



The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

The Steeple



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Uncertainty

One of the hallmarks of this time of Covid-19 Virus isolation is a deep uncertainty for what comes next. One wonders if anything will return to what was previously considered 'normal' or if our new 'normal' will be stranger than fiction.

I hear two opinions cycling on the news and in personal conversations. One opinion asserts the world is doomed, Revelation is upon us, our systems will crash, with food, medicine and financial scarcity becoming a new way of life. Dog eat dog and survival of the fittest. The other view insists this pandemic is bringing out the best in people. There will spring up a new appreciation for those who have worked to keep us all fed, nursed and clean. New ways of being human will take hold and the world will come out better in the future.

My opinion wavers between these two polls. When I listen to the national news, I shake my head in frustration. When I listen to PBS (yup, I want more details in my daily briefings, without all the adverts for the latest drugs), I feel more hopeful. Not that the news is different really, the facts are the facts, its just that the *tone* is nicer. To give them credit many of the National News Orgs do try to end with one uplifting story.

So, what are we to do, when forced to stay inside our wonderfully comfortable homes, well entertained and fed, but bored out of our minds? Let me quote from The Lord of the Rings, a long saga written around or after WWII by J.R.R. Tolkien. (Frodo, the Hobbit is speaking to Gandalf, the Wizard.)

"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo.

"So do I," said Gandalf, 'and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."

What will each of us do *'with the time that is given us?'*

Will we curse and gnash our teeth, looking for someone to blame? Or when we hear of the deaths: of the old and the young, the poor to a higher degree, the brown, the red and the males, will we gasp and say, *Oh God, please have mercy?* Will we sew masks as some have? Will we go to our local hospital emergency doors and cheer at 7:00 pm. Or as in Denver and Missoula at the 'Howling Hour' of 8:00 pm go out and howl like wolves at the moon, joining our voices together? Actually, in Oklahoma we should sing like coyotes.

This IS an uncertain time. But if we take one step at a time, one prayer at a time, One breath of the Spirit, all will be good. We are not alone.



St. Luke's Episcopal Church Senior 2020

Ruth Todd

St. Luke's Memory: Making up a song about God and singing it at the 10:30 AM service when I was 9.

Future Plans: Attend Kansas State University, tryout for the Kansas State Marching Band, and major in Biology



God, You're a fish - y in the sea.



God, You're a bird that flies free.



God, You're in my lit - tle pup - py.



God, You're in me and ev'-ry-thing I see.



St. Luke's



Nick Olsen

Senior 2020

Nick Olsen has been on the honor roll all four years of high school. He was a member of the school's cross country and track teams and also participated in club rugby. Nick played the cello in the symphonic orchestra.

At St. Luke's, Nick has been an acolyte since the 6th Grade. Nick's favorite St. Luke's memory is a trip to St. Crispin's during a Young Disciples weekend retreat. Nick is grateful for St. Luke's congregation, his former Sunday school teachers and YD advisors.

In his spare time, Nick enjoys playing guitar, climbing, and exploring the outdoors. Nick plans to attend Pitt State University in Kansas in the fall.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries through May 22

May 2, Bob Baughman and Roseanne McKee

May 3, Luke Olsen

May 5, Max Mitchell

May 6, Jennifer McIver

May 12, Sigrid Williams and Sydney Beasley

May 13, Murphey Warring

May 14, Robert Matthews

May 17 Erin Perry

May 19 Nancy Megee and Steve Martin

May 20, Jim Brooks and Peter Julstrom

May 22, Linda Maloney

Anniversary of Walt & Cindy Gasior, May 16

Anniversary of Glenn and Kris Bonner, May 22

Online & Mobile Giving Now Available

Online giving application is now available to St. Luke's members through the Tithe.ly mobile application or directly online from your home device. You can utilize either method of giving by going to this [Tithe.ly web page](https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app) (<https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app>). Complete instructions for using this convenience are provided on the home page of the [St. Luke's website](http://episcopalbartlesville.org) (<http://episcopalbartlesville.org>) or by picking Online Giving in the right-side menu.

