

# **Worship Guide**

Third Sunday of Easter - May 1, 2022

#### Welcome!

Following new CDC guidelines, wearing masks is optional.

We encourage everyone to wear a mask based on your personal preference, informed by your personal level of risk.

We recommend those who are unvaccinated and have not had COVID in the last 90 days mask to protect yourself and others.

Thank you for being careful and gracious toward one another as we live into these times.

## In Preparation for Worship

"The question should not be "What would Jesus do?" but rather, more dangerously, "What would Jesus have me do?" The onus is not on Jesus but on us, for Jesus did not come to ask semi-divine human beings to do impossible things. He came to ask human beings to live up to their full humanity; he wants us to live in the full implication of our human gifts, and that is far more demanding." — Peter J. Gomes

**Prelude** Prelude Jacques Lemmens

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit** Call to Celebration William Mathis

#### Call to Worship\*

Leader: O Lord our God, we praise you.

People: We have cried to you for help and you have answered us.

Leader: You have restored our destiny and filled our hearts with hope.

People: You have rescued us from the grave and from a life without meaning.

Leader: O Lord our God, we praise you.

People: We praise you with our lives and our songs.

# Opening Hymn #667\*

When Morning Gilds the Skies

# **Prayer of Confession\***

God of the empty tomb and our bare hearts,

Forgive us when we are afraid to speak of our faith, and help us to find our voice.

When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive.

When we are afraid to stand up for what is right, help us join with the weak so you can make us all strong.

When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.

When we are confined by doubts, touch us with your truth, open our hearts, and give us peace.

(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)

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

## **Assurance of Forgiveness\***

**Song of Praise #243\*** Be Not Afraid

Prayer for Illumination Andrea Price

**Scripture Reading** John 21:1-19

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

## **Tell Us Our Story**

Children are welcome to come forward, with masks optional, for Tell Us Our Story. After Tell Us Our Story, parents may walk children across courtyard to Room 117 (3 and under) and Room 119 (PreK and K). 1st through 3rd graders may gather in the narthex, make a nametag, and then walk to the Dock (located above the preschool classrooms in Sheppard Hall), where parents pick them up after worship. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.

**Anthem** Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel

**Sermon** Come to Believe David Lower

## **Affirmation of Faith\*** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate;

was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Holy Communion**

#### Invitation to the Table

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

#### Words of Institution

**Communion Music** Behold, the Tabernacle of God William Harris

#### **The Offering**

All are invited to participate in support of God's work at Saint Luke's, in one of three ways:

- 1) Giving envelopes, available in each pew, may be placed inside the Friendship Pads or in the offering plate in the narthex,
- 2) Give online via slpres.org/giving,
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.

**Closing Hymn #4\*** Holy God, We Praise Your Name

**Benediction\*** 

**Response\*** Benediction Flourish William Mathis

**Postlude\*** Fanfare Jacques Lemmens

Please remain masked upon leaving the sanctuary. Please join us in the courtyard for fellowship and conversation!

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