



St. Luke's Episcopal Church – Stephenville, TX
The Fifth Sunday in Lent – Year C
Streaming live on Facebook & YouTube
April 6th, 2025
8:00 am & 10:00 am

Coffee Hour & Vestry Meeting to follow at 11:00

To All Who Are Joyful And Thankful, To All Who Mourn And Need Comfort
To All Who Are Weary And Need Rest, To All Who Are Friendless And Wish Friendship
To All Who Pray And Who Do Not But Ought, To All Who Sin And Need A Savior.
And To Whoever Will, The Church Opens Wide The Door
And In The Name Of Christ, The Lord Says Welcome.

The Processional Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #474 When I survey the wondrous cross

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets 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.**

The Kyrie

The Hymnal 1982- #90 Lord have mercy upon us

In unison

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Each Kyrie may be sung thrice 743

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

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

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Readings

All are seated.

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God

Psalm 126 *In convertendo* (Read responsively by half-verse)

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, **then were we like those who dream.**
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, **and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
- 3 Then they said among the nations, "**The Lord has done great things for them.**"
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, **and we are glad indeed.**
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, **like the watercourses of the Negev.**
- 6 Those who sowed with tears **will reap with songs of joy.**
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, **will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn
The Hymnal 1982 #382 King of glory, King of peace

Then, all standing, as are able, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying
People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
 Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

The Sermon

A brief time of reflection will follow the Sermon

Mackenzie Campbell-Furtick

The Nicene Creed

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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: Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our presiding Bishop, and Andy, Kai, Brian, Hector and Jeff; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. (Insert St. Luke's prayer list)

Silence

The people may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The people may add their own Thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The people may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable collect.

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

All stand, as are able. The Celebrant says to the people

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

See Online Announcement Sheet *(for those online)*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Chris Bramlett (8th), Sara Journey (10th), Roger Furtick (10th), Bill Dennis (11th),
Abbey Blackburn (11th), and Luke Blackburn (11th)

Celebrant and People

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Offertory

The Celebrant says to the people

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

If you would like to give to St. Luke's, you can place money in the offering plate at the Service or you can

Text to give to (254) 282-0706, then enter amount (ex. \$50),

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The Offertory Hymn

Lift Every Voice & Sing II #165 Higher Ground



1. I'm press - ing on the up - ward way, New heights I'm
2. My heart has no de - sire to stay Where doubts a -
3. I want to live a - bove the world, Though sa - tan's
4. I want to scale the ut - most height, And catch a



1. gain - ing ev - ery day; Still pray - ing as I on - ward bound,
2. rise and fears dis - may; Though some may dwell where these a - bound,
3. darts at me are hurled; For faith has caught a joy - ful sound,
4. gleam of glo - ry bright; But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,



1. "Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground."
2. My prayer, my aim is high - er ground. Lord, lift me
3. The song of saints on high - er ground.
4. "Lord, lead me on the high - er ground."



up, and let me stand By faith, on heav - en's ta - ble - land; A high - er



plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground.

Words: Johnson Oatman, Jr. (1860-1948). Music: Charles H. Gabriel (1856-1932).

The Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

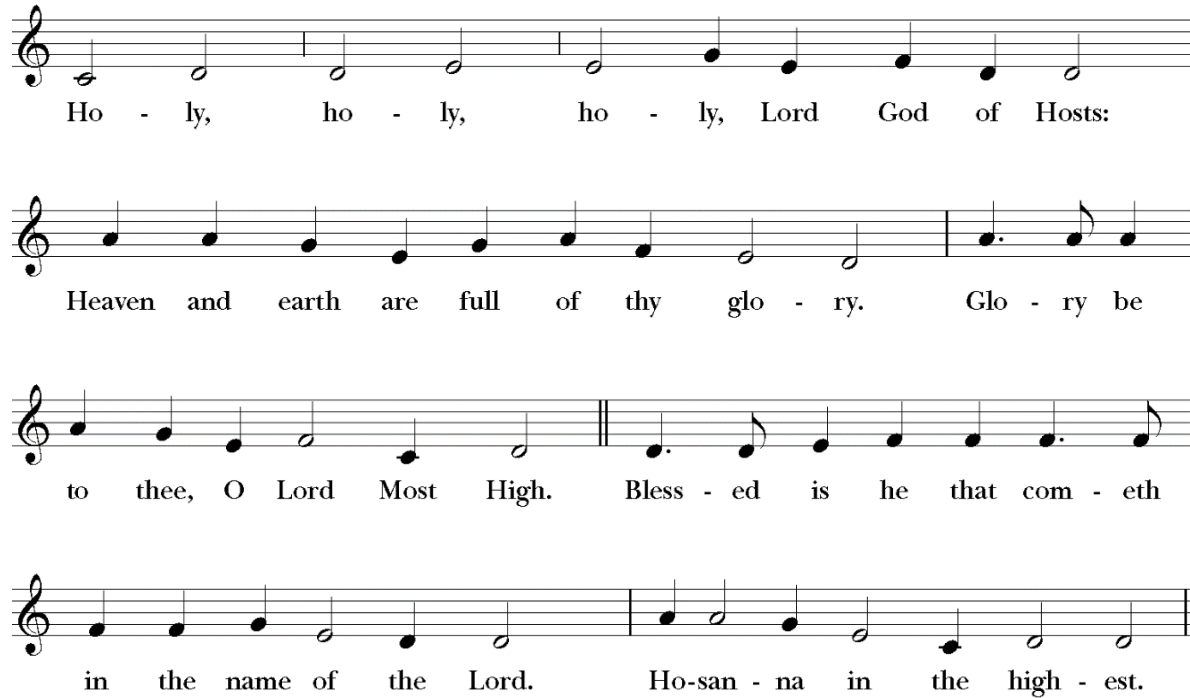
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus Hymnal 1982- #S113



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be
to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

The Celebrant and the people

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and Lord God of our Mothers; God of Sarah, Hagar, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption

of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

The Celebrant and the people

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei The Hymnal 1982 - #S157 O Lamb of God

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving

Concerning Holy Communion

“This the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.

It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.



*So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little,
you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long,
you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed.*



Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.”

Communion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #313 Let Thy blood in mercy poured

*After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.*

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

You have to do the right thing. It may not be in your power, may not be in your time, that there'll be any fruit. But that doesn't mean you stop doing the right thing. You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result. And may the life-giving, liberating, and loving blessing of God be with you today and always. *Adapted from the words of Gandhi*

Processional

The Hymnal 1982 #441 In the cross of Christ

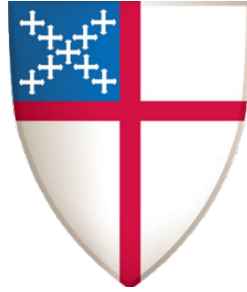
The Celebrant dismisses

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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From the Calendar of the Saints

April 8 William Augustus Muhlenberg *Priest, 1877*

Muhlenberg called on the church for flexibility in worship and polity in an influential proposal at the 1853 General Convention, preparing the ground for later reforms. He also experimented with Christian social living in a community at St. Johnland on Long Island.

April 9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer *Pastor and Theologian, 1945*

Best known for *The Cost of Discipleship*, Bonhoeffer was hanged by the Nazis for his part in an attempt on Hitler's life. As a pacifist theologian, he came to accept his guilt in the plot as the lesser of two evils.

April 10 William Law *Priest, 1762*

In the eyes of many, Law was the personification of the devout parson, dedicating himself to a life of simplicity, devotion, and works of charity. His inspiring sermons and writings assure him a permanent place in Christian literature.

April 11 George Augustus Selwyn *Bishop of New Zealand, and of Lichfield, 1878*

As first Bishop of New Zealand, Selwyn ministered to both sides in the ten-year war between the English and the Maori, winning the affection and admiration of natives and colonists. On a visit to America, he was the preacher at the 1874 General Convention.

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