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May 20,
2020

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

The Steeple



A Word from Father Steve

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All:

I hope you enjoyed Senior Sunday. Our high school graduates, Nick Olsen and Ruth Todd were inspirational, and I am very thankful for their offerings. If you missed hearing Ruth's homily and Nick's guitar meditation, you can still view them on the St. Luke's YouTube page. Follow the links at www.episcopalbartlesville.org.

In the next few weeks, our parish leadership will present plans for restoring onsite worship at St. Luke's, and we will announce a tentative date for reopening. In the meantime, please continue to pray for one another, and join us online for worship at 10am each Sunday. This week our Sunday services will stream on YouTube Live, and we will continue our Zoom offering as well (same worship service—different online platforms). The YouTube app is more accessible and easier to access than Zoom, and it is available on a wider range of streaming devices including Firestick and Roku. You can access either method of streaming from the St. Luke's website. If you are having trouble connecting or need some technical advice, please call Roseanne in the church office, and she will get someone to call you with some helpful advice.

Worshipping online has presented a number of challenges, and I want to thank you for your patience. Each week we figure out how to do something better while simultaneously having something else go wrong—which gives us a new problem to solve the following week. This week there was a nationwide problem with the Zoom app, which made it difficult for some people to connect including our main digital recording device in the chapel. Thankfully, we were able to adapt and the service went on. Also, there were some sound issues on the YouTube live stream and we are trying to figure out what went wrong.

A number of churches in the diocese are prerecording their services. Prerecording makes streaming much easier. It enables the video to be edited, and it creates a more professional product. I have resisted prerecording because I believe worship should be contemporaneous. Worship is not a product to be distributed and watched but a living experience of the gathered community of God's people. Whether we are gathered here in the nave at St. Luke's or gathered around our computers and smartphones on an app, we can experience God's presence among us when we offer our prayers and supplications as a worshipping community of believers. This is not to say that God cannot be experienced in recorded music or sermons or worship. God's work is not bound by human constructs. But, for now I am committed to continuing live worship via the various streaming platforms available to us. My hope is you will continue to tune in and to have patience when things go wrong. One good thing is you can always pour yourself another cup of coffee as you wait for us to work through whatever technical snafu may be occurring.

As we work towards restoring in-person worship at St. Luke's, I encourage you to continue in your prayers for our parish leaders and for each other. Please join us in worship and continue your encouragement and financial support.

Christ's Peace,

Father Steve



Colorado School of Mines

announces that

Anneke Alice Borg

is a candidate for the degree of
Bachelor of Science

With a major in

Chemical & Biological Engineering

at the

146th Annual

and the first ever

Virtual Commencement

commencement.mines.edu

In person Commencement may be held

in late summer or December

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES

Anneke Borg graduated from the Colorado School of Mines on May 8 with a B.S. degree in Chemical and Biological Engineering. She is currently studying for the MCAT and hopes to attend medical school in 2021.

Deadline is May 29 for Episcopal Church's 2020-2021 academic year scholarships

The deadline approaches for educational scholarships from The Episcopal Church for the next academic year. A scholarship applicant must be an Episcopalian and must have the endorsement of his/her bishop.

The scholarships are derived from annual income of designated trust funds established by generous donors through bequests to The Episcopal Church. The scholarships assist:

- Students enrolled in theological education and training.
- Children of missionaries, bishops and clergy.
- Students of various racial and ethnic minorities, and other groups covering a wide range of eligibility.

Lists of trust funds and scholarships and other important information can be found at

<https://episcopalchurch.org/grants/educational-scholarships>. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the provided information about each trust carefully and identify in the application those trust funds that best fit their profile.

The application form is available at <https://episcopalchurch.org/grants/educational-scholarships>.

Applications are reviewed by a scholarship committee composed of representatives from The Episcopal Church Executive Council, the church-at-large, the Treasurer's Office and various other ministries of The Episcopal Church. Contact Ann Hercules via email at ahercules@episcopalchurch.org, associate for Ministries Beyond The Episcopal Church and Grants for information.

Please note that should its local diocese fail to pay its assessment in full or to apply for and receive a waiver, the diocese and the applicant shall be ineligible to receive grants or loans from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society unless approved by Executive Council.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries through May 20-31

May 20, Jim Brooks and Peter Julstrom
May 22, Linda Maloney
May 24, Ed Beasley
May 24, Susie Clark
May 25, Gretchen Hoyt
May 27, Sam Perry
May 28, Heather Boyle, Jim Liehr, Carol Murphy
May 29, Betty Hardin, Kevin Clem
May 31, Father Bob Gates

Anniversary of Glenn and Kris Bonner, May 22



Father Steve's email to the congregation on May 16 is reprinted below for those who do not use email.

