



An Historic Episcopal Church with a Contemporary Urban Ministry

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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Welcome! As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

Prelude "Shepherd Songs" Nancy Raabe

Opening Hymn "All people that on earth do dwell" Hymn #377

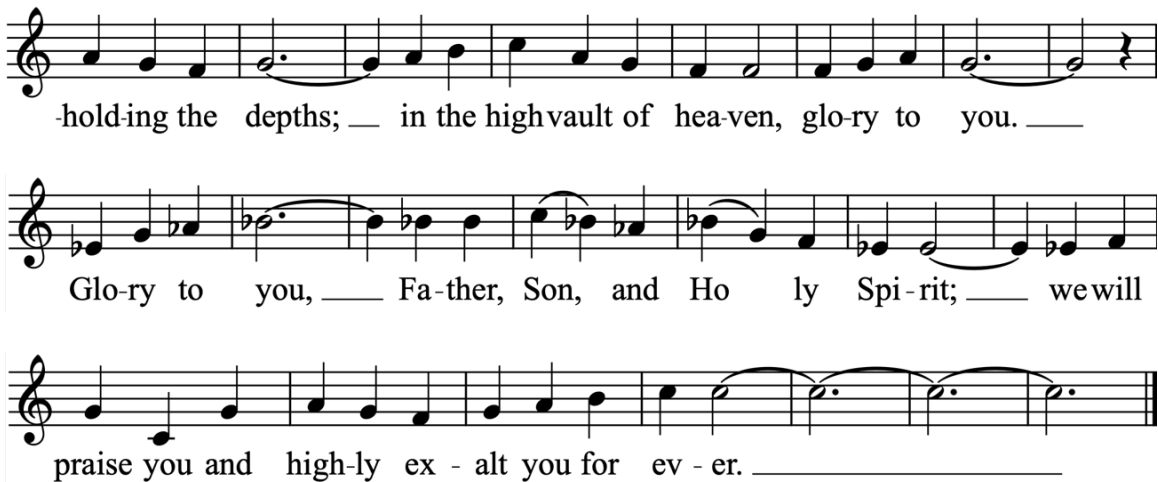
THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant may say

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.**



holding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
 Glo-ry to you, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho ly Spi-rit; we will
 praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Setting: John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

(Acts 2:42-47)

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

The antiphon is first sung by a cantor, then repeated by all.



My shep-herd is the Lord, noth-ing in-deed shall I want.

The verses are sung by a cantor. All sing the antiphon where indicated.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green as the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful water he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. ***Antiphon***

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort ***Antiphon***

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. ***Antiphon***

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever. ***Antiphon***

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The Second Lesson

(1 Peter 2:19-25)

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Peter:

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh

Nicene Creed

Authorized text from Enriching our Worship 2

**Asterisks indicate a variance from the Book of Common Prayer.*

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.**

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 all public officials: Donald the President of the United States, Tony the Governor of Wisconsin, Cory the Mayor of Racine, and all those running for office. For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

For the 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 Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Matthew, our Diocesan Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for the staff, volunteers, and guests of the Hospitality Center, Racine Vocational Ministries, and the Brown Bag Lunch. And we pray for those who are sick [especially_____].

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 [especially_____].

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
[especially_____].

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.

Leader and People

**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 newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

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

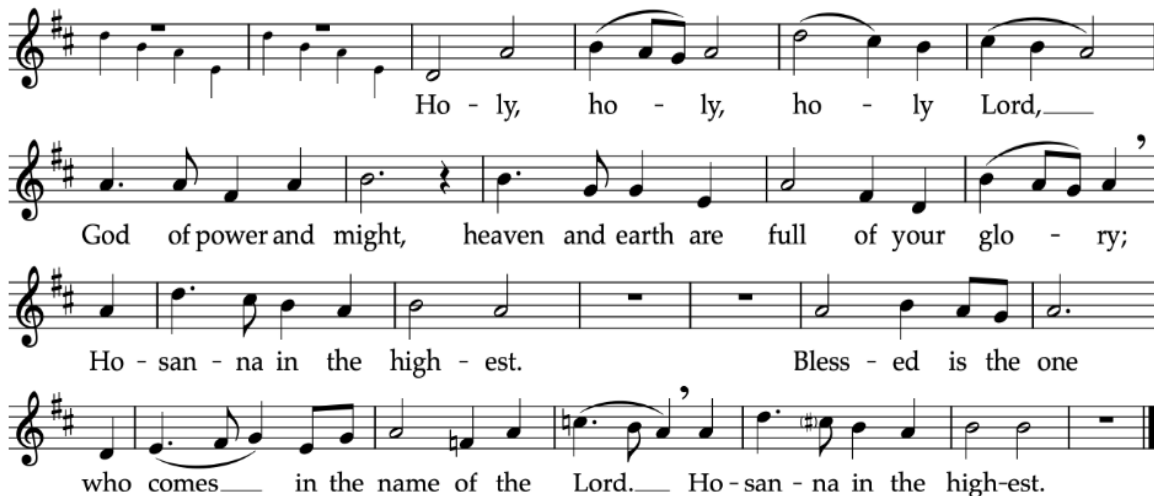
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, —
God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry;
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one
who comes — in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people may kneel or stand

Then 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 . . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The 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 . . .

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.



A - - men. A - - men. A - - men.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant and People:



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. and for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Setting: Plainsong; Adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant (Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).

People **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

Celebrant May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing

The priest blesses the congregation. The congregation responds with: Amen.

Recessional Hymn "Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing"

Hymn #334

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

"Old Hundredth"

Piet Post

Based on hymn 377

If you are visiting St. Luke's, we welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord. If you have any questions or want to know more about St. Luke's Church, please speak with an usher.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

ACOLYTE: Chris Schatzman

ALTAR GUILD: Kathie Thompson

FIRST READER: Tricia Frost

SECOND READER: Marshall Cushman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Geoff Greeley

CANTOR: Madie Lambert

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Cindy Ganzel

USHERS: Debbie Bruno, Tricia Frost

COFFEE HOUR: Vestry

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR: Birthday Sunday

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

For the Church: In the World

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti
Cadnet Edneron and Charline Irossaint

For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's Diocese of Wisconsin
Hospitality Center
Racine Vocational Ministry
The DeKoven Center
Brown Bag Ministry

Those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Ron, Gerald, Jean, Olivia, Katie, Sally, Heather, Leah,
George, Gregory, Andrea, DaMary, John, Marcos, Esther, Irene, Lois, David, Bill, Ramon
Homebound: Barbara, Jeanne, Bill

Special Offering

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the following **St. Luke's Discretionary Fund**. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

Thanksgiving for Birthday

Hailey

Personal Reflection of the Sermon

My three goals for the next three months to make St. Luke's more welcoming and inclusive:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3

Are you willing to share these goals? If you want help, feedback or support, email Fr. Matthew: curiouspriest@gmail.com

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Hello,

4-16-21

I Pray EVERYONE is doing well, OR AS WELL AS CAN BE. I would like to say Thank you for all your prayers. I also would like to say HAPPY EASTER AS WELL HAPPY Day of Pentecost. I'm hoping to be home by Christmas this year, but only God knows if I will be. If not I will be soon enough.

I ask for continued PRAYERS during this time. Also continue prayers for the world, our loved ones in Milwaukee with all this ~~the~~ flooding that's happening. Prayers for our ~~the~~ Governor who I pray stays in office unless Evers is not seeking another term.

Well I'm going to close for now take CARE EVERYONE and be SAFE.

God Bless You All.

Love

← DAVID L.