

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF FORT MYERS

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Sunday, May 18th, 2025
The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Welcome to St. Luke's Episcopal Church.
Called to glorify God in traditional worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a loving community.

HOW WE SERVE

We live and offer the Catholic Faith through traditional worship and orthodox preaching. We help equip all members for their ministries through formation of disciples. We reach out to our neighbors in word and action with the Good News of God's Truth and Love in Jesus Christ. We share the Peace of Christ with one another.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| Sun May 18th | 10:00 AM | Solemn Mass | Church |
| Mon May 19th | 7:00 PM | Serendipity South | Friday House |
| Tues May 20th | 4:30 PM | Finance Meeting | Library |
| Wed May 21st | 10:00 AM | Healing Mass | Chapel |
| | 11:00 AM | Intercessory Prayers | Library |

THE ENTRANCE LITURGY

Voluntary: *Prelude and Fugue in Bb* Johann Sebastian Bach
Processional: **Hymn 610** *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

*The Order for Holy Eucharist begins on page 323
in the red Book of Common Prayer*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Hymnal: S-204 Old Scottish Chant

1. Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

2. We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor - ship thee,
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry,

3. O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - might - y.

4. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Fa - ther, 5. that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up -
on us. 6. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up-on us.

8. For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord; 9. Thou only, O Christ, with the
Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 11:1-18 **Lector:** Syd Dawson

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

THE PSALM

Psalm 148 *Laudate Dominum* Sung by the Choir

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights. ² Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host. ³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. ⁴ Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. ⁵ Let them praise the Name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were

created. ⁶ He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away. ⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps; Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will; ⁹ Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; ¹⁰ Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds; ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; ¹² Young men and maidens, old and young together. ¹³ Let them praise the Name of the Lord, for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven. ¹⁴ He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 21:1-6 **Lector:** Mark Bramwell
I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

GRADUAL

Hymn 529 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

THE GOSPEL

John 13:31-35 **Gospeler:** Fr. Hanson
At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The order of liturgy continues from page 327-332 in the Book of Common Prayer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR ST. LUKE’S:
Almighty and ever-caring God, send thy Holy Spirit to help, teach, and guide us as we work to strengthen and build St. Luke’s church and go forward in the future to spread the Gospel of thy Son, Jesus Christ, and bring ourselves, our neighbors, and all others whom we may encounter into thy Holy Kingdom; this we pray in the Holy name of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

BIRTHDAYS:
Birthday Collect: O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant (s) _____ as he/she/they begin(s) another year. Grant that he/she/they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her/their trust in your goodness all the days of his/her (their) life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

ANNIVERSARIES:
Wedding Anniversary Collect: O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage between a man and woman that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and His Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, _____ that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

5/20—Sandy Smith
5/23—Jim Hinman

PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS:
Jenny Bordeaux, Frances Brinley, Bobby Brown, Barbara Harburg, Tyler Harvey, Andrea Hurst, Carl Meyer, Flavia Nascimento, Beverly Paskiet, Jim Rattray, John Shoemaker, Dick Helms, Tom Chester, David Rice, Linda Harvey, Valerie Hamilton, Jane Sweetman, Vera Stephens, Sally DeFazio, Martye Burkett, Jim Fox, Linda Miles, Ellie Downs, Marge Carcaneigh, Mike Carroll, Carolyn Winters, Michelle Halley, Thomas Drach, Eugene Picciano, Talia Brown, Joseph Walls, Tom Carcaneigh, Dr. Ronald Doiron, David DeCrow, John Kyser, Kurt Eggert, The Reese Family, Janie Singleton, Mimi Savidge, Janet Leake, Alan Averhart, Mary Camblin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Bank: On May 13 we delivered another van load of non-perishable food items to our partners at All Souls. Another big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed! Remember that the need for non perishable (no bottles or jars please) food items for people or their pets, personal hygiene or grooming items and your prayers are still needed. Go look up Matthew 25:40.....

Flower Chart Signup: Our current arrangement with our florist is only by demand. Please consider signing up for flowers at any week of your choosing if you would like to have flowers at the altar. Remember, flowers are not just for decoration, scent, or aesthetics: they are a religious offering which symbolize the intentions for the mass. Your intentions, in the form of dedications and commemorations, can be made known in the bulletin of that week by signing on the flower chart (in the hall outside the sanctuary) and dropping a corresponding dedication card in the office.

