
THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

We joyfully greet each other and share the gifts of friendship and love.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE An Easter Fanfare
St. Luke's Ringers Marvin Gaspard

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 123 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
EASTER HYMN

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 176) 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Reading today, John Simmons

ANTHEM Easter Song
Ensemble Annie Herring

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 54) Mark 16:1-8

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison
"Not Bad Actresses"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ 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

Christus Resurrexit
Gordon Young, (1919-1998)

DOXOLOGY 592

✦ COMMUNION HYMN 500 Become to Us the Living Bread
O FILII ET FILIAE

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

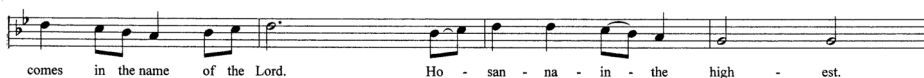
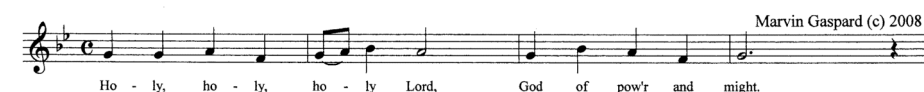
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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 Hallelujah, Amen
From *Judas Maccabaens*, George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

✦ CLOSING HYMN 118 The Day of Resurrection!
LANCASHIRE

✦ BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE* Hallelujah
From *Messiah*, George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

* Today's service will conclude with the singing of the *Hallelujah Chorus*.

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 at 9 a.m. in Room 115 with Don Mims teaching the class. **Adult Sunday School** meets at 9 a.m. in the Library and is currently studying the Gospel of Luke. **Our Youth Group** meets every other Sunday at 9 a.m.

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

Thanks to those who volunteered last Sunday to clean up and refresh the look of our church grounds before Easter. Thanks to our Property Committee and everyone who remained after worship and planted, raked, weeded, and mulched! It all looks great!

The One Great Hour of Sharing collection will be taken today. OGHS supports relief efforts to eliminate hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promotes development through the Self-Development of People, and assists in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. When making your donation, please make checks payable to St. Luke's and note OGHS on the memo line.

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.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC was established to supplement funding of our music program, providing special musical guests throughout the year, and supporting staff singers. Gifts may be given in honor or in memory of loved ones, in celebration of birthdays, anniversaries, and special milestone events. To support **FRIENDS OF MUSIC**, please make your check payable to St. Luke's Presbyterian Church and include "Friends of Music" on the memo line. All donations are tax deductible. For more information contact Marvin Gaspard at 713.667.6531 ext.103 or email to mjgaspard@sbcglobal.net.

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, April 2, to give our staff time off after several busy weeks preparing for Easter.

Montrose Street Reach on Thursday, April 18: 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).

For over 35 years These Days has provided daily meditations and devotions wonderfully written by clergy and lay leaders. This Presbyterian publication continues to be the source of comfort and hope throughout the world. You can pick up the latest issue from the literature rack today.

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 tell us how to acknowledge your gift. Two arrangements are \$100.

The Wednesday Word: Would you like to receive our weekly newsletter? Send your email address to mawhite@stlukespres.org and we will add you to the circulation list.

CCSC's annual Azalea Gala will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Houston. The Gala will honor Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor, St. Luke's United Methodist Church. The evening will include an auction, wine pull, and dinner. St. Luke's is hosting a table for 10. If you would like to attend and help sponsor the table, use the sign-up sheet in the narthex to let us know. For more information, speak to Rev. Harbison or call the church office (713.667.6531). You can also visit CCSC's website at www.ccschouston.org for more info about the Gala.

ALLELUIA

In Response to God

Activities for the Week of March 31, 2024

Lectionary: Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Acts 10:34-43; Mark 16:1-8

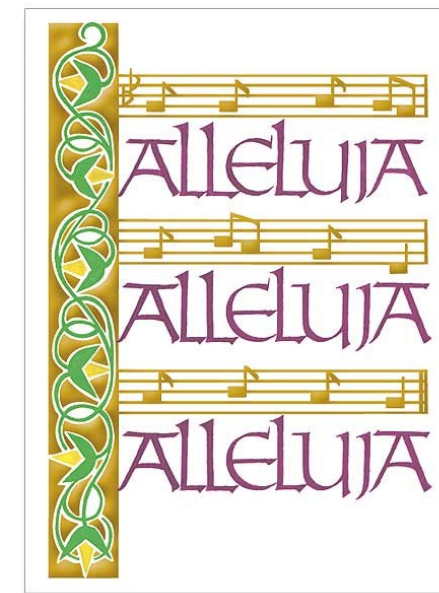
Sunday	March 31	9:00 am – Church School
Easter Sunday		10:00 am – Worship
		11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments
Monday	April 1	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	April 2	Church Office Closed
		3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
		10 am-2 pm – CCSC food collection
		4:00 pm – Strength Training
Wednesday	April 3	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	April 4	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
		4:00 pm – Strength Training
Friday	April 5	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	April 6	9 am-6 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	April 7	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
 Business Manager..... Patti Ernst
 Assistant to Head of Staff..... Mary Ann White
 Artists in Residence Sarah Bunk, Ann Guercio, & Laura Smith



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