



WEDNESDAY IN THE 5<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF EASTER  
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD  
MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 | 10:00 AM

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**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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

**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.*

**OPENING ANTHEM**

**Celebrant** Lord, have mercy.  
**People** *Christ, have mercy.*  
**Celebrant** Lord, have mercy.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**THE LESSON**

**Reader** A Reading from the Book of Acts.

**Acts 15:1-6**

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.' And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, 'It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses.'

The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter.

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

**THE GOSPEL**

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

## John 15:1-8

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

**THE SERMON**                      **THE REV. JIM COOK, ASSISTING PRIEST**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Reader**          The Lord be with you.

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

**Reader**          Let us pray.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s); for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people, especially those suffering from COVID-19, those caring for them, and those working on treatments. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, those on our parish prayer list, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Celebrant

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#### OFFERTORY SONG *As It Is In Heaven*

*The gifts are presented and placed on the Altar.*

*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.*

**Celebrant** All things come from Thee, O Lord.  
**People** *Of thine own have we given thee.*

**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.*

#### A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant and People say together*

*Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.*

*We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.*

*We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.*

*We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.*

*Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.*

*Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.*

#### BLESSING

**Celebrant**

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.**

#### DISMISSAL

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

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**WORSHIP MINISTERS**

Celebrant: *The Rev. Jim Cook, Assisting Priest* | Technology Support: *Brad Powell*

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**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

[Contact [office@stlukesonthelake.org](mailto: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 Members and Loved Ones Serving Our Country:** Amos, Brian, Christine F., Christine M., Christopher, Isabelle, Jacob, Jason, Mark, Marshall, Phillip, Raymond, Russell, Scott, Travis, Trev, Weston.

**These Members and Loved Ones Who Are COVID-19 Heroes:** Anna, April, Aurelia, Bethany, Beau, Brenda, Brett, Christine, Daryl, Dennis, Dustin, Elizabeth, Jason, Jenny, Jim, Laura, Lucia, Michelle, Niki, Noël, Pito, Riley, Ryan, Sherry, Sterling, Tamara.

**Those Whose Needs Have Been Made Known To Us:** Allison, Anita, August, Ben, Beverly, Breese, Caitlin, Chris G., Chris M., Corinne, Craig, Danny, Dax, Deborah, George, Johanna, John F., John H., Kristi, Linda, Margaret, Marie, Mark, Kelly, Morris, Nelle, Pat, Paul, Rachel, Sarah, JoAnne, Terri.

**All St. Luke’s Ministry and Mission Partners,** including our St. Luke’s workers in the field: K & K & children, V.B..