sign of Christ's peace in the world. 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.

POSTLUDE MUSIC

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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.

***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
	Pat Cage

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, Darunee, Jim, Jessica, Lilia, Lois, Nick, Rose, Joan, Peter, Liz, Caroline, Arian, John, Clark Winter, and Tom.

For those with special needs: Mark, Allison, Aldin, Ann, the Singh family, Roland and Ruth, Zeke, Simon, Nia, and Jack.

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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