



The absence of God ... is often so deeply felt that it leads to a new sense of God's presence.

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Reaching Out

ST. LUKE'S ON THE LAKE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Wednesday in the Fifth Week of Lent

April 1st, 2020 | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

ORDER OF SERVICE
Wednesday in the Fifth Week of Lent

THE WORD OF GOD

THE PROCESSIONAL

Stand as you are able

OPENING ACCLAMATION FOR LENT

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People *His mercy endures forever.*

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.**

THE TRISAGION [*say three times*]

***Holy God, Holy and Mighty
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Remain standing or kneel as you are able

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God our heavenly Father, renew in us the gifts of your mercy; increase our faith, strengthen our hope, enlighten our understanding, widen our charity, and make us ready to serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Be seated

Reader A reading from the Book of Daniel.

Daniel 3:14–20,24–28

Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble to fall down and worship the statue that I have made, well and good. But if you do

not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god that will deliver you out of my hands?"

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary, and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, "Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?" They answered the king, "True, O king." He replied, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god." Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not harmed, and not even the smell of fire came from them.

Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE RESPONSE

Reader The Response is Canticle 13. We will recite it in unison.

Canticle 13 **A Song of Praise: Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34**

*Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.*

*Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.*

*Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.*

*Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.*

*Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.*

*Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.*

THE GOSPEL

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John 8:31–42

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. I know that you are descendants of Abraham; yet you look for an opportunity to kill me, because there is no place in you for my word. I declare what I have seen in the Father’s presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father.”

They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would be doing what Abraham did, but now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. You are indeed doing what your father does.” They said to him, “We are not illegitimate children; we have one father, God himself.” Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now I am here. I did not come on my own, but he sent me.”

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

THE NICENE CREED

*Stand as you are able***Reader** Please stand as we affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.*All say together*

*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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE [FORM IV]

Remain standing or kneel as you are able

The Reader leads prayer; the People respond as indicated:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land (especially Donald, our president, and Greg, our governor), and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; including all brave civilian and military personnel serving our country (especially Amos, Isabelle, Phillip, Scott, Brian, Russell, Travis, Joe, Jacob, Christine, Christopher, Raymond, Marshall, Jason, Christine, Trev, Weston, and Mark); that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (especially those on our parish prayer list) and those who care for them, especially all healthcare workers and first responders; and those known in our hearts: give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Jan Rollins, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People say together

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. 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

Stand as you are able

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Welcome & Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant

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The gifts are presented and placed on the Altar.

Celebrant All things come from Thee, O Lord.

People *Of thine own have we given thee.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING [EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C]

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; the People respond as indicated:

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:

THE SANCTUS

*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 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.

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,
***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; 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.

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.**

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

Celebrant and People say together

**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.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People say together

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Stand or kneel as you are able

SOLEMN PRAYER

RECESSIONAL

Stand as you are able

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

PARISH PRAYER LIST

[Contact office@stlukesonthelake.org to add yourself or a loved one to this list.]

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially:

These Groups: Community First Village; Prison Ministries; Malawi Community of Hope; Order of St. Luke the Physician Prayer Servants and Intercessors; Honduras Good Works; our St. Luke's workers in the field: K & K & children, & V.B..

These Members and Loved Ones Serving Our Country, Especially: Amos N., Jr., Isabelle, Phillip, Scott, Brian Beachy, Russell Butler, Travis Cook, Joe Cresto, Jacob Daniel, Christine Felice, Christopher Foote, Raymond Garcia, Marshall Harris, Jason T. Liddell, Christine McDonnell, Trev Moncure, Weston Turner, Mark Wilmot.

For Those Whose Needs Have Been Made Known To Us: Beck, Beverly, Breese, Caitlin, Craig, George, Johanna, Karen, Julia, Linda, Margaret, Mark, Sarah Jane, Terri, Carmen Ackermann, August Buchanan, Danny Cashion, Steve Child, Pat Compton, Rachel Dacke, Dax Davis, Barbara Doebner, John Ebert, John Fibiger, Corinne Grant, Chris Greene, Nelle Hahn, John Harper, Ted & JoAnne Imhof, Kristi Leazer, Vicki McPherson, Chris Miner, Michael Mohle, Bill Moses, Michael & Kelly Murley, Anita O'Neil, Deborah O'Neil, Dick Pearson, George & Diane Power, T.J. & Pat Reid, Jan Rollins, Gretchen Schriver, John Taylor, Marie Webster, Jeanne Weeks, Marilyn Zwicker; the Beachy family; the Steichen family.

For Those Who Have Died: Jan Rollins, long-time parishioner and wife of David Rollins.