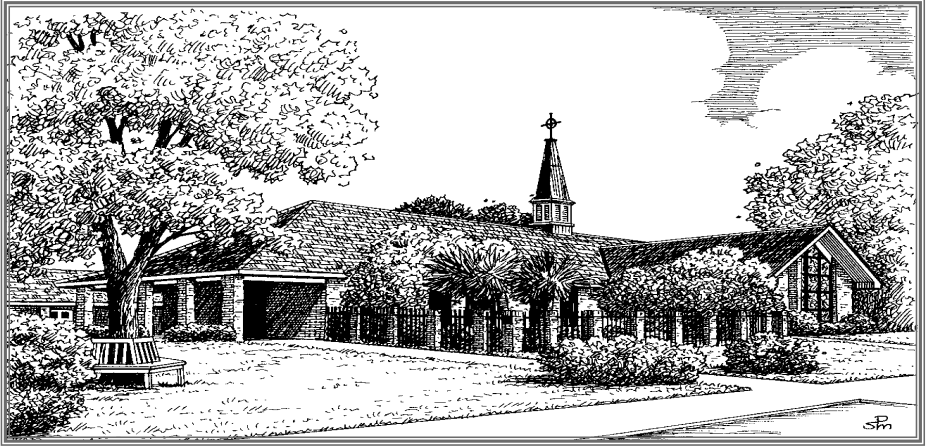


ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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April 26, 2026—10:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Easter



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. 417

This is the Feast of Victory For Our God

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

The Celebrant continues

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

The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing.

Gloria

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The Lord be with you

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute

the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Psalm 23

- 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.
- 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.

Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

Celtic Alleluia

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

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

The image shows two lines of musical notation for a Celtic Alleluia. The first line is in 6/8 time and contains the melody for "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". The second line is in 9/8 time and contains the melody for "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia! ____".

Gospel

John 10:1-10

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

Written with the help of the children of St. Luke's

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Silence

We pray for the Church and Christians around the world. We pray you strengthen their faith, encourage their hearts, and empower them to be bold witnesses of your love.

Silence

We pray for the leaders of this nation, especially President Trump, Governor Landry and Mayor-President Edwards. We ask that they be guided by principles of peace, justice, and respect for human dignity.

Silence

We pray for the world and its inhabitants, especially those who are vulnerable—the poor, the hungry, the displaced, and those affected by natural disasters. Strengthen those who work to bring aid and comfort, and open our hearts to be instruments of Your love and mercy. Teach us to be faithful stewards of Your gifts, caring for the land, waters, and all living creatures.

Silence

We pray for the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, especially Bishop Duckworth and all who hold leadership positions in the church. That they may be filled with Your grace, encouraged in their calling, and equipped to nurture and guide those they serve

Silence

We pray for the community of St. Luke's and its leaders, including Fr. Bryan, Mtr. Trish, the vestry, building committee, and all other ministries of St. Luke's. We ask that you bless this congregation, that we may be a people of hospitality, compassion, and grace. Strengthen the bonds that unite us, and help us to support and encourage one another in our faith journey.

Silence

We pray for the greater Baton Rouge community, the police department, and the fire department, including their leaders, police chief Morse and fire chief Kimble. Grant them wisdom in their leadership, courage in their service, and strength for each new day. Watch over them as they risk their lives for the safety and well-being of others.

Silence

We pray for those battling illness, pain, or facing uncertainty that they will experience light and hope in moments of darkness or despair. Grant them strength, wisdom, patience, compassion, and rest.

Silence

We pray for the departed and ask that you surround the grieving with Your love. Give them the peace that surpasses all understanding.

Silence

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Celebrant prays the following collect

Almighty God, You have heard the prayers of Your people, those spoken aloud and those held in the silence of our hearts. Receive our petitions and grant us the grace to trust in Your will. Strengthen us to be Your hands and feet in the world, that we may love and serve one another as Christ has taught us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Celebrant 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 stands and 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 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

Reim

Lamb of God

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

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The people stand or kneel.

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. Alleluia.

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.*

The following is sung by the Congregation.

Communion Hymn

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

No. 664

Communion Hymn

O Saving Victim Opening Wide

No. 311

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. 377

All People That On Earth Do Dwell
(omit verse 5)

Dismissal

A Deacon or Priest says the Dismissal

The People respond: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Lay Ministers Serving Today

Acolyte

Blake Binck

Logan Danos

Morgan Danos

Altar Guild

JoAnne Carver
Marianne Denker
Gretchen Goodbee
Sandra Hopson

Brooke McKey
Karen Stevens
Averyell Kessler

Lector

Brennan Lemoine
Harrison Breaux

Samantha Goar
Bryce Binck

LEM

Mike Gaudet
Lacey Anderson

Mike Caldwell

MC

Karsten Thompson

Usher

Youth

LEV

Denise Carvalho
Mimi Macmurdo

Cheryl Patterson

Greeter

Youth

Flower Guild

Loree Fields

Ginger Speer

Parish Choir

Jennie Bae
Sarah Bolt
Owen Cope
Don Hill
Steve Irving
Keith James
Jennifer Johnson
Cody King
Jaden LeBean
Katherine Norton

Dr. Jo Ann Puissegur
Robin Sills
Sarah Stogner-Dickinson
Ben Thomas
Laura Thomas
Dr. Richard Webb
Dr. Mark Zielinski
Rhonda Zielinski
Wilma Loe, Accompanist
Terry R. Bowman, Director

Hospitality Team

Marianne Denker
Joanne Carver
Brookie Allphin
Jason Danos
Mary Leteff
Rob Hawkins
Bridget Collins
Jackie Lawless

Robin Coever
Jean Blanche
Robin Sills
Carolyn Grace Millet
Brittany Allphin-Smith
Margo Gonzalez
Chinyere Agu

Vestry

Laura Thomas-Sr. Warden
Adam MacDowell-Jr. Warden
Lacey Anderson-Secretary
Brian Binck
Gordon Denker
John East

Sharon Edmon
Tessie Edmonds
David Holladay
Mary Leteff
Gloria McKenzie
David Palmer

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