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RITE I – HOLY EUCHARIST – 8:00AM
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
12 APRIL 2026

*God calls us the people of St. Luke's
to open wide our doors in the name of Christ:
To all who are young or old and need counsel;
To all who are strong and want a task;
To all who are lonely, weak or mourn and need comfort;
To all who are sinful and need a Savior;
To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who are left out and need acceptance;
To all who are grateful and need a place to give thanks and pray;
To all who are called by worship of the Lord into community outreach;
To all in Christ's name we say "WELCOME."*

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

OPENING ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY (*Congregation recites together.*)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.** Let us pray: (*Silence is appropriate.*) Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

(Please be seated for the readings from the Scripture.)

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 2:14A, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his

descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

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

PSALM 16

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

² **All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³ But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴ **Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

⁸ **I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

¹¹ **You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 PETER 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are

being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN #209

We walk by faith, and not by sight

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee O Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and
is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped
and glorified.**

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Knowing that the risen Christ is here among us, let us pray in his name for the Church and for the world. We pray for Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola and Zion Church, Douglaston.

We pray for your blessing on every group of Christians worshipping today all over the world; and we pray for all who doubt your truth. We pray that our hearts may be set ablaze with love, and that we may walk as children of light.

We pray: **My Lord and my God!**

We pray for all the areas of your world which are torn apart by hatred and violence, famine, disease, or religious differences; we pray for an end to war and a deeper commitment to peace.

We pray: **My Lord and my God!**

We pray for those who face family rejection if they become Christians, or take their faith seriously, and for all families divided by beliefs or persecuted for their faith. We pray for the children of our church that they may grow up strong in the faith with good role models to guide them.

We pray: **My Lord and my God!**

We pray for those who wake up to the prospect of another day filled with pain or sickness; for those who long for someone to spend time with them, enjoying their company; and we pray for sight that notices needs. We remember all those on our parish prayer list (*pause*), the members of our armed forces serving at home and abroad, and all those affected by violence and war. We pray for the end of anti-Semitism and all forms of hate. We pray for the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and Iran and for the outpouring of peace.

We pray: **My Lord and my God!**

We pray for those who mourn, and we pray for those they love and miss, commending all who have died to the everlasting arms of the God of love, in whom there is life in all its fullness.

We pray: **My Lord and my God!**

With joy in our hearts we thank you for the new life opened up to us through Jesus, our Redeemer. We especially remember with love those who celebrate birthdays: *Josh Gregory, Christopher Zuk, Rob Hanke, Nicholas Lombardo, Jane Wood, Skye Marigold*; and anniversaries this week: *Robert & Teresa Schurr*.

We pray: **My Lord and my God!**

O God, our faith in the risen Christ is bound to affect the way we live and so, merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN #206 *Alleluia! O sons and daughters, let us sing!*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER I

BCP 333

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Words of welcome (from the Iona Community): “Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.” Gluten-free hosts are available for those who need them. If you do not wish to receive wine, or only wish a blessing, cross your hands over your chest as you come forward.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

My Hands
Joy Jones, soloist

HANNIBAL & NOLAN

THE LORD’S PRAYER

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: **Gracious God, we thank thee for feeding us with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope thou hast set before us, so that we and all thy children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise thy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

**THE FOLLOWING REQUEST OUR PRAYERS
FOR GOD'S LOVING AND HEALING MERCY:**

*George Kneip, Ken Miller, Jeffrey Lane, Mark Gregory, Mary Libby,
Edmond L. Craig, III, Joanne, Jack, Michael Swerdlow, Denny Kiner,
Marguerite Kelly, John McNally, Terry Ash, Chance Lauer,
Mary Mason, Steve Scott, Karen Bellow, Thomas Fleming*

Wine used for communion today was donated by Chris & Ellen White

***Eucharistic Ministers:** Georgiana Mellgard (Second Reading),
Charles Riggi (Prayers)
First Reading: Caroline Dean
Altar Guild: Merle McDonald-Aaron, Holly Whitmore*

GUEST PREACHER TODAY!

Today we welcome the Rev. Landon Moore, as our guest preacher. Landon serves as the Canon for Vocations and Congregations for the diocese and is helping St. Luke's in our search for a curate. He is the primary point of contact for parishes in transition, managing administrative responsibilities and providing strategic guidance to support the vision of both the parishes and the diocese. He works closely with congregational leaders to ensure a seamless process for transitions and offers resources for long-term vitality and growth. He has also been a collegiate football player and currently serves as chaplain in the US Navy Reserves.

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SERVICE PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

Our scheduling team is organizing Eucharistic Ministers and Readers for our 8am and 10am services. If you would like to serve, please contact Joan Branche (jbranche26@gmail.com, 631-377-1812) or Caroline Dean (Caroline.L.Dean@gamil.com, 401-481-9485) to help get you started with the process. We warmly welcome new faces and would be delighted to help anyone interested get started in this meaningful ministry.

SAVE THE DATE—AFTERNOON TEA RETURNS!

May 9th, 4 – 6pm. For our second year, St. Luke's will host an Afternoon Tea and Art Show. We will have an exhibition of art from artists within the congregation. You can set your table with your own tea sets and invite your family and friends. Lots of delicious tea sandwiches, sweets, savory and gluten free treats will be on the menu. More information to follow next week.

BIBLE STUDY -- WAS THE END OF TIME PROPHEZIZED?

The most misunderstood book in the New Testament is likely the Book of Revelation. Join Sal Tocci on **Saturday, May 2nd** as we discuss what this book actually says and look at why Church Fathers argued whether it should even be included in the canon. We will meet in the Vestry room starting at 9am. Those unable to attend can join via Zoom by clicking on the link in Constant Contact or by contacting Sal.

THE ADULT FORUM: 9:00-9:45 ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Come and discuss the lessons read at Sunday morning services.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are looking for nominations for Vestry and Diocesan Delegate for election at the annual meeting. Please submit names to Brian Craig, bccraig@gmail.com

YOGA CLASSES

Free Yoga classes for seniors at St. Luke's on Thursdays at noon.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 17-18, Hamptons Whodunit! Festival returns, schedule tba

April 18 - Convention for Diocesan Bishop Election

April 23 - THFM Viennese Voices Concert, 6pm, Hoie Hall

May 9 - Afternoon Tea & Art Show, 4-6pm, Hoie Hall



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April 23 at 6pm

Hoie Hall

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Joseph Staten, Cello

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REGULAR SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Sunday Eucharist – 8 a.m. (Rite I) & 10 a.m. (Rite II)

Wednesday Eucharist Service - 10 a.m. (Rite II)

Saturday at St. Peter's Chapel (Memorial Day-Labor Day) - 5:30 p.m.
(Rite II)

VESTRY

Brian Craig, Senior Warden, David Mellgard, Junior Warden

Lucy Kazickas, Martha Murray, Eileen O'Reilly (2026)

John Hadden (Treasurer), Dan Mongan, Roy Parker (2027)

Caroline Dean, Hersey Egginton, Kitt Zuk (2028)

STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Benjamin A. Shambaugh, Rector

Robert Peterson, Music Director | Tara Brinka, Parish Administrator

Colleen Stonemetz, Christian Ed. Director | Oscar Giles, Verger

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