



WELCOME TO
ST. LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COMMUNION UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

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Worship Schedule:

Sundays: 10:30am (Livestream only)

9am & 7pm: Communion Under
Special Circumstances

Last Sunday of the Month:

Choral Evensong - 5:30pm
(Livestream only)

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In these difficult times, it is such a joy to be able to gather again with another for worship and to partake of Communion with one another.

We thank you for your continued support of St. Luke's and our ministries during this time. You can still give online at www.SLS.church/give or by mailing a check to the office.

If there are any pastoral needs that you have or are aware of, please let the clergy know.

This liturgy is adapted from Communion Under Special Circumstances in the Prayer Book (p. 396) and Enriching Our Worship, Volume 1. The Body of Christ that you receive was consecrated as the most recent celebration of the Holy Eucharist at St. Luke's.

Please keep your mask on at all times except for receiving Eucharist as indicated below. Maintain at least 6 feet of distance between those not in your household.

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when the people of God are gathered together in unity. -Psalm 133

You may stand or sit throughout this liturgy.

HYMN

9am: God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends.

7pm: *Sung by soloist.*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be the only, holy, and living God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

INVITATORY *Said by all.*

9AM

This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

7PM

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: [Celebrant prays the Collect] **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

The Celebrant reads one or more appropriate Scripture passages.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

9am only

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand (as you are able). Said by all.

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *You may remain standing or be seated.*

Celebrant: In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, “Christ, have mercy.”

For the Church of God in every place, that it may persevere in faith, hope, and love, we pray to you.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For those in positions of public trust especially Donald, Roy, Greg, and Karen, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For relief in the ongoing ills facing our society: the Coronavirus pandemic, racial injustice, and bitter partisanship.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger, [remembering especially...]; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For all who have died in the communion of your Church [especially...], and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Rejoicing in the fellowship of [blessed...] and] all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People: **To you, O Lord our God.**

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *(Silence)*

All: **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Please do not exchange the Peace by moving from your seating area – you may wave, bow, blow kisses, or otherwise show signs of Christian love and affection for one another.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Lord God, King of the Universe, for you give us food to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us:

All: **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.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. By the power of your Spirit, may we behold what we are and become what we receive.

The Priest will bring Communion to you. Hold out your hands with the back of your right hand resting in your left palm. Using pincers, the Priest will drop a wafer into your hand. Once the Priest has left your sitting area, you may lower your mask and consume the wafer and then place your mask on again. You might choose to use one or both of these prayers as you wait:

Before Receiving Communion

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

After Receiving Communion

O Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament has left unto us a memorial of your passion: Grant us, we beseech you, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of your redemption; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

HYMN

9am: Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

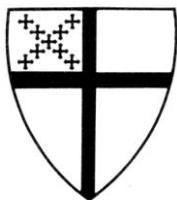
7pm: *Sung by soloist.*

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Come and See
the *difference* Christ makes

