



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

10:00 am



Entry into Worship

Hymn

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

Hymnal, #205

✠ Opening Acclamation ✠

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.*

Gloria

LEVAS, #243

Glo - ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Unison

3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. 4. You

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,

Unison

7. You a - lone_ are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
glo - ry of the Fa - ther. Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we
praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we
Praise your Ho - ly name.
A - - - men.

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.*

Children leave for Children's Chapel



The Lessons

The Early Church

Acts 2:42-47

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.

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

Psalm 23

Read in Hebrew by Nev Roseman

New Testament

1 Peter 2:19-25

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.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

Gospel Hymn

The strife is o'er, the battle done

Hymnal, #208 (vs. 1-2)

The Gospel

John 10:1-10

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of

strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. David Gortner

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.

After the Creed the couple stands before the Celebrant.

Dear friends, God established the bond and covenant of marriage in our creation, and Jesus Christ the Lover of all humankind blessed this shared way of life by his presence and first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Marriage is an icon, a powerful sign for us, of the everlasting union between Christ and his Church, and Holy Scripture commends it to be honored among all people.

Ian and Janet Hicks, you have come here today in celebration of your fifty years of married life together, to renew and reaffirm your vows before God to each other and to seek the blessing of God and his Church upon your marriage. I invite you now, with full heart, soul, mind, and strength, to recall and reaffirm the vows that you made at your wedding.

Janet and Ian, are you ready to renew and reaffirm your vows?

We are.

Ian, facing Janet and taking her right hand in his, says

Janet, you are my beloved wife. With joy and in the name of God, I will continue to have and to hold you from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. With my body I honor and adore you, all that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you, within the love of God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is my solemn vow.

Then they loose their hands, and Janet, facing Ian, takes his right hand in hers, and says

Ian, you are my beloved husband. With joy and in the name of God, I will continue to have and to hold you from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. With my body I honor and adore you, all that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you, within the love of God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is my solemn vow.

They loose their hands.

The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who have witnessed these promises do all in your power to continue to uphold Janet and Ian in their marriage?

People ***We will.***

In thanks and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

Blessed are you, heavenly Father.
You give joy to husband and wife.

Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ.
You have brought new life to humankind.

Blessed are you, Holy Spirit of God.
You bring us together in love.

Blessed be Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
One God, to be praised for ever. Amen.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.
We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
We thank you, Lord.

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace:
Look with favor upon the world you have made, and for which your Son gave his life, and
especially upon Janet and Ian whom you have made one flesh in Holy Matrimony. ***Amen.***

We praise you for the gift of marriage in which the love of husband and wife is brought
together and reflects your ultimate design and desire of love for the world. We thank you
today for Ian and Janet, and for leading them to each other in friendship and love,
commitment and trust, and for bringing them here among us for the blessing of their
marriage.

Living God, by the presence of your Holy Spirit, may they know the risen Christ to be with
them now, as they celebrate this covenant together. May their lives be a witness to your
saving love in this troubled world. ***Amen.***

Continue to bless them with wisdom and devotion in their shared life, that they may be to
each other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a
companion in joy. ***Amen.***

Draw their wills ever more closely together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their life. **Amen.**

Give them grace, when they hurt each other, to recognize and acknowledge their fault, and to seek each other's forgiveness and yours. **Amen.**

Make their life together a sign of Christ's love to this sinful and broken world, that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair. **Amen.**

You have blessed them with the gift and heritage of children. Fill the hearts and minds of their children and grandchildren with your great love, that they all may know you, love you, and serve you. **Amen.**

Give them continuing fulfillment of their mutual affection, that their lives and their home may be a fountain and wellspring of love and concern for others. **Amen.**

Grant that all married persons who have witnessed these vows may find their own lives strengthened and their loyalties confirmed. **Amen.**

In our common humanity, we are all united one to another, and the living to the dead. We pray that all our lives may be so transformed by your grace, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven; where, O Father, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign in perfect unity, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing of the Marriage

The people remain standing. The husband and wife kneel and pray together,

Heavenly Father, we offer you our souls and bodies, our thoughts and words and deeds, our love for one another. Unite our wills in your will, that we may grow together in love and peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Priest says this prayer and blessing.