Regardless of whether you can manage all or some of your normal giving, please continue to support our community of faith. And if you're not comfortable with virtual giving, there's always the old-fashioned way of mailing a check to the church office: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 210 E 9th St, Bartlesville, OK 74003 *or* dropping a check into our locked mail slot to left of the north church doors.

Step-by-Step Instructions for Giving through Tithe.ly

- 1) Get started by going to Tithe.ly (yes, there's a dot between the "e" and the "l") and download the application. [Click here](#) or go to: <https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app>
- 2) From the above link, you may donate directly from your home computer (vs. your phone/mobile device) by picking the Give Online option OR you may donate from your phone or other mobile device by selecting either the Apple or Android (Google Play) version.
- 3) Open the application and enter your name and email, and then create a personal password and PIN.
- 4) In the Find a Church window at the top, type in: St. Luke's Episcopal Church (several St. Luke's Episcopal Churches will pop up, so be sure to pick ours in Bartlesville)
- 5) Select the method of payment at the bottom: credit, debit, or bank account withdrawal.
- 6) Enter the amount of your gift and indicate whether you would like it to be Recurring and at what frequency.
- 7) Pick General Fund as the destination.
- 8) If you want to provide the full amount of your gift to the church, check Cover Fees box and the Tithe.ly service charge will not be deducted from your gift to the church. There service charge is 2.75% + 0.30 per credit/debit card transaction, which reflects a slight discount through association with The Network for Episcopal Stewardship.
- 9) The application will save your donation information for the next time you give. All you have to do is enter your PIN. Both the Give Online and mobile methods of Tithe.ly giving are secure. If you have questions, they will probably be answered by [clicking here](#) (<https://get.tithe.ly/faqs>).



Office Info: Roseanne McKee, office manager/assistant to rector, is in the office Monday – Thursdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. The north doors will be locked, but if you need anything, please call the office at 918-336-1212.

Chapel Schedule: The chapel will be open Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

Thursday, May 21:

9-11am: Jim Liehr

10:45am – 1pm: Jeff Birk, Dean Zervas

Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy, Jen Peterson,

1:00 – 2:45pm: Carol Murphy, Radomir Petrovich,
Becky Olsen

Thursday, June 4:

9-11am: Jeanne Julstrom, Becky Liehr

10:45am – 1pm: Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky Liehr,
Kathy Zervas, Dolores McCreary

1:00 – 2:45pm: Peter Julstrom, Miriam Petrovich,
Wendy Hall

Pandemic Thoughts

By Sarah Winn

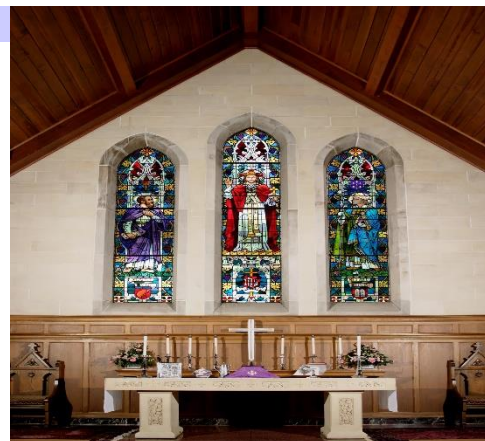
The world's COVID-19 makes me sit and think, review my life, meditate and ask, what can I do?

An awareness springs forth of all the beauty around us. Yes, and the myriad of lovely, gentle people including all conditions of mankind.

In the slowing down of time is a reminder of – “Be still and know that I am God.”

My silent prayers are many, encompassing all the simple things life offers. Watching the earth changing into a promising spring, praying for the worldwide virus victims, the selfless doctors, nurses, and all other health workers, including police firemen, public officials and clergy. The families living lost dear ones. For the continued wellness of escaping the “silent enemy.”

