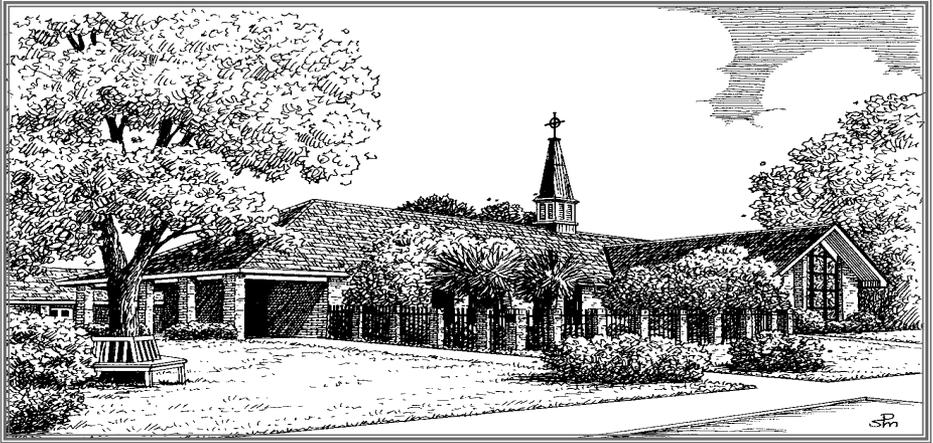


# ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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March 15, 2026—10:00 a.m.  
Fourth Sunday in Lent



*Worshipping God; Caring for others; Growing in Christ.*

(Romans 12:1; Galatians 5:14; Ephesians 4:15)

The Reverend Dr. Bryan Owen, Rector

The Reverend Trish Toburen, Associate Rector & Chaplain

***Mission Statement:***

*“We are a community committed to caring for one another,  
to spiritual growth, and to bringing others closer  
to God through Jesus Christ.”*



# MINISTRY OF THE WORD FROM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

*The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing*

Opening Hymn

No. 429

I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant*            Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People*                His mercy endures for ever.

*The Celebrant continues*

Hear the commandments of God to his people:  
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not make for yourself any idol.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Honor your father and your mother.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit murder.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit adultery.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not steal.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not be a false witness.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The following is sung by the Congregation.

## Pilgrim's Kyrie

Johnson

Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -

cy. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri -

e. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

## Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## First Lesson

I Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him

in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader           The Word of the Lord.  
People           Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 23

*The Cantor sings the following Antiphon which the Congregation repeats. The Cantor then chants the verses of the Psalm. Each time the word "Antiphon" appears at the end of a Psalm verse, the Cantor and the Congregation repeat the Antiphon.*



- 1 The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake. ANT.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble  
me;  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. ANT.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

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

*All stand and remain standing for the Gospel.*

*The following is sung by the Congregation.*

Sequence Hymn

No. 490

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Gospel

John 9:1-41

*Deacon or Priest*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were

saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he

does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

*Deacon or Priest*    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Fr. Bryan Owen

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 man.  
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 Form V

*Deacon or other leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love,  
and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you,  
O Lord.

*Here and after every petition the People respond  
Lord, have mercy.*

For Bishop Duckworth, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all  
the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions  
may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we  
pray to you, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the  
Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For this congregation for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

For \_\_\_\_\_, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Luke the Evangelist, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*To you, O Lord our God.*

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## The Peace

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another.*

## Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Rutter

The Lord is My Shepherd  
Dr. Andrew W. Parker, oboe

Doxology

Hymn No. 380, v.3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

And also with you.

*Celebrant*

Lift up your hearts.

*People*

We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is said by the Celebrant who then continues with*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The following is sung by the Congregation

## Sanctus

S-124

The people stand or kneel.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us,

we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People*

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 trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

### Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

S-161



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God.  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Receiving Holy Communion** - *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion in The Episcopal Church.*

Communion Anthem

*Sicut Cervus*

Palestrina

Translation:

As the hart yearns for the water springs: so long my soul for thee, O God! -  
Psalm 42:1

*The following is sung by the Congregation.*

Communion Hymn

No. 469

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*When there is a dismissal of Lay Eucharistic Visitors, the following form is used:*

## Dismissal of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

*The Celebrant and People say together:*

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many share one bread, one cup, because we are one Body in Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

## Post Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and people*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Blessing

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

*The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing*

## Closing Hymn

No. 147

Now Let Us All With One Accord

## Dismissal

*A Deacon or Priest says the Dismissal*

*The People respond:* Thanks be to God.





## Lay Ministers Serving Today

### Acolyte

Simon MacDowell

Madeline MacDowell

Brennan Lemoine

### Altar Guild

Trish Boughton

Janie Braud

Paula Carter

Stephanie Cauley

Wilma Desselle

Jeanneen Higgins

### Lector

Denise Carvalho

### LEM

Lacey Anderson

Adam MacDowell

Linda Adams

### MC

John Sills

### Usher

David Stockinger

Linda Stockinger

David Holladay

Bill Mac Naughton

### LEV

Cheryl Patterson

Mimi Macmurdo

### Greeter

Brittany Attuso

Ginger Speer

### **Parish Choir**

Jennie Bae	Robin Sills
Sarah Bolt	Sarah Stogner-Dickinson
Owen Cope	Ben Thomas
Don Hill	Laura Thomas
Steve Irving	Dr. Richard Webb
Keith James	Dr. Mark Zielinski
Jennifer Johnson	Rhonda Zielinski
Cody King	Wilma Loe, Accompanist
Katherine Norton	Terry R. Bowman, Director
Dr. Jo Ann Puissegur	

### **Hospitality Team**

Marianne Denker	Robin Coever
Joanne Carver	Jean Blanche
Brookie Allphin	Robin Sills
Jason Danos	Carolyn Grace Millet
Mary Leteff	Brittany Allphin-Smith
Rob Hawkins	Margo Gonzalez
Bridget Collins	Chinyere Agu
Jackie Lawless	

### **Vestry**

Laura Thomas-Sr. Warden	Sharon Edmon
Adam MacDowell-Jr. Warden	Tessie Edmonds
Lacey Anderson-Secretary	David Holladay
Brian Binck	Mary Leteff
Gordon Denker	Gloria McKenzie
John East	David Palmer