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St. Luke’s Gondola Point

Morning Prayer Service

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter** - May 15, 2022

[Un-bolded words are said by one, **Bolded words** can be said by all.]

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. *John 13.34*

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept.

**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 neighbours 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.**

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: *He Is Lord* (MP #220)

**MORNING PRAYER**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He gave us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Rejoice, then, even in your distress.

**We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He called us from our darkness into the light of his day.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: **O come, let us worship.**

Christ our Passover*1 Corinthians 5.7–8; Romans 6.9–11; 1 Corinthians 15.20–22*

Alleluia!

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*

**therefore let us keep the feast,**

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!**

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*

**death no longer has dominion over him.**

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*

**but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*

**and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!**

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*

**the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

For since by a man came death, \*

**by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

For as in Adam all die, \*

**so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!**

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: **O come, let us worship.**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

A reading from the book of Acts 11:1–18.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*

**praise him in the heights.**

Praise him, all you angels of his; \*

**praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon; \*

**praise him, all you shining stars.**

Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*

**and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord; \*

**for he commanded, and they were created.**

He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*

**he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, \*

**you sea-monsters and all deeps;**

Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*

**tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

Mountains and all hills, \*

**fruit trees and all cedars;**

Wild beasts and all cattle, \*

**creeping things and wingèd birds;**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*

**princes and all rulers of the world;**

Young men and maidens, \*

**old and young together.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, \*

**for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.**

He has raised up strength for his people

and praise for all his loyal servants, \*

**the children of Israel, a people who are near him.**

**Hallelujah!**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

A reading from the book of Revelation 21:1–6.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them as their God;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 18a - *The Song of Mary - Luke 1.46–55*

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,*

*my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; \**

***for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.***

*From this day all generations will call me blessed: \**

***the Almighty has done great things for me,***

***and holy is his name.***

*He has mercy on those who fear him \**

***in every generation.***

*He has shown the strength of his arm, \**

***he has scattered the proud in their conceit.***

*He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \**

***and has lifted up the lowly.***

*He has filled the hungry with good things, \**

***and the rich he has sent away empty.***

*He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \**

***for he has remembered his promise of mercy,***

*the promise he made to our fathers, \**

***to Abraham and his children for ever.***

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \**

***as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.***

***Amen.***

Hymn: *How I Love You* (MP #246)

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John (13:31–35).

**Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of Christ: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**INTERCESSIONS**

*In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, “Hear us, Lord of glory!”*

*That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.* ***Hear us, Lord of glory!***

*That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.* ***Hear us, Lord of glory!***

*That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.* ***Hear us, Lord of glory!***

*That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.*

***Hear us, Lord of glory!***

*That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.* ***Hear us, Lord of glory!***

*That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened,*

[***Our weekly prayer list can be found in this week’s bulletin.***]

*let us pray to the Lord.* ***Hear us, Lord of glory!***

*That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.*

***Hear us, Lord of glory!***

*We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.*

*[****Silence. Take a moment to offer up your own thanksgivings to God.****]*

*We will exalt you, O God our king;* ***And praise your name for ever and ever.***

*O Gracious Father, whose desire is that all the peoples of the world should be one human family, living together in harmony, grant that our homes, by their worship and witness, may help to hasten the day when your will is done on earth as it is in heaven.*

*O Merciful Lord, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace.*

*Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.****Amen.***

*O God of justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine, Yemen, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Sudan, Eritrea and Ethiopia, and all who are facing the horrors of war.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,*

*that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,*

*for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.* ***Amen.***

Collect

*Almighty God,*

*your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.*

*Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

***Amen****.*

The Lord’s Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: All Creatures Of Our God & King (MP #7)

Dismissal

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing

through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen. Alleluia!**