



In Preparation for Worship

“The really important kind of freedom involves attention, and awareness, and discipline, and effort, and being able truly to care about other people and to sacrifice for them, over and over, in myriad petty little unsexy ways, every day.” - David Foster Wallace

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Prelude on “Caithness”

Welcome and Announcements

At this time, please take a moment to let us know you are worshiping online with us by sharing your name in the “comments” on our video feed, as well as filling out the [online friendship pad](#) at [slpres.org](#).

The Light of the Hour

Worshippers are invited to light a candle with us, a reminder that we are connected by the Holy Spirit. #SaintLukesConnected

Hymn #718*

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

*Hymns will be provided on the screen.

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Take what is closed in us and open it.
 Take what is distracted in us and settle it.
 Take what is hurting in us and hold it.
 Take any and all parts of us that create distance from you.
 For we are like Peter, O God.
 We argue what we don't know. We fear what we cannot see.
 And we almost always speak sooner than we listen.
 So open us, settle us, hold us, and forgive us.
 We long to hear you more clearly.
 We long to know you more fully.
 With hope we pray,
 And with gratitude we confess.
 Hear also our personal confessions that we offer in silence... (Silence is kept for personal reflection.)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Song of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

Passing of the Peace of Christ

We encourage you to pass the peace with your fellow worshippers in the “comments” of the video feed and to take time today to reach out and share Christ's peace with your friends, neighbors and family.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:31-38

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
 People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

Sermon

Denial

David Lower

Musical Response

The Glory of These Forty Days – setting by Dietrich Buxtehude
Chancel Choir Quartet

Affirmation of Faith

from Sanctified Art

We believe.
Sometimes our belief is confident,
Like a child on a dance floor—
Unashamed and wildly genuine.
Sometimes our belief is distant,
Flickering and calling out to us
Like a lighthouse on the sea.
Sometimes our belief shows up as passion,
Guiding the way we vote, shop, give, live, trust, and hope.
Sometimes our belief is like a shadow—
Faith stitched to our heels, unmoveable, unloseable,
A gift for winding journeys.
Sometimes our belief exists like growing pains.
We step forward. We fall back.
But again and again,
Jesus invites us to listen,
To grow, and to take another step.
So again and again,
We speak these truths out loud:
We believe.
Again and again, we believe.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering

*Giving is a tangible sign of worship. During this interesting time in our world, we encourage you to continue to share your time, talent and treasure. You may also "Text to Give" to **73256**. The body of the text needs to start with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

Hymn #726*

Will You Come and Follow Me

**Hymns will be provided on the screen.*

Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

Postlude on "Ellacombe"