All,

I want to give you a quick update on the plans for reopening St. Luke's. Yesterday Bishop Ed announced the diocesan plans for reopening the Episcopal churches in Oklahoma, and he set Sunday, June 14, as the earliest date that churches can meet again for in-person worship. If you would like to see his announcement, you can watch it or read about it here:

<https://www.epiok.org/covid-19>.

One of the things to note is the parishes are permitted to reopen on June 14th, but parishes are not required to reopen on the 14th. The Bishop has given rectors and congregations latitude to reopen at a later date if there are reasons that the local parish cannot reopen safely.

Additionally, the Bishop has laid out a prudent plan for reopening that includes a number of health and safety requirements that minimize the possibilities of spreading the COVID-19 virus through corporate worship at our churches. At St. Luke's, I will review the diocesan plan with our parish leadership and we will make a decision together on when to reopen St. Luke's for onsite worship. We will reopen once we are convinced that the spread of the virus has abated here in Washington County, and we can implement all elements of the diocesan reopening plan. We will make this decision in consultation with community health experts who are using accurate data on viral spread and hospital occupancy. Our top priority is the health and safety of our most vulnerable members.

Additionally, St. Luke's will continue to offer online worship indefinitely. If believe this is an important extension of our mission and ministry, and it will allow vulnerable members of our community access to our worshipping community without risking their health or safety.

In the next few weeks, parish leadership will present our plan for restoring onsite worship at St. Luke's, and we will announce our date for reopening. In the meantime, please continue to pray for one another, and join us online for worship at 10AM each Sunday. This week we will have our first live stream of the Sunday service on YouTube Live. We will continue our Zoom offering as well (same service – different online platform). The YouTube app is more accessible and easier to access than Zoom, and is available on a wider range of streaming devices including Firestick and Roku devices. You can access either method of streaming from the parish website at episcopalbartlesville.org.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone, text or email.

Christ's Peace,

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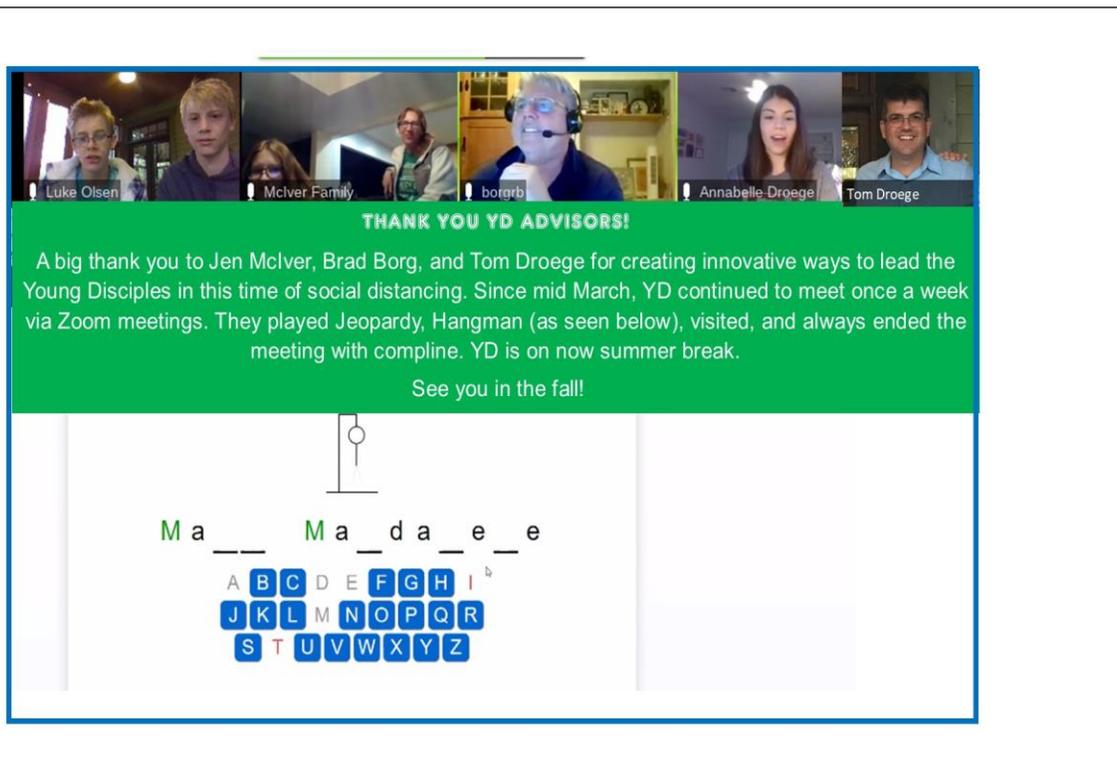
Online & Mobile Giving Now Available

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 28:

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 11:

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

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St. Luke's food drive for CONCERN was a great success.
Thank you for all of your generous donations!