What can I do in my twilight years? I will pray, be thoughtful and cooperative with the mandates; be grateful for life, family, and friends. But so importantly, thankfulness for my faith and the gift of blessed Grace.



St. Luke's Prayer List

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:

Elizabeth, Jenny, Georgia, Diana, Millie, Bryson, Suzanne, Sydney, Ed, Evelyn, Toni, Milton, Joseph, Lyndee, Alan, Bill, Karen, Ethan, Elaine, Marjean, Helen, Mark, Cynthia, Steve, Barbara, Brent, Katie, Ruth, Glenn, Marsha, Jerry, D.J., Sarah, Mary, Emily, Whitney, Lloyd, Melt, Belinda, Wendy, David, Tracy, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Mark, Diana F., Jim, Bid, Ada, Lisa, Helen, Nan, Patricia, and all members of our armed forces and their families.
If you have a prayer request, contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinator Thelma Blackburn 918-333-7902 or TPBGEN@aol.com or the church office at 918-336-1212 or office@episcopalbartlesville.org.

Habits of Grace: A new video meditation will be posted on Mondays through May. They can be found on YouTube by typing in the search bar: Habits of Grace by Bishop Curry.

Bereavement Team 1

Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Georgia Gates, Jeanne Julstrom.

Daily Devotionals for May-July are in available the chapel.

Other thoughts...

- Be aware -- Father Steve will not request gift cards or other monetary support through email. All financial requests/special appeals at St. Luke's go through normal channels and any special requests will be made by phone or in person.
- FYI: Bishop Ed has inhibited the distribution of communion by the clergy to any parishioner (title IV violation). Additionally, Bishop Ed has prohibited public in-person gatherings of any kind including gathering in parking lots or other open spaces.
- **St. Luke's is now on Instagram! Follow St. Luke's at [episcopalbartlesville](#).**

Central Oklahoma Funders' Roundtable COVID 19 Emergency Relief Fund

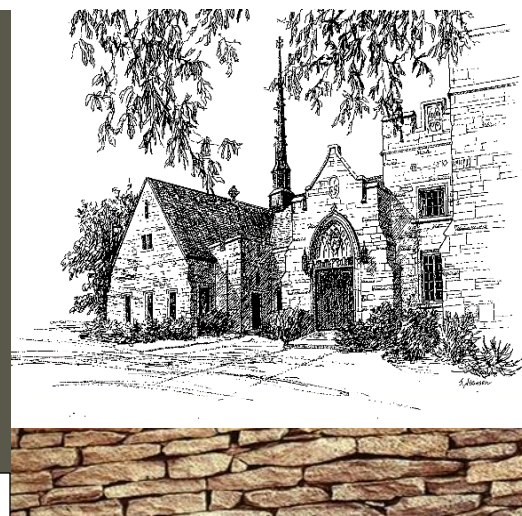
The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma wanted to make churches aware of an important grant opportunity for nonprofit organizations that provide food, shelter, medical or essential childcare needs in and around the OKC area.

"Central Oklahoma Funders' Roundtable (COFR) has opened a weekly grant cycle benefiting organizations effected by the COVID19 disaster. Coming together to collaboratively fund the needs of central Oklahoma nonprofits, the COFR is comprised of philanthropic funders committed to ensuring maximum impact for organizations most in need.

Nonprofit organizations providing food, shelter, medical or essential childcare needs within Oklahoma county and the contiguous counties will be considered. The grant cycle will open each Monday and close each Friday at noon with recipients being notified within two weeks following submission of their application.

The initial philanthropic funders are McLaughlin Family Foundation, Sarkeys Foundation, Inasmuch Foundation and United Way of Central Oklahoma."

