

Worship Guide

Second Sunday of Easter - April 16, 2023

Welcome to Saint Luke's!

In Preparation for Worship

"As directly as the visible Jesus has urged Thomas, the unseen Jesus now urges us to believe—and perhaps to celebrate how the community's witness over time has led us into its blessed membership." - Paul Simpson Duke

Prelude Blessed Assurance Phoebe P. Knapp, arr. Bill Wolaver

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: It is joyful and wondrous to share in the good news of the resurrection.

People: Fear and doubt, while real and powerful, cannot bind us.

Leader: Let us worship God and sing our praises!

Opening Hymn* 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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.

Trustfully we pray, now also the prayers on each of our hearts...

(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)

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

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise* 608

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all people here below, praise Holy Spirit evermore, praise triune God whom we adore!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading John 20:19-31

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

Tell Us Our Story

Michael Sanchez

Children are welcome to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. After Tell Us Our Story, parents will walk children across courtyard to Room 117 (3 and under) and Room 119 (PreK and K). 1st through 5th graders will gather in the narthex and walk with leaders to 252Kid and 252Preteen. Parents will pick up from The Dock and The Lighthouse. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.

Anthem Morning Has Broken arr. Arlen Clarke

Sermon Doubt & Faith Van Herring

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.

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

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 in the offering plates as they are passed.
- 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* 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Blessing of Camino de Santiago Travelers*

Benediction*

Choral Blessing*

Postlude* Prelude in C Major J.S. Bach

Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation!

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