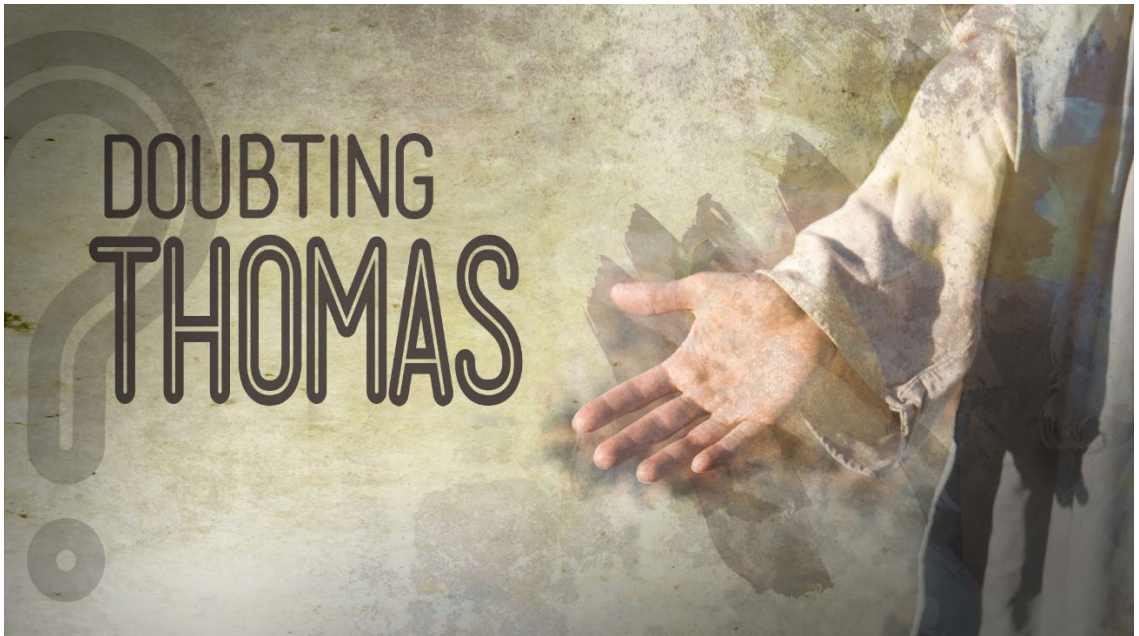


SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Celebrating 154 years of ministry in Columbia, South Carolina

*The Mission of St. Luke's Episcopal Church is to Spread the Word
and share the love of God with all people*



**The Second Sunday of Easter
(Thomas Sunday)**

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

April 12, 2026

10:00AM

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford, Rector
Mr. Ezra Blackwell, Interim Supply Organist

Vestry Theme for 2026

Reset to the New Normal: The Work Continues

Mission Statement

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Vision Statement

{To become} a vibrant self-sustaining institution that serves and respects the spiritual, social, and physical needs of our community and congregation, while preserving the history of the church.

Quiet Please: Please be mindful of others as you enter the church before the service. Upon entering the nave, there should be a period of quiet and reverence as many parishioners are in prayer and or meditation.

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Saint Luke's Episcopal Church



It is the parish custom to observe silence prior to the start of the Eucharist. Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God. Before the service, speak to the Lord, during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

We invite you to join us as an active participant in our worship of God. This bulletin is your guide to our worship. You will find three books in front of you that contain most of the material needed for this service. We will use *The Book of Common Prayer* [BCP], *The Hymnal 1982* [H], and *Lift Every Voice and Sing, II* [L]. [S] denotes service music which is found in the front of the hymnal.

Prelude "Voluntary VIII" John Stanley

Introit L • 41 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!" *Haya Tune*

✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross

**At the ringing of the bell, all stand.

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn in Procession H • 199 "Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain" *St. Kevin*

The Opening Acclamation ✠

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant 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.*

Gloria S·278

William Matthias

✠ “in the glory of God the Father. Amen.”