To apply for this grant visit www.cfok.org/grant



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Connecting with St. Luke's

The parish staff and volunteers are working hard to keep the parish connected. Here are the resources available to you to stay connected:

- Parish phone tree—a phone tree has been set up to keep our members connected. If you have a need or concern, please let your phone tree captain know. If you aren't receiving calls from the phone tree, please let Jeff Birk know @ jbirk54@gmail.com
- Follow St. Luke's on Instagram. You can find us @ [episcopalbartlesville](#). Also, like our content so it will appear in your Instagram feed. Typically, the content on Instagram is also posted on Facebook, although not all of the photographs posted on Instagram will appear on Facebook.
- Follow St. Luke's on FaceBook. Search for St. Luke's Bartlesville on Facebook and like our Page. Also, once you start seeing our content in your FaceBook feed, please like it and share it. This helps others to see it, but it also keeps St. Luke's content coming into your feed. If you don't "like" our content, you won't see it. Facebook is about engagement, and you will see the things you engage.
- Friend Father Steve on FaceBook. He will friend you back and you can follow him and see his shenanigans.
- Subscribe to the St. Luke's YouTube channel [HERE](#). (If the HERE link does not work, go to <https://bit.ly/2QIgY7c> in your computer's browser.) Subscribing helps us gain followers which allows the content to be seen by a wider audience. The content includes recordings of our Zoom worship services. You can also access this content on your television with streaming devices (like FireTV) that have the YouTube app included.

- Check out the St. Luke's website for updates on a regular basis. The website is found here: www.episcopalbartlesville.org. We are working hard to update it frequently, so the content is current.
- Receive *The Steeple* and other updates via Mailchimp. Please send Roseanne your current email @ office@episcopalbartlesville.org, and you can receive updates and the newsletter. *The Steeple* is usually published on Wednesday or Thursday and is often followed up with a weekend highlights on Fridays (not every Friday). We will also continue to mail a hardcopy of *The Steeple* to those who prefer to receive things via USPS.

Worship:

Worship services are live on the Zoom app on Sundays at 10 am.
The weekly bulletins can be found at www.episcopalbartlesville.org.

Please note that there are three ways to participate in Worship:

- 1) Listen to the service by telephone. (This can be a home phone, or a flip phone, smartphone, etc.)
 - To do this:
 - Dial 1-346-248-7799
 - When asked to enter the Zoom Meeting ID, enter 9365095026#
 - When asked to enter a Participant ID, just enter the # sign
 - When asked to enter the Meeting Password, enter 251445#
 - That's it. You should now be in the meeting, by phone.
- 2) Use Zoom on a computer or smartphone.
 - Click [HERE](#) to go to the Zoom website. (If the HERE link does not work, go to <https://zoom.us/j/9365095026> in your computer's browser.)
 - When asked to enter the Meeting Password, enter 251445
 - **Please mute your device during the worship service.**
- 3) Service will be uploaded to the St. Luke's YouTube channel on Sunday afternoons. Audio recording of the sermon will be found on St. Luke's website.

Season 3 of The Episcopal Church's podcast *The Way of Love with Bishop Michael Curry*, is now available. These weekly conversations, featuring Bishop Curry, podcast host Sandy Milien, and a variety of guests, center on ways to live a life committed to living the way of God's unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial and redemptive love.

Season 3 changes include longer conversations between Bishop Curry and his guests: faith leaders, authors, and thinkers who are committed to following the Way of Jesus in the world today. Framed by the Way of Love – those seven practices of turning, learning, praying, worshipping, blessing, going, and resting – listeners will hear stories and lessons about how they can grow closer to God in daily life.

In Episode 1, Bishop Curry sits down with New York Times best-selling author and podcast host Jen Hatmaker to discover how, among many changes, opportunities, setbacks, and even a television show, she and her family have paused, listened, and reoriented themselves again and again toward Jesus and his Way of Love. Hear about her shift from a self-centered to an other-centered faith, and how one unconventional fast deeply impacted her. Hatmaker's latest book is *Fierce, Free, and Full of Fire*. This episode of the Way of Love podcast is sponsored by **Trinity Church Wall Street**, which offers streamed live and on demand in high definition six days per week.

