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The Steeple



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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Staying Connected

We all know how challenging it is to stay connected as a church family in these times of social distancing. Without regular in-person conversations and gatherings, we forego the usual opportunities to stay in touch with one another. These circumstances call on us to make extra efforts to make sure that no members are overlooked, particularly those who need particular care and attention.

Jeff Birk and Nancy Woods have worked together on a calling list consisting of all our members, and the Vestry as well as other volunteers have been assigned to check in on "their members" on a regular basis. It's not a perfect system, and we are trying to make it better. However, I'm asking everyone to watch out for one another, and if you're aware of a member who needs extra support, please reach out yourself and find out how the church can be of help. Then let Roseanne know, so she can pass along the information to the assigned caller on the calling list so he or she can follow-up. It's all part of keeping our Arms Wide Open.

Speaking of reaching out to one another, Family Promise is restarting next week, but in a safe, simplified fashion in view of the necessary pandemic precautions. Jen Peterson's article in this Steeple provides more details. St. Luke's week of responsibility for evening meals [starts this coming this Sunday, Aug. 16](#) and continues through Saturday, Aug. 23. If you can help, please contact Jen as soon as possible so we can continue to keep this important outreach effort going.

In case you missed it last Saturday, you can watch the seating of our new Bishop, Rt. Rev. Poulson Reed, via the Diocese's YouTube channel. If you haven't got time to watch the entire ceremony, at least listen to his 15-minute sermon, which sets the stage for the type of Bishop he plans to be. You'll be encouraged by what he has to say. The recording of the service can be found by clicking [HERE](#) or going to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49V2Z77fQO0&t=1497s>. Bishop Poulson's sermon begins at about 21:30 on the timeline at the base of the screen.

This Sunday at St. Luke's we'll have Rev. Justin Boyd as our supply priest officiant. As mentioned in a previous Steeple, Fr. Justin is from Tulsa and was ordained in 2018, taking on the priesthood as a second career. He has served at Trinity Episcopal Church in Tulsa and as a chaplain at Holland Hall School. Welcome, Fr. Justin!

Our Priest-in-Charge recruitment process is in the hands of the Diocese for the time being. Last Friday, the Diocese started publicizing the position on about half-dozen clergy recruitment sites and elsewhere. The deadline for candidates to respond is Sept. 15, and the Diocese plans to provide us with a vetted list of possible candidates by Oct. 1. In future Steeples, we'll discuss the general timetable for our consideration of candidates, bearing in mind that the normal guidelines may not apply during these covid-dominated times.

Finally, if you need an Episcopalian-style pick-me-up, I recommend you check out this wonderfully produced four-minute video from the rector of St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Tifton, Georgia. Even if you're not familiar with the song "You'll Be Back" from the Broadway hit "Hamilton," you'll find this clever parody fun and uplifting. Click [HERE](#) or go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CFduNE4pXAQ>.

Dan Droege, Sr. Warden
On behalf of the Vestry

Family Promise welcomes new family!

A single mom with 2 children, aged 1 and 2, have recently entered the program. With the ongoing challenges of COVID, churches are not hosting at their facilities. Instead, the family is staying and sleeping at Anchor House and the host church has been delivering a hot meal to the family each evening. The meal is dropped off at Anchor House at 6 p.m. Our host week is coming up on August 16-23. So we are calling on volunteers to make and prepare a hot meal for each of the 7 nights. If you can offer to volunteer to make and prepare a dinner, please contact me ASAP and I will get you on the schedule! Jennifer Peterson 918-397-7779 or jenrpet1971@gmail.com



Office Hours & Information: Roseanne is in the office Monday – Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The north doors will be locked, but if you need anything, please ring the doorbell or call the office at 918-336-1212. Roseanne's cell phone is 918-287-8784.

Chapel Schedule: Closed until the new lock has been installed.

The Chapel lock is worn out. A new one has been ordered but it has not yet arrived.

Until the new lock is installed, call the office at 918-336-1212 to be admitted or ring the bell at the north doors during office hours Monday – Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The following hymns this Sunday are the favorites of the these parishoners:

470 - "There a Wideness in God's Mercy" – Georgia Gates

G#344 "Behold the Lamb of God" – Debbie Mueggenborg

490 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" – Kris Bonner, Steve & Susie Clark, Georgia Gates, Jeanne Julstrom, Debie Mueggenborg, Jeanne Rowlett, Barbara Todd

If you need technical assistance, please call Roseanne at the church office at 918-336-1212 and she will get someone to call you with some helpful advice.

Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

Thursday, August 13:

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

Thursday, August 27:

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

Online & Mobile Giving 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, you can always mail a check to the church office: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 210 E 9th St, Bartlesville, OK 74003 or drop a check into our locked mail slot near north entrance.