DURING THE OFFERING

Choral: *Behold the Lamb of God* from **Messiah** George Frideric Handel
Sung by St. Luke's Choir

AT THE PRESENTATION



4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en the Lord, and sing to -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God - the Son, to God the

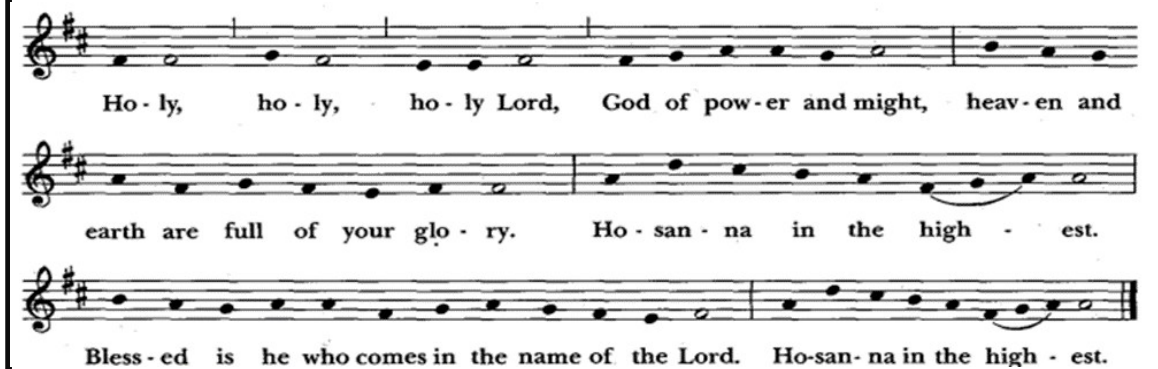
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Order for Holy Eucharist proceeds on Page 333 of the Book of Common Prayer

SANCTUS

“Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:”



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE GREAT AMEN

“By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end,”



THE LORD'S PRAYER

“And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say”

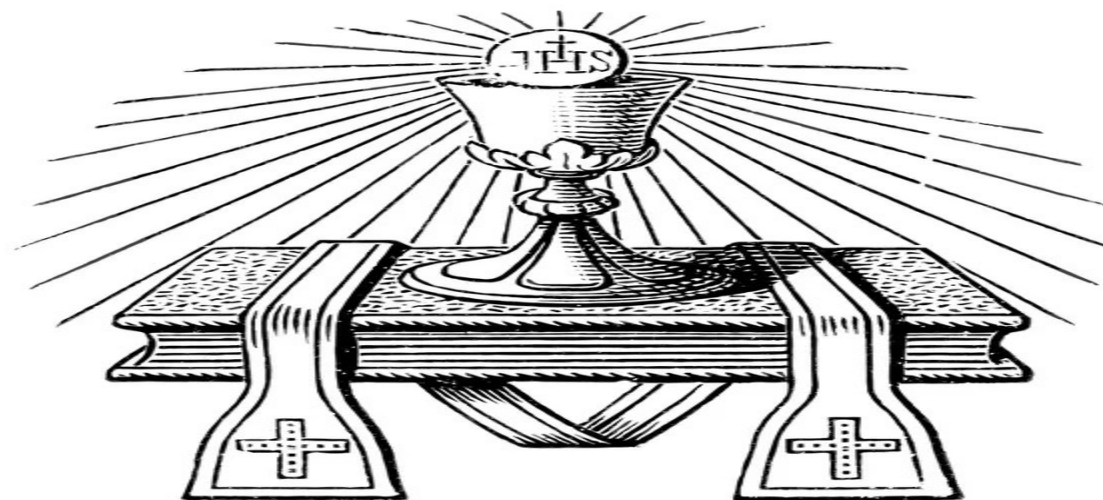


FRACTION ANTHEM

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, all singing:



*The Eucharist continues with the Prayer of Humble Access
on page 337 of the Book of Common Prayer*



All baptized Christians are invited to the Lord's Table for communion

DURING COMMUNION

Choral: God So Loved the World John Stainer
Congregational: Hymn 304 I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

AFTER COMMUNION

The post communion prayer begins on Page 339 in the Book of Common Prayer

Recessional: Hymn 432 O Praise Ye the Lord! Praise Him in the Height
Organ Voluntary: Postlude in F F. Peeters

Please join us in the Parish Hall after mass for refreshments and Christian fellowship

SERMON NOTES

Preacher: Fr. Grady

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Janet Leake

FAITH GROUPS

Daughters of the King
Altar Guild
Sunday Fellowship & Coffee Hour
Choir
Prayer Group
Sunday School

Readings for May 25th:

Acts 16:9-15
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29
Psalm 67

Lectors: Owen Parr & Mark Bramwell