



GIVING UP

HOW LETTING GO CAN LEAD TO THE
LIFE THAT CHRIST WANTS FOR US

Palm Sunday
April 5, 2020
at Ten Fifty A.M.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

(†Those who are able, please stand in honor of God.)

PRELUDE

Dan Forrest

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
St. Luke's Brass Trio
Robert Fasol, organist

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 280

ST. THEODULPH

All Glory, Laud and Honor

All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

The company of angels are praising Thee on high, and we with all creation in chorus make reply. All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

The people of the Hebrews with psalms before Thee went; our prayer and praise and anthems before Thee we present. All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King. All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

We are people in need of a Savior;

thanks be to Jesus Christ!

He came to set us free;

He came to show us the Way.

Christ came to bring us life

and life more abundant.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As a family of faith, let us affirm our faith together.

**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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;**

The third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at 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 Spirit;
the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

(* universal)

†GLORIA PATRI

MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER

Rev. David Potteet

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

ANTHEM

arr. Moses Hagan

Ride On, King Jesus
St. Luke's Vocal Ensemble
Sarah Kuhlmann, *soloist*
Robert Fasol, *piano/conductor*

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin' king. Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can a-hinder Thee.

I was but young when I begun. No man can a-hinder Thee. But now my race is almost done. No man can a-hinder Thee.

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin' king. Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can a-hinder Thee.

King Jesus rides a milk white horse. No man can a-hinder Thee. The river of Jordan He did cross. No man can a-hinder Thee.

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin' king. Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can a-hinder Thee.

He's the King, Lord of all. No man can a-hinder Thee. Jesus is the first, and He's the last. Jesus is the Lord, Lord of Lords. Jesus is the Prince, Prince of peace. No man can a-hinder Thee.

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin' king. Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can a-hinder Thee.

Ride on, Jesus!

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Wendy Lambert

MISSION MOMENT

Easter Offering

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

Hills and Valleys
 Michael Andreas, soloist
 Mervin Tay, piano

I've walked among the shadows. You wiped my tears away and I've felt the pain of heartbreak. And I've seen the brighter days and I've prayed prayers to heaven from my lowest place. And I have held Your blessings. God, You always light the way.

No matter what I have, Your grace is enough. No matter where I am, I'm standing in Your love.

On the mountains I will bow my life to the One who set me there. In the valley I will lift my eyes to the One who sees me there. When I'm standing on the mountain I didn't get there on my own. When I'm walking through the valley I know I am not alone. You're God of the hills and valleys, hills and valleys. God of the hills and valleys and I am not alone.

I've watched my dreams get broken. In You I hope again. No matter what I know I'm safe inside Your hands.

On the mountains I will bow my life to the One who set me there. In the valley I will lift my eyes to the One who sees me there. When I'm standing on the mountain I didn't get there on my own. When I'm walking through the valley I know I am not alone. You're God of the hills and valleys, hills and valleys. God of the hills and valleys and I am not alone.

Father You always light the way. In every joy and every pain, through it all You will remain over it all.

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On the mountains I will bow my life. In the valley I will lift my eyes.

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God of the hills, God of the valleys, God of the hills and valleys and I am not alone.

†DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†THE GOSPEL

Rev. David Poteet

And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee." (Matthew 21:1 - 11)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

Hosanna in the Highest
 From the Sermon Series: Giving Up

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Dave Barnes

Carry Me Through
Michael Andreaus, soloist
Robert Fasol, piano

There's a mountain here before me and I'm going to climb it with strength not my own. He's gonna lead me where the mountain meets me. Carry me through. Carry me through.

There's a river here before me and I'm gonna cross it with strength not my own. He's gonna save me where the river takes me. Carry me through. Carry me through.

Oh Lord be gentle, I'm just a man. Please don't crush me. Help me in.

Oh Lord remember, I try so hard. I walk and talk Your kingdom love.

There's a sinner here before me and I'm gonna give them strength not my own. He's gonna carry me when I get weary. Carry me through. Carry me through.

Oh Lord be gentle, I'm just a man. Please don't crush me. Help me in.

Oh Lord remember, I try so hard. I walk and talk Your kingdom love.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Carry me through.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Lord, Sweet Lord, carry me through.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN 278

ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang, through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to His breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice, and in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

Christ came to set us free

from all that would limit us.

Jesus is our Savior

offering life more abundant.

Hosanna to the Lord of lords!

Blessed is the King of kings!

POSTLUDE

David Paxton

Fanfare and Trumpeting
Candace Fish, organist

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Robert E. Long
Senior Pastor

Rev. Wendy Lambert
Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. David Poteet
Pastor of Congregational Care

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

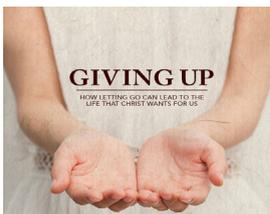
Candace Fish, St. Luke's Campus Director of Traditional Worship

Michael Andreaus, soloist

St. Luke's Choral Ensemble

St. Luke's Brass Trio

Mervin Tay, trumpet Logan Fish, horn Daryl Nagode, trombone



Our lives have more than ever before – but “more” doesn’t automatically make them better. We own more, but that also means we have more things to maintain, repair, clean, and replace. We have busier schedules, but that also means less time for things that really matter. Having more can be stressful. Giving up things like busyness, resentment, and worry can lead us to the life that Christ wants for us. Freeing our lives from clutter gives us space and energy to be the people we are called to be.



