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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 9, 2023

## EASTER SUNDAY

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Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Tolling begins.

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

JOYFUL TOLLING

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

✠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 123  
EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

### HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 114)

John 20:1-18

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Be a Mary”

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CONFIRMATION AND BAPTISM

✠ APOSTLE’S CREED

Hymnal p. 14

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY  
Ensemble

Easter Song  
Anne Herring

DOXOLOGY 592

✠ COMMUNION HYMN 500  
O FILII ET FILIAE

Become to Us the Living Bread

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

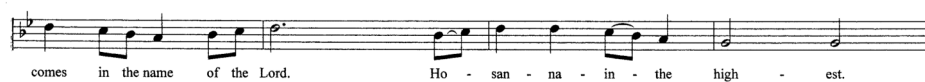
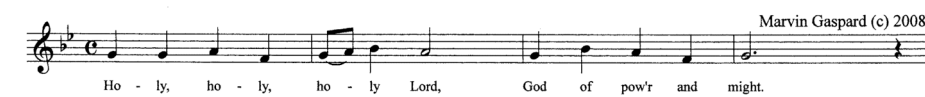
**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The prayer continues...

The congregation sings...



COMMUNION

My Master from a Garden Rose  
Gordon Young (1919-1998)

✠ CLOSING HYMN 104  
HYMN TO JOY

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

✠ BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Hallelujah  
From *How Excellent Is Thy Name*, Eugene Butler

POSTLUDE

An Easter Fanfare  
Marvin Gaspard

**Welcome to St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church!** If you are looking for a church home in Houston, we invite you to unite with St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions, please speak to Rev. Harbison after today’s service or call the church office, 713.667.6531.

**Joys and Concerns** are an opportunity to share a need for prayers of thanksgiving or intercession with the congregation. You will have an opportunity to mention your joys and concerns verbally at the time for Pastoral Prayer.

**Sunday School: Children’s Sunday School** meets in Room 115 at 9 a.m., with Don Mims teaching the class. **The Adult Sunday School** class meets in the Library at 9 a.m. Marty Moore is teaching a study on Ephesians. Our **Youth Group** meets at 9 a.m. in the history room (#129). Children and adult classes offer a virtual class alternative. Please let us know if you would like to receive a Zoom invitation.

**Welcome Confirmands!** After completing Confirmation classes, our Confirmands, Ellie Bunk, Gabrielle Griffing, and Kyra Hebbert met with our session today and were accepted as members of our Church. Congratulations Ellie, Kyra and Gabrielle!

**The flowers this morning** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harold and Melissa Cooper by the Cooper Family.

**Ensemble:** Janet Bardin, Randall Bardin, Jadon Campos, Ann Guercio, and Carol Wilson.

**Refreshments and Fellowship** after worship are long standing traditions at St. Luke’s, giving us an opportunity to get acquainted and share church and family news. If you are visiting St. Luke’s, please join us after worship in Room #123 and discover one of St. Luke’s greatest assets . . the warm friendliness of our church family.

**Food Sunday/Every Sunday:** Non perishable food items are collected every Sunday for Christian Community Service Center. You can drop your donations off on Sunday mornings or on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., when we offer contactless drop-off at our drive through entrance. Most desired items include canned (meaty) soups, dry cereal, dry beans, rice, canned vegetables, diapers, and hygiene items.

**Focus on Food:** On the fifth Sundays of 2023 there will be a special emphasis to ask everyone to contribute to our CCSC food collection. The remaining fifth Sundays of 2023 are: April 30, July 30, October 29 and December 31.

**A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing** enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. The collection will be taken today. Please make your checks payable to St. Luke's and note OGHS on the memo line or contribute online at our website, [www.stlukespres.org](http://www.stlukespres.org).

**Montrose Street Reach on Thursday, April 20:** Once a month St. Luke's serves with Montrose Street Reach to minister to people experiencing homelessness in the Montrose area. We contribute the desserts to the meal served that evening. If you can provide brownies or cookies or would like to volunteer to serve, call the church office (713.667.6531) or Jeanne Leach (713.409.0997).

**Thanks to everyone** who volunteered for our workdays for the last two Sundays. Our workday plans were interrupted by rain on March 26, but we gathered again on Palm Sunday after worship to complete our original plan to clean up and refresh the look of our church grounds before Easter. Thanks to our Property Committee and all the volunteers who planted, raked, weeded, and mulched! It all looks great!

**The Flower Chart:** Select the Sunday of your choice to celebrate a person or event or as a memorial to a loved one. Sign up on the chart in the Cookie Room and use the envelopes to enclose your check and to tell us how to acknowledge your gift. Two arrangements are \$82.

**The Wednesday Word:** Would you like to receive our weekly newsletter? Send your email address to [stlukes@stlukespres.org](mailto:stlukes@stlukespres.org) and we will add you to the circulation list.

Alleluia

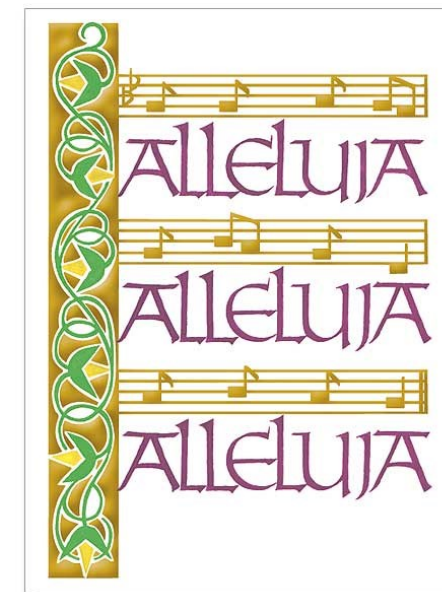
## In Response to God Activities for the Week of April 9, 2023

Lectionary: Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday	April 9	9:00 am –	Church School
Easter Sunday		10:00 am –	Worship
		11:00 am –	Fellowship & Refreshments
Monday	April 10	3 pm-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	April 11	3 pm-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
		10 am-2 pm –	CCSC food collection
Wednesday	April 12	3 pm-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	April 13	3 pm-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Friday	April 14	3 pm-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	April 15	9 am-6 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	April 16	9:00 am –	Church School
		10:00 am –	Worship
		11:00 am –	Fellowship & Refreshments
			Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor ..... The Rev. W. Scott Harbison  
 Parish Associate ..... The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade  
 Director of Music-Organist/Choirmaster ..... Marvin Gaspard  
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 Assistant to Head of Staff ..... Mary Ann White  
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