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The people sit.*

The Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience

corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

[Silence]

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

**The antiphon is sung first by the Cantor and then by all; thereafter where indicated.*

The Lord will show
you the path of life.

A B

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people. {Antiphon}

The Lord will show
you the path of life.

A

B

- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. {Antiphon}
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage. {Antiphon}
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. {Antiphon}
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit. {Antiphon}
- B11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. {Antiphon}

The Epistle

1 Peter 1:3-9

Lector: A reading from the First Letter of Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

[Silence]

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn H • 194 “Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now” *St. Albinus*

The Easter Gospel Acclamation

*Sung first by the Cantor; then by all.

Adapt. from an Alleluia for Easter Day
Setting by Chaz Bowers



*“Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed
Let us then feast with joy in the Lord.” (I Cor. 5:7)*

The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠ according to John
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. "But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe. "Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

✠ "and the life of the world to come. Amen.

✠ “We pray for all who have died”

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Fr. Raphiell+



THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem

“Doubting Thomas”

O Filii et Filiae
arr. Mark Schweizer

At the Presentation of Alms

**All standing*

“Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow” *Lasst uns erfreuen*



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
Praise him all crea-tures here be - low:



lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



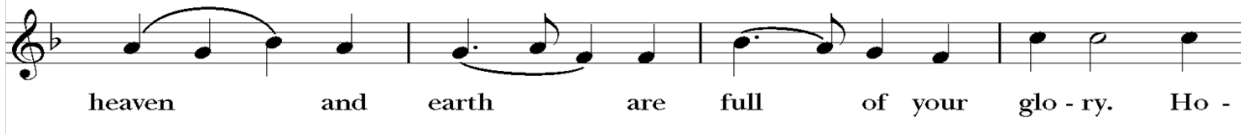
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Sanctus et Benedictus

from *A Community Mass*; Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

✠ “Blessed is he ...”

**The people may stand or kneel.*

The Prayer of Consecration

BCP 374

The Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant *All*

... we praise you and we bless you. We
praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to
you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Great Amen

AMEN

A - men, a - men, a - men.
A - men, a - men, a - men.

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The Lord's Prayer (*Pater Noster*)

*The priest begins the *Pater Noster*

The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of brief silence is kept.

Agnus Dei

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 People Have mercy upon us

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 People Have mercy upon us

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
 People Grant us thy peace.

Priest “The Gifts of God ✠ for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.”

The Music at Communion

H•318	“Here, O my Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”	<i>Nyack</i>
L•88	“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”	Ray Palmer
H•209	“We Walk by Faith and not by Sight”	<i>St. Botolph</i>

Post Communion Hymn L•42 “He Lives” Alfred H. Ackley

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant 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.*

The Four-fold Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn in Procession H• 208

“Alleluia! The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

Victory

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

✠ *Regina Caeli* (The Queen of Heaven)

*Optional recitation

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*It is the custom of this parish to remain seated in prayer and reflection during the Organ Postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

INTERCESSIONS



- **Parishioners:** Charles W. Blakely, Gary Bowden, John Bowden, Damion Cokley, Jackson Cokley, Patricia Cokley, Byron Eaddy, Gloria Eaddy, Eddie Glenn, Cynthia Goines, Robert Green, Yvonne Hall, Daryl Hammonds, Jr., Desmond Hammonds, Valencia Hammonds, Tarnez Hickman, Justin Hickmon, LaToya Hickmon, Levi Johnson, Sr., James McLemore, Marie Martin, Gwendolyn Meadows, Carmen Murray, Jay’ceon Quattlebaum, Malik Quattlebaum, Joseph Ray, Reginald Reed, Cassandra Sims, Peyton Parker-Smith, William Smith, Jr., Ronald Turner, Dorothy Walker
- **Family & Friends:** Ingrid Dowdell, Ernestine Grant, Gerald L. McNair, Elsie Mitchell, Katherine Robinson, Mattie Anderson-Roberson, Theodora Washington
- **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer...**New Beginnings Middles School Retreat; Diocesan Commission on Ministry
- **Birthdays...**Jequetta “Kitty” Saxon (12th), Wilbert Blanding (13th), Isabella Bracy (14th), Jay’ceon Quattlebaum (15th)
- **Anniversaries...**Rudolph & Corliss Wise (13th), Joseph & Beverly Ray (16th)
- **Births...**
- **Deaths...**
- **Traveling Mercies...**