St. Luke's Prayer List

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:

Jenny, Georgia, Millie, Bryson, Suzanne, 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, Milt, Belinda, Wendy, David, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Mark, Diana, Jim, Lisa, Helen, Michelle, Patricia, Elizabeth, Thelma, Sydney Ed, Rhonda, Catherine, Cheri, and all members of our armed forces and their families.

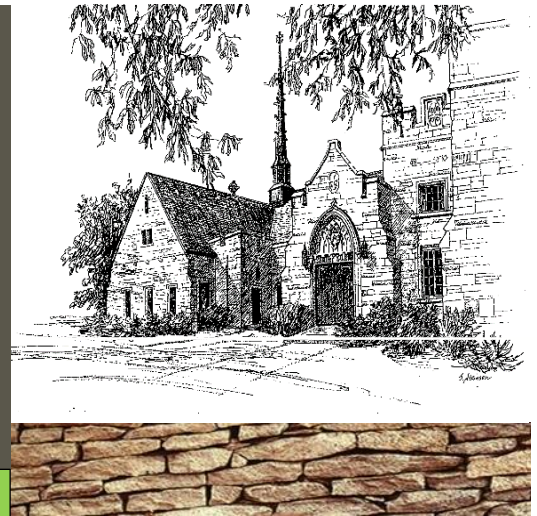
If you have a prayer request, contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinator Thelma Blackburn 918-333-7902 or TPBGEN@aol.com or the church office at 918-336-1212 or office@episcopalbartlesville.org.

Bereavement Team 1

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

Other thoughts...

- Be aware – No one from St. Luke's will request gift cards or other monetary support through email. If you receive such a message in your email, it is spam. 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.



Birthdays and Anniversaries August 12 – August 19

Birthdays

Gretchen Matthews, August 12
Angela Nelson, August 12
Walter Allison, August 13
David Hall, August 14
Juanita Green, August 16
Donn McCallister, August 16

Anniversaries

David & Mary Stewart, August 13
Robert & Linda Beard, August 19

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Connecting with St. Luke's

To learn various ways to connect at St. Luke's, visit our website at: <http://episcopalbartlesville.org/>

Arms Wide Open to Those in Need

A church family needs our help

Tim and Julie Middleton, a young family who began attending St. Luke's regularly 1st year, are in desperate need of helping hands after discovering recently that their home has serious mold contamination. The condition is so serious that they are having to dispose of nearly all of their belongings, including: clothing, furniture, books, photo albums and most of the toys belonging to their two children – Fiona, 4, and Riley, almost 2. Tim and Julie hope to sell their home and rent or purchase a smaller place. However, they cannot do this without first addressing the costly mold issue, only a fraction of which is covered by insurance.

Friends and family have set up a GoFundMe page for the Middletons, which describes their plight in more detail. You are encouraged to read it and then look into your heart for how you can reach out to a member family needing our prayers and support at this challenging time. Nancy Woods of the Vestry has visited with the Middletons and can provide additional information.

The GoFundMe page at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-the-middletons-rebuild-after-toxic-mold> is Help the Middletons Rebuild after Toxic Mold.

A divorced mother hasn't seen her children

Through her work at St. Luke's, Office Manager Roseanne McKee learned of a need and has organized a fundraiser on behalf of a divorced woman living in Bartlesville named Emily. Despite an established custody agreement with her ex-husband, Emily has not seen or spoken with her children, age 8 and 10, since early this spring.

Roseanne and others are assisting Emily in enforcing the custody agreement by engaging the Murray Law Firm in Stillwater, as the divorce took place in Noble County. A \$2,000 retainer is needed, and thanks to an outpouring of support from the community and two successful yard sales, \$1,690 has been raised.

If you would like to help by donating funds, checks may be made payable to the Murray Law Firm and dropped in the St. Luke's locked mailbox outside the north doors. Items for the upcoming yard sales 8/15 and 8/29 can be dropped off on Roseanne's screened-in porch at 1328 S. Cherokee Ave. in Bartlesville.

In addition, Roseanne and her mother-in-law have sewn double-sided table runners, which are for sale for \$10 each. They are on display in the narthex. If you are interested in purchasing one of them, call Roseanne at the office at 918-336-1212.



St. Luke's has been a vital part of the Pack the Backpacks program since its inception in 2003, with nearly 2,500 students benefiting every year. The COVID-19 situation has curtailed the normal distribution event held at the church facilities. Instead, this year school supplies are being delivered directly to schools, where teachers will provide them to students. School deliveries are already underway, but the Washington County School Supply Drive is still short of some items.