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](#).**

Summarized message from St. Crispin's staff about summer camp

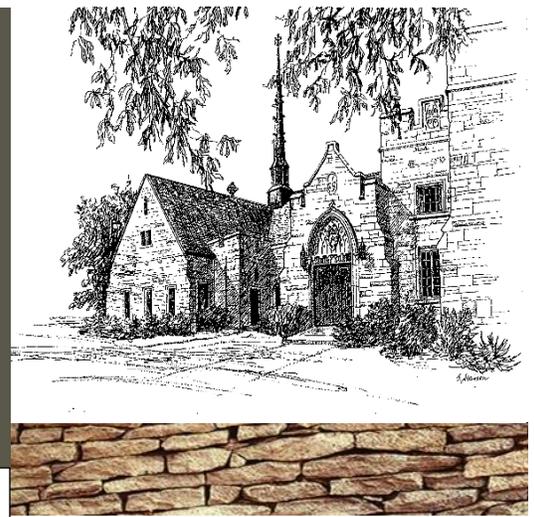
After much prayer, reflection, and research we have decided to cancel Summer Camp for the 2020 season. This decision was made with heavy hearts but made out of love and is rooted in the call from our Baptismal Covenant to seek and serve Christ in all persons. We care deeply for our campers, our staff, our families, and for the future of St. Crispin's Summer Camp and we cannot adequately guarantee that operating camp this summer can be done safely, even with strict social distancing and cleaning procedures in place.

This decision was incredibly difficult and arrived at by following information made available by the CDC, the American Camp Association (ACA), the Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers Association (ECCC), and medical professionals. We also listened to the concerns of parents and clergy who reached out throughout our discernment process. Collaboratively, Bishop Ed, and staff from both St. Crispin's and the Diocesan Office, decided that we were not willing to jeopardize the safety of our campers, or the summer camp program.

We know how much you look forward to summer camp every year, and we know this leaves a void. Like you we will miss the laughter, singing, and the Christian Community that we all share, but we believe that making a decision now is in the best interest of all. ...

If your family was registered for Summer 2020, you'll be receiving an email from us no later than May 20th with information regarding refunds, scholarships, and donations.

In Faith, The Right Rev. Edward J. Konieczny, Bishop of Oklahoma; Joanne Kovac-Roberts and Mike Roberts, Executive Directors, St. Crispin's Conference Center + Camp; Beth Gaertner Program Director St. Crispin's Conference Center + Camp; Kate Carney Huston, Director of Youth and Young Adults, The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma



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Dolores McCreary, Organist/Choir Director (dolores@episcopalbartlesville.org)
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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*

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 the May 18th episode, sponsored by Church Pension Group, Bishop Curry talked to [Teddy Reeves](#), the assistant curator of religion at the [Smithsonian National Museum of African-American History and Culture](#) (NMAAHC) in Washington, D.C. Reeves' extensive work with "gOD-talk: a black millennials and faith conversation series" gives him particular insight into concerning and hopeful trends for the future of Christianity in the United States. Blessing on the Way of Love – that is, sharing faith and unselfishly giving and serving – often involves uncomfortable – and life-giving – conversation and action. The two discuss the importance of sharing stories, joys, and concerns with each other, noting that earnestly listening to each other is the best way to move congregations and individuals forward. Upcoming episodes will feature the following guest speakers:

- May 25 - Episode 4: [Jeff Chu](#), writer, reporter, editor, teacher and community leader.
This episode of The Way of Love Podcast is sponsored by Emory University's [Candler School of Theology](#), offering a Doctor of Ministry that is ninety percent online.
- June 1 Episode 5: [Shane Claiborne](#), speaker, activist, and best-selling author.

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 68:1-4 *BCP 676*

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; * Yahweh is his Name, rejoice before him!

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 1:6-14

Seventh Sunday of Easter:

The Sunday after Ascension Day



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

In the first book, Theoph'ilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Ol'ivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphae'us, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter:
The Sunday after Ascension Day



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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 17: 1 - 11 (all)*

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect

them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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 acclaim 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.

Homily The Reverend Steve Hood

Seventh Sunday of Easter:
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St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

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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.*

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, Leona, Connie, Tracy, Mark,

Diana F., Jim, Bid, Lisa, Ada, Michelle, and Patricia. We also remember those who have died. 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 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

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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*

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Closing Hymn