Parish Fellowship is sponsored by the Commission on Parish Fellowship

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECTOR’S SABBATICAL...DETAILED information regarding the Rector’s Sabbatical will be printed in the May Newsletter along with an email sent to all parishioners. Should you have any questions **AFTER** the newsletter is printed, please contact the Senior Warden, Errol Porter.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING... All persons in leadership & volunteer positions in the Church must be certified in Safe Church Training. The online training is offered for free courtesy of the Diocese. An email will be sent to those persons who are in need of the training. Training must be completed by April 3rd.

ST. LUKE'S ENDOWMENT FUND... Please consider giving a donation on your birthday and/or anniversary of \$1 per year. Donations to the Endowment Fund will help to secure the future of St. Luke's. Your donations are needed and appreciated.

155th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY/ST LUKE'S DAY... Our beloved parish will be 155 years old on May 21st. We will observe this anniversary on the Feast of Saint Luke Sunday, October 18th. Each parishioner is asked to give \$155 in celebration for the anniversary.

MORNING PRAYER/ANTE COMMUNION SERVICE... If you would like to learn how to lead these services or any of the other Daily Offices, please contact the Rector. Persons leading these services must be trained by their priest and licensed by the bishop. **These services are not meant to replace the Holy Eucharist when a supply priest is available, per +Bishop Richards.**

SERVANTS FOR THE LORD... If you have a desire to serve in the Church in a certain capacity, please contact the Rector. If you are not sure what you calling is, contact the Rector for a one on one so that the two of you might discover your gifts and talents.

PASTORAL CARE... The Rector is always available for pastoral care, but you must inform him of your need if not known. This also includes requests for home blessings, anointing and confession.

SECURITY.... Parishioners, in light of recent events in our nation and city, the importance of security cannot be taken lightly. Please consider giving a donation for Security so that we may be proactive ant not reactive.

ST. LUKE'S CHORAL SCHOLARS & BLAKELY-ROBINSON MUSIC FUND... Your contributions are always appreciated and needed more than ever. Contributions to these funds help to secure choristers & instrumentalists for our Sunday services as well as special services: funerals, weddings, etc. It is because of your continued generous contributions that we are able present glorious choral & instrumental music to the glory of God. Please consider contributing towards this fund

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The Old Testament Lector

Darnell Holmes

The Epistoler

Jean Indriago

The Gospel Book Bearer

DeNell Hickman

Server

Herman Hickman

Intercessor

Joni James

Eucharistic Minister

Corliss Wise

Thurifer

Cory James

Crucifer

Jaylen Caldwell

Videographer

Deadra Bowden

Oblation Bearers

Maxima Holmes

Gloria Eaddy

Security

Ushers

James Kelley

Beverly Ray

Joseph Ray

Cantors

Sean Buggs

Malik Pickens

APRIL 2026 CALENDAR OF SERVICES/MEETINGS/EVENTS

12 th (Sunday)	The Second Sunday of Easter (Thomas Sunday) The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave
13 th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
	Confirmation Class	5:00pm Griffin Hall
14 th (Tuesday)	Archives Committee	10:30am Archives Room

