

We welcome you this morning!
If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy worshipping with us today.

Officiant Rev Chris McCann **May 7, 2023**

Opening Hymn *All creatures of our God and King* # 400
Vs 1,4,5&7

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Gloria S280

Collect Inserted

(Please be seated for the readings)

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles [7:55–60]*

Psalm *31:1–5, 15–16*

Second Reading *First Letter of Peter [2:2–10]*

Gospel Acclamation

Alternate Refrain

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

Alternate Tone

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

Cantor: “Now is Christ Risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept”

The Holy Gospel *John [14:1–14]*

Sermon Rev Chris McCann

Intercessions BCP. p. 305

Parish prayer requests.....

- I ask your prayers for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop, for The Rev Ann Jolly, Co-Adjutor Bishop and for the clergy of the diocese, for our own pastor, Fr Chris,...
- I ask your prayers for the whole world for which Jesus offered himself as a saving source of our reconciliation with God: for all who strive for peace with justice in God's creation. For our civic life; for leaders in government, for all who work for the common good
- I ask your prayers for the mission of the church, and especially for the ministry of Reconciliation and especially for clergy and congregations as we anticipate the Lord's appearing
- I ask your prayers for an end to the ongoing war in Ukraine, and in every place where war is waged.
- I ask your prayers for all who have asked our prayers: Joan, Suzanne, Jeannette, Doug, Carolyn, Jaime, Katie, Rae, Nancy, Karmen, Grace, Kenny, Jim, Lindsay, Wendy, Bob, Roger, Mark, Karen, Jack, Marilyn, Addison, Debbie, Mia, Joy, David, Barb, Agnes ...for all who are distressed and discouraged because of illness,...and all those we name either silently or aloud
- Of your charity I ask your prayers for the Faithful Departed:

Confession BCP p 360

The Peace

Prayer Over The Gifts

Celebrant: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for ever and ever.
All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine

People: *All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p 361

Sanctus S130

Lord's Prayer S149

Fraction Sentence

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Communion - Instrumental music

(Please kneel)

Prayer after Communion BCP p. 366

(Please stand)

Closing Hymn *The church's one foundation* # 525

Chalice Bearer: Andy Blackley

Lectors: Doug Dolan & Debby Blackley

Organist: Jean Spangler

Collect

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles [7:55–60]

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died. *The Word of the Lord.*

Psalm

31:1–5, 15–16

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,

O Lord, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.”

Second Reading

First Letter of Peter [2:2–10]

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel

John [14:1–14]

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

MEMORIAL GIFTS TO PARISH

Dear friend, the parish of St Luke is currently engaging in two projects that will greatly enhance the worshipping life of the parish. The first is a complete renovation of the church organ coupled with the addition of the Robson Pipe Organ generously donated in 2022 by Mr George Barnum. The second project takes the form of an update and some additions to the frontals and hangings which hang seasonally on the Altar. Both projects are an excellent way to memorialize a loved one by way of contributing to the fabric of the church. If you would like to make a memorial donation to either project, you may do so by placing your gift in the collection plate any Sunday in 2023. Cheques should include a memo noting the project you desire to support, whether altar or organ. Envelopes found in the pews are a useful way to leave a note concerning who you wish to honor through your gift.

Tuesdays @ 10a St Luke Morning Prayer and study

On Tuesday mornings this winter, please consider joining the rector for Morning Prayer, followed by a lectionary study of the coming Sunday's Eucharistic lectionary readings. Bring a bible and your curiosity. Tea and coffee provided.

Metro Food Bank Project

The next Metro Food Bank event will be on **May 20, 2023**. Volunteer sign-up online www.stlukechardon.org, in food pantry info.