



THE FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

LESSON

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 26:9-21

[After he was in prison for some time, Paul was permitted to state his case before King Agrippa. Paul said to the King.] ⁹“Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. ¹⁰And that is what I did in Jerusalem; with authority received from the chief priests, I not only locked up many of the saints in prison, but I also cast my vote against them when they were being condemned to death. ¹¹By punishing them often in all the synagogues I tried to force them to blaspheme; and since I was so furiously enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities.

¹²“With this in mind, I was traveling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, ¹³when at midday along the road, your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. ¹⁴When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.’ ¹⁵I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The Lord answered, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. ¹⁶But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. ¹⁷I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you ¹⁸to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

¹⁹“After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, ²⁰but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. ²¹For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me.”

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

GOSPEL
Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Matthew 10:16-22

[Jesus said,] ¹⁶“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

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

SERMON THE REVEREND 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 the prayer list of our parish, 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, especially Roger Gaillardetz, member of St. Luke's, husband of Kimberly Gaillardetz, and brother-in-law of Mark Ridlehuber; and Ralph Weston, Vestry member at St. Luke's and husband of Caroline LeGette *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

OFFERTORY

Celebrant

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

We are grateful for your tax-deductible contributions, which enable us to continue our work.

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OFFERTORY SONG

DOXOLOGY

The gifts are presented and placed on the Altar.

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 blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you this day and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Preacher & Celebrant: *The Reverend Jim Cook, Assisting Priest* | Reader: *Patti Peacock* | Technology Support: *Brad Powell*

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

Names remain on this list for four weeks unless otherwise requested.

Names of those who have died are read during Prayers of the People for two weeks.

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, 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, Rick & Wendy, Riley, Ryan, Sherry, Sterling, Tamara.

Those Whose Needs Have Been Made Known to Us: Allen, Becky, Beverly, Bob, Breese, Caitlin, Carol, Carol & Ross, Cathy, Chris G., Chris M., Christy and David, Corinne, Craig, Dana, Deborah, Donnie, Eleanor, Elle & Jared, Elizabeth, George, Hester, Joan, JoAnne, John F., John H., John & Suzy, Karen, Karen K., Kay, Julia & Jack, Kimberley, Kristi, Marilyn, Mark, Mary, Mary Alice, Nelle, Pam, Pat, Rachel, the Family of Lauren Hinton Kirk, the Clement Family, the Labit Family, the Roberts Family, the Watson Family, the Yawn Family.

Those Who Have Died: Roger Gaillardetz, member of St. Luke's, husband of Kimberly Gaillardetz, and brother-in-law of Mark Riddlehuber; Ralph Weston, Vestry member at St. Luke's and husband of Caroline LeGette.

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

The Staff of Dell Children's Hospital, especially those serving patients in PICU, Mental Health, and 3-Central.