	Finance Committee	3:00pm Finance Room
15 th (Wednesday)	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm Chancel
16 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start Ministry	9:00am-12noon The O'Neal Center
17 th (Friday)	Rector's Spiritual Day Sermon Prep, Spiritual Direction etc.	
18 th (Saturday)	National Pan Hellenic Council @ Columbia, South Carolina SC AMEN education session Prostate Cancer Screening Program for African American men ages 40-69	10:00am-12:00noon Griffin Hall *See Newsletter for registration info
	Daughters of the King (DOK)	3:00pm Griffin Hall
19 th (Sunday)	The Third Sunday of Easter The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave
20 th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
	Confirmation Class	5:00pm Griffin Hall
21 st (Tuesday)	Vestry Meeting	6:00pm-7:15pm Griffin Hall
22 nd (Wednesday)	Quilters & Crafters	10:30am-1:00pm Griffin Hall
23 rd (Thursday)	Fresh Start Ministry	9:00am-12noon The O'Neal Center
	Bylaws Committee	TBD
24 th (Friday)	Rector's Spiritual Day Sermon Prep, Spiritual Direction etc.	
25 th (Saturday)	4 th Saturday Feeding	12:00pm-1:00pm Griffin Hall; distributed @ the door

26 th (Sunday)	The Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday) The Holy Eucharist: Rite II w/the Rite of Baptism (Rueben Troy Thompson) & The Celebration of the 80 th Birthday of Patricia Ancrum	10:00am Nave 11:45am Griffin Hall
27 th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
	Confirmation Class (if needed)	5:00pm Griffin Hall
28 th (Tuesday)	Buildings & Grounds	5:30pm-6:30pm Griffin Hall
29 th (Wednesday)		
30 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start Ministry	9:00am-12noon The O'Neal Center
	Endowment Committee	12:30pm-1:30pm

LITURGICAL NOTES

Easter—The feast of Christ's resurrection. According to Bede, the word derives from the Anglo-Saxon spring goddess Eostre. Christians in England applied the word to the principal festival of the church year, both day and season. 1) Easter Day is the annual feast of the resurrection, the pascha or Christian Passover, and the eighth day of cosmic creation. Faith in Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday or third day following his crucifixion is at the heart of Christian belief. Easter sets the experience of springtime next to the ancient stories of deliverance and the proclamation of the risen Christ. In the west, Easter occurs on the first Sunday after the full moon on or after the vernal equinox. Easter always falls between Mar. 22 and Apr. 25 inclusive. Following Jewish custom, the feast begins at sunset on Easter Eve with the Great Vigil of Easter. The Eastern Orthodox Church celebrates Easter on the first Sunday after the Jewish pesach or Passover (which follows the spring full moon). Although the two dates sometimes coincide, the eastern date is often one or more weeks later. 2) Easter Season. See Great Fifty Days.

The Great Fifty Days—The feast of Easter is a season of fifty days, from Easter Eve through the Day of Pentecost. From early times the Greek word pentecost (fiftieth day) was used also for the whole Paschal season. During this season there is no fasting. The Council of Nicaea (325) directed that Christians are to pray standing. The word "alleluia" (praise the Lord) is said or sung repeatedly, which contrasts sharply with the season of Lent when the alleluia is omitted. The color of liturgical vestments and hangings is white or gold. The BCP notes that it is customary for the Paschal candle to burn at all services of the Easter season. The "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the dismissals and their responses during the Great Fifty Days. The traditional Christian Easter greeting (see Lk 24:34) serves as the opening acclamation at the Eucharist during the Easter season.

Octave of Easter—Celebration of a feast over an eight-day period, beginning with the feast day itself as the first day. The term is from Latin for "eighth." The term may indicate the entire eight-day celebration or the eighth day of the celebration (also known as the octave day). Celebration of saints' days with octaves were numerous during the Middle Ages, but the observance of octaves is very limited in current liturgical practice. The term "octave" is not used in the Prayer Book. Proper collects and readings for the weekdays in Easter Week are provided by the Prayer Book. The celebration of Easter Week may be likened to the observance of an octave.