The needed items listed here can be dropped off at bins located at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center, 405 S Cherokee Ave, or in the foyer of the Elks Lodge (behind Walmart).

- College Spiral Notebooks
- Pink erasers
- Watercolors
- Both wide and college notebook paper
- Pencils
- Small glue sticks
- Folders with brads
- Scientific calculators (about \$10)

Staples has many of these items for 25 cents apiece, but there are limits on how many can be purchased at one time. If you would rather have someone shop for you, please make a donation at the Pack the Backpacks website, <http://www.packthebackpacks.org>, and click on Donate Now in the upper right corner.

For more information visit
<http://www.packthebackpacks.org>

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 15

Daily Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Organ Prelude

- *Please stand when the bell rings*
- *Opening hymn will be played during procession*

Opening Hymn – #470

“There is A Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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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)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Phillipians 1:2*

Remain standing

The Invitatory and Psalter *BCP 80*

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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!

Sit for the reading of the Psalm and Lessons (including Gospel text), stand for the reading or singing of the Canticle(s)

Psalm 133

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

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.

The Lessons

Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he

wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and

wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Reader says Here ends the Lesson.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Reader says Here ends the Lesson.

Canticle 10 The Second Song of Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found;
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have
compassion,
And to our God, for he will richly
pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the
earth,
so are my ways higher than your
ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the
heavens
and return not again, but water the earth,

Bringing forth life and giving growth, seed for sowing and bread for eating,

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;

it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed,
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

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 Gospel: Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander.

These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out

and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Reader says Here ends the Lesson.

Homily

The Reverend Justin Boyd

Stand

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: #706 "In Your Mercy, Lord, You Called Me"

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The Prayers

BCP 97

Suffrages A

- 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

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer for selection of a new rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Mission of the Church

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

Prayers of Intercession

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 Jenny, Georgia, Millie, Bryson, Suzanne, 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, Milt, Belinda, Wendy, David, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Mark, Diana, Jim, Lisa, Michelle, Patricia, Elizabeth, Thelma, Sydney, Ed, Rhonda, Catherine and Cheri. We also remember those who have died. Let light perpetual shine upon all your Saints who we remember this morning. We pray for Bishop Poulson C. Reed as he begins his ministry as Bishop of the Diocese of Oklahoma. 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 un- spoken, 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 concludes with the following

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*

Announcements

Hymn: Gather #344

“Behold the Lamb of God”

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The Great Thanksgiving

The people standing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in

obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many 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.

Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

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

People and Celebrant

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is
sacrificed for us;

People Therefore, let us keep the
feast.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following
Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the people will
receive the bread only.*

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

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.*

Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name
of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Dismissal Hymn #490

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

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Favorite hymns for this morning include:

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” – Georgia Gates

“Behold the Lamb of God” – Debbie Mueggenborg

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” – Kris Bonner, Steve & Susie Clark, Georgia Gates, Jeanne Julstrom, Debbie Mueggenborg, Jeanne Rowlett, Barbara Todd

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg-ment given.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel-come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;
 If our love were but more faith-ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 there is joy for all the mem-bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
 and our life would be thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt.
 Music: Beecher, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

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In Your Mercy, Lord, You Called Me

words: Josiah Conder (1789-1855)
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setting by Dolores McCreary

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final half note and a whole note at the end. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, each corresponding to a staff. The first line of lyrics has three numbered verses. The second and third lines of lyrics are shared across the verses.

1. In your mer - cy, Lord, you called me, taught my sin - filled
2. Lord, I did not free - ly choose you till by grace you
3. Now my heart sets none a - bove you, for your grace a -

heart and mind, else this world had still en - thralled me,
set me free; for my heart would still re - fuse you
lone I thirst, know - ing well, that if I love you,

and to glo - ry kept me blind.
had your love not cho - sen me.
you, O Lord, have loved me first.

Behold the Lamb 344



1. Those who were in the dark are thank-ful for the sun - light;
2. Peace-ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un-der-stand-ing
3. Gen-tle one, Child of God, join with us at this ta - ble.
4. Lord of all, give us light. De - liv - er us from e - vil.



We who live,	we who die	are grate - ful	for his
Of the wheat,	of the wine	u - nit - ed	with his
Bless our lives;	nour-ish all	who hun - ger	for this
Make us one;	be our shield.	Make still	the winds that



gift,	thank-ful for	his	love.
word	and the love	we	share.
feast;	shel-ter them	with	peace.
blow;	cra-dle us	with	love.




Be - hold, be - hold the Lamb of God. All who eat,




all who drink shall live; and all, all who dwell in



God shall come to know his glo-ry!




1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.




God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we




star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain


In him there is no dark - ness at all. The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*



a tempo
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Words: Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)
 Music: Houston, Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

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