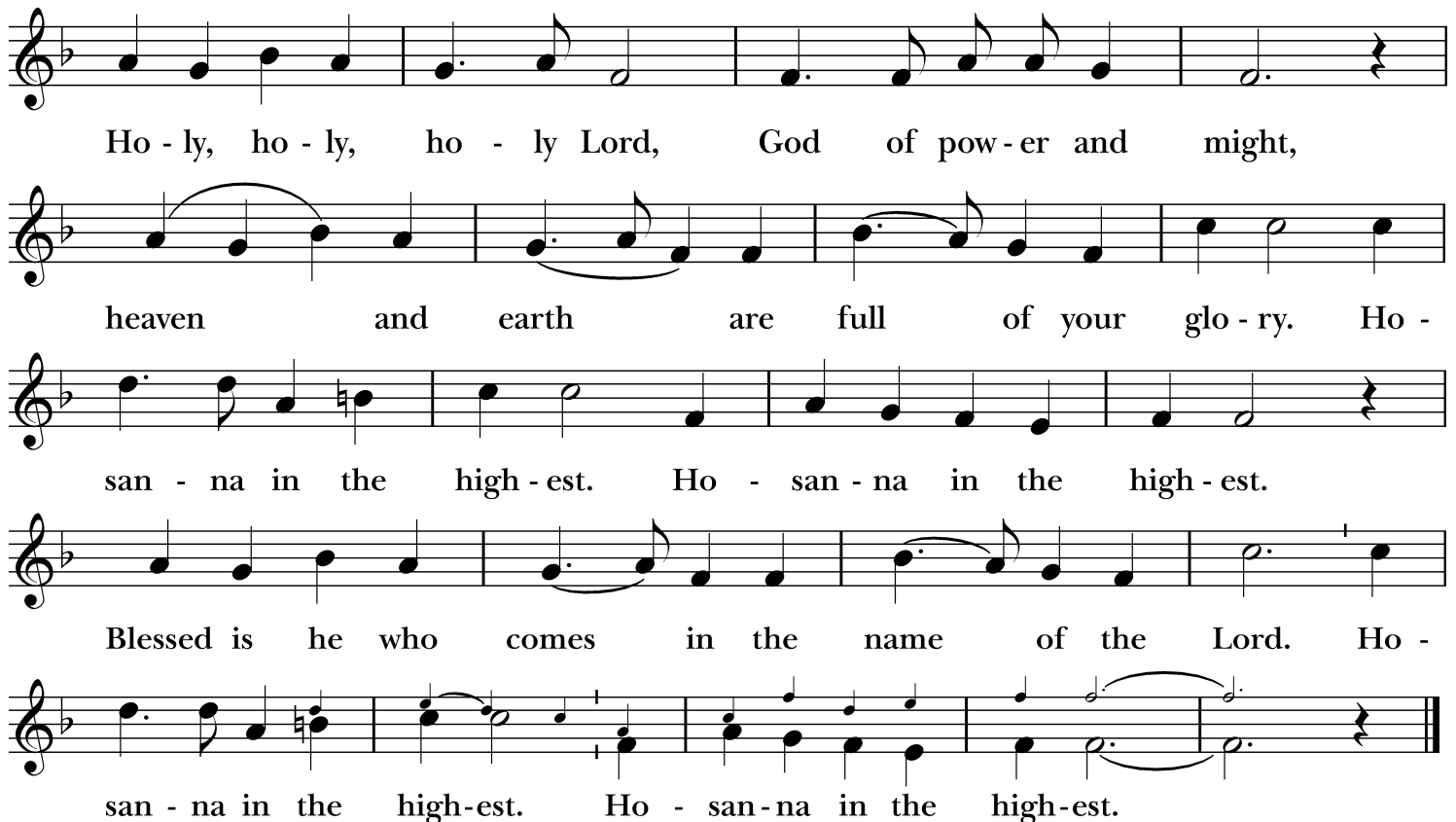
Most gracious God, we give you thanks for your tender love in sending Jesus Christ to come among us, to be born of a human mother, and to make the way of complete self-giving love to be the way of life. By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon Ian and Janet joined these many years in Holy Matrimony. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other continue to be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads. Bless them in their labors and their companionship; in their sleeping and their waking; in their joys and their sorrows; in their life and in their death. Finally, in your mercy, bring them and all of us to that great marriage banquet of Christ, where, with all your saints and

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our sins

as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,

and de-liv-er us from e-vil.

For the king-dom, the pow'r, and the glo-ry are yours,

now and for-ev-er. A-men.

Dushe Moya Mass, David T. Gortner

The Breaking of the Bread

WLP, #880



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944). Music: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); desc. Alec Wyton (b. 1921).

Communion

People present may receive. People joining online receive inwardly, continuing to pray.

Hymns during Communion

Congregation members are encouraged to sing with the choir while praying

Dona nobis pacem, pacem	Hymnal, #712
I come with joy to meet my Lord	Hymnal, #304

Glory, glory, hallelujah

LEVAS, #130

1. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
 2. I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter,

1. — Since I laid my bur - den down.
 2. — Since I laid my bur - den down,

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 2. — I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter,

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Prayer after Communion

*Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth into the world as a people forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*



Sending into the World

Hymn

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

Hymnal, #334

Blessing and Dismissal

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

The Liturgy is drawn from a combination of sources:

***The Book of Common Prayer (Rite II); The Book of Occasional Services; Enriching Our Worship;
and adaptations to prayers made by the Rector of St. Luke's.***

Marriage prayers drawn together and adapted by the Rector, from the Book of Common Prayer and from England's Common Worship: Pastoral Services, [The Archbishops' Council](#) 2000, 2005 [Church House Publishing](#).

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Serving Today

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Greeters	Brent & Jeane Neumark
Children's Chapel	Erica Waterman
Coffee Hour	Janet & Ian Hicks

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Welcome to St. Luke's! We are so glad to have you join us in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Easter is a season of wonder, joy, surprise, and gratitude for all God's goodness that makes life new.



We are a reconciling, affirming, inclusive Christian community that embraces all people in worship, love, and service.

God created you and treasures you.

Join us as we seek to follow Jesus, sharing, celebrating, and showing Christ's boundless love.

We seek to move deeper in faith, closer in bonds of love, and wider in our sharing of God's care in all our communities.

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