Paschal Candle—A large candle that symbolizes the risen Christ. It is often decorated with a cross, symbols of the resurrection, the Greek letters Alpha and Omega, and the year. The term "Paschal" concerns Easter or Passover. At the Easter Vigil, the Paschal candle is lit from the new fire. It is carried by the deacon, who pauses three times and sings or says, "The light of Christ," and the people respond, "Thanks be to God." The Paschal candle is carried by the celebrant if there is no deacon. After it is carried to the chancel, its flame may be used to light candles held by members of the congregation. This symbolizes the spreading of the light of Christ into the congregation and the world. The Exsultet is sung or said after the Paschal candle is placed in its stand. It is customary for the Paschal candle to burn at all services from Easter through Pentecost (BCP, pp. 285-287). After the Easter

season, the Paschal candle is typically placed near the font. It should burn at baptisms, representing the new life in Christ that we share in baptism. The newly baptized person may be given a small baptismal candle that is lit from the Paschal candle. It may also be carried in procession at burials and placed near the coffin as a symbol of resurrection life.

Asperges—The liturgical practice of sprinkling with holy water as a reminder of baptism. The term comes from the Latin version of Ps 51, “Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop.” The asperges may be done after the Renewal of Baptismal Vows at the Easter Vigil. It may also be done as a preparatory ceremony before the eucharist, with the altar, clergy, and people all sprinkled with holy water. Historically, it was performed as a kind of exorcism and cleansing of a building or other place for liturgical services. An aspergillum is used for sprinkling the holy water.

Aspergillum—Brush, branch, metal rod, or other instrument used to sprinkle holy water at the asperges.

Holy Water—Water that has been blessed for religious and devotional use. It may symbolize purification, blessing, dedication, and renewal of the baptismal covenant. An aspergillum (tube with holes) or a small branch of a tree or shrub may be used to sprinkle holy water during a church service or at other times. It is especially appropriate to sprinkle the congregation with holy water at the Renewal of Baptismal Vows at the Easter Vigil (BCP, p. 292) and at other times of renewal of the baptismal covenant. The asperges is the ceremony of sprinkling holy water over the altar, clergy, and people before the eucharist. Some parishes use a stoup, basin, or font to make holy water available to those who enter the church. Those who wish to participate in the pious custom of “taking holy water” may touch it with the fingers, placing a drop of it on the forehead while making the sign of the cross on the forehead, chest, and shoulders. The early origin of this custom is evidenced by the presence of stoups for holy water in ancient basilicas. Holy water has been known as “lustral water,” reflecting its symbolic role in purification. A rubric in the service for Restoring of Things Profaned in the BOS notes that each profaned object may be symbolically cleansed by use of water or incense as signs of purification.

Holy Water Font/Stoup—A **holy water font** or **stoup** is a vessel containing holy water which is generally placed near the entrance of a church. It is often placed at the base of a crucifix or religious representation. It is used in the Catholic Church, Anglican Churches, and some Lutheran churches to make the Sign of the Cross using the holy water upon entrance of the church.^[1] Holy water is blessed by a priest and many Christians believe it to be a reminder of the baptismal promises.

Regina Caeli (O Queen of Heaven)—The *Regina Coeli* is a Marian and Christological prayer celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus, and the sign of the cross is a blessing that prepares the heart and mind for the prayer. It is also a reminder of the Trinity and the saving work of Christ.

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Easter Gospel Acclamation

Chaz Bowers

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Mark Your Calendar

April 26th

The baptism of Rueben Thompson & Celebration of the 80th birthday of Patricia Ancrum

May 9th (Saturday)

Parish Picnic (Sesquicentennial Park); 11:00am-3:00pm

May 10th

Bishop's Visitation w/Confirmation (Kennedy Johnson & Nadia Muhammad)
Mother's Day
Rogation Sunday

May 14th (Thursday)

The Feast of the Ascension – 6:30pm
Guest Speaker: Mr. Taliaferro Robinson-Heyward

May 21st

The 155th anniversary of the founding St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The anniversary will be observed and celebrated on Sunday, October 18th (The Feast of Saint Luke).

May 24th

The Day of Pentecost
Rector's Sabbatical Luncheon (information forthcoming from the Wardens)

May 31st

The First Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity Sunday)
Youth Sunday

June 1st (Monday)

Rector's Sabbatical begins.

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