The Way of Love with Bishop Michael Curry, is available on most podcast apps and at episcopalchurch.org. Visit the [Way of Love podcast webpage](#) to subscribe to the podcast through Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts or Spotify and to sign up for notifications of new seasons and episodes as well as additional featured content.



Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

Opening Hymn

The Officiant begins the service with one or more of these sentences of Scripture beginning on page 77 of The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You shall receive power when the Holy Ghost has come upon you; and you shall be my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

The Invitatory and Psalter *BCP 80*

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

Venite Psalm 95:1-7 *BCP 82*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for

he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 66:7-18 *BCP 674*

7 Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; *you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; * I will give you oxen and goats.



14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, *the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; *he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *nor withheld his love from me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areop'agus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he

served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him--though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Reader says Here ends the the Lesson.

Canticle 15 *The Song of Mary* BCP 91
from Luke 1:46-55 *Magnificat*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in



every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**A Reading from the Gospel
According to John 14: 15 - 21**

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Reader says Here ends the the Lesson.

Canticle 21 *You are God* BCP 95

You are God: we praise you; You are the Lord; we acclaim you; You are the eternal Father: All creation worships you. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you; Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come and be our judge. Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

Senior Sermon Ruth Todd

Senior Offering Nick Olsen

Homily The Reverend Steve Hood

The Apostles' Creed BCP 96

Officiant and People together



I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth; I believe in
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the
Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. 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.

Hymn

The Prayers

BCP 97

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

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.

Suffrages A

BCP 97

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with

righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the
world;

R. For only in you can we live in
safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your
care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice
and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon
earth;

R. Your saving health among all
nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be
forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be
taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy
Spirit.

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following
Collects*

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those
who love you such good things as
surpass our understanding: Pour into
our hearts such love towards you, that
we, loving you in all things and above all
things, may obtain your promises, which
exceed all that we can desire; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever. Amen. *Amen.*



A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Collect in a Time of Isolation**

Almighty God: Our times are in your hand. We call upon you in this hour of our need, when we are lonely and must stand apart. Be our strength, O Sovereign Lord, our calm in the midst of raging seas, our refuge and our dwelling place. Sanctify to us this time drawn away from others, even as your Son, O Father, drew away to a lonely place for prayer. Deepen our need of you, O Lord, that every breath may be a whisper of the Spirit's prompting, a renewed searching of the deep things of God. Stir up in us the great act of intercession, that we may spend our time apart in prayer for the world you created and sustain. Bless us in our turning toward you, and make us a blessing to those who stand in need of you, the whole fragile earth. All this we ask in the name of the great Physician, even Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then, this prayers for mission is added

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may

seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving are offered here and silence is observed

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all churches in our diocese, for their mission and ministry, and for their proclamation of the Good News in cities and towns across the state; in our parish, we pray for those requesting prayer including Elizabeth, Jenny, Georgia, Diana, Millie, Bryson, Suzanne, Sydney, Ed, Evelyn, Toni, Milton, Joseph, Lyndee, Alan, Bill, Karen, Ethan, Elaine, Marjean, Helen, Mark, Cynthia, Steve, Barbara, Brent, Katie, Ruth, Glenn, Marsha, Jerry, D.J., Sarah, Mary, Emily, Whitney, Lloyd, Melt, Belinda, Wendy, David, Tracy, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Mark, Diana F., Jim, Bid, Lisa, Ada, Michelle, and Patricia. We also remember those who have died. Let let perpetual shine upon all your Saints who we remember this morning.

We also pray for doctors, nurses, aides, and all other health care professionals and service employees entrusted with the health and wellness of our community; and for our elected officials and those given the public's trust to make prudent decisions for the care of this city, state, and nation. We also pray for the men and women of the armed services, for those serving in other areas

Sixth Sunday of Easter



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of national service, for those who are traveling or homebound or recovering from illness, surgery, or some other affliction. For all of these and for prayers spoken and for prayers left unspoken, let us pray to the Lord.

The General Thanksgiving BCP 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of

the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Romans 15:13

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Ephesians 3:20,21

Closing Hymn

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