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Congregational Care Ministry

The St. Luke's family of faith desires to extend care to you in the times of concern and joy and all that is in-between. Please write your prayer concerns on the prayer request cards found in the Registration Pads and place them in the offering plates or email to ccm@stlukesokc.org. You may also call 232-1371 with your prayers and concerns.

Faith Partners

Faith Partners seeks to educate, refer and walk with people along their journey towards recovery from addiction. If you or someone you love struggles with addiction and would like help, please go online to faithpartners.stlukesokc.org or email to ccm@stlukesokc.org.

Online Worship Service

If you are unable to attend worship on any Sunday, you can join us online for the 10:50 a.m. Traditional Worship Service broadcast live from the Downtown Campus at stlukesokc.org/live.

Want to Join St. Luke's?

Are you interested in joining the St. Luke's mission to share, grow and serve? You can join St. Luke's on Sunday morning during Worship. For more information about membership contact Morgan Jones, Hospitality Coordinator at 609-1028 or mjones@stlukesokc.org.

One Church with Multiple Campuses

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Sharing God's Love and Bringing Hope to the World

The mission of St. Luke's is to share God's love and bring hope to the world. We accomplish that by sharing the message of Christ, growing in our faith, and serving the community.

EXPERIENCE EASTER

Good Friday Stations of the Cross Drive Through Experience

Your family is invited to be a part of the Good Friday Stations of the Cross drive through experience on Friday, April 10, from 3 – 6:30 p.m. at the Downtown Campus. The south parking lot of the church (NW14th and Harvey) will have the stations each car will drive through. Each station will have a display and information about how you can remember what Christ did for you and end with the opportunity to receive communion. Additional details will be available on our website as well as our social media this week.

Good Friday Online Worship Service

St. Luke's will rebroadcast last year's Good Friday Tenebrae Service on the website and Facebook page. You can view this service just like you do Sunday Morning worship. This will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 10.

Online Easter Worship

He is Risen! Easter Sunday worship will be celebrated in a special Online Only worship service on Sunday, April 12 at 10:50 a.m. Dr. Long will conclude the Lenten sermon series, "Giving Up." Join the St. Luke's family of faith digitally to experience the risen savior from anywhere in the world! Make sure to invite a friend or neighbor to join you online to celebrate Easter.

Easter Offering

Each year St. Luke's collects an Easter Offering to help with the missions in the community at St. Luke's. This year in addition to all the missions we support, we are creating an Emergency Fund to help those in our Family of Faith who are struggling due to the current physical and economic situations surrounding the Coronavirus Pandemic. All gifts made to the Easter Offering will go to bless lives in our community and around the world. Donations can be made by online giving (stlukesokc.org/give), texting to give (text "STL" to 73256 and follow the links), or mailing in your gifts (222 NW 15th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73103) or calling the Finance Office at 232-1371.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline for Easter Lilies Is Today!

You can purchase an Easter Lily in honor of or in memory of a loved one or friend. Your name and the name of your honoree will be a part of the Online Service via a special pre-worship video and listed in the online bulletin. Unfortunately, the lilies will not be available for pick up after the service. The deadline is today. You can order and pay for your lily online at stlukesokc.org/lily. The cost is \$20. You can also email your order to bbarnes@stlukesokc.org or call Bev Barnes - 609-1020.

UMW Bake Sale

The United Methodist Women are adjusting this year's Palm Sunday Bake Sale. They are asking those who normally purchase items to consider making a donation to the Easter Offering Emergency Relief Fund. You can make your gift by sending in a check to the church or online at stlukesokc.org/give.

Home Point Easter Guide

The Home Point Easter Guide is now available online! The Easter Guide has suggestions and resources that will help your family celebrate God's love during Holy Week. You can find the Home Point Easter Guide at stlukesokc.org/homepoint.

Pen Pal Program

We are looking for people of all ages who like to write notes and letters. We are starting a new "pen pal program" to help connect members of different generations in our family of faith. As we connect, we can pray for each other and kids will learn the importance of writing letters to others as a way to share God's love. Children (parents are welcome to help with this), youth, and adults can sign up. They'll be assigned their "pen pal" and they can start writing notes back and forth to each other, praying for each other, and connecting with each other. If you are interested in connecting, you can sign up online and then you will be assigned a pen pal.

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

We are sharing Words of Encouragement and inspiration throughout the week on our Facebook page (facebook.com/stlukesokc) and on the website (stlukesokc.org). Please check back regularly for new updates

- **Coffee with Bob**

Each morning, around 8 a.m., Dr. Long starts your day with a positive message as you sip your morning coffee. Bob shares words of hope, books he is reading, stories, and scriptures as we continue to find new ways to stay connected.

- **Word of Encouragement**

The St. Luke's pastors have come together to offer a word of hope in these challenging times.

- **Inspirational Music**

Take a moment to enjoy the gift of music by the talented musicians at St. Luke's. Right now, you can enjoy Robert's gift of music as he plays *It Is Well* and *All Creatures of Our God and King*.

VIRTUAL DISCIPLESHIP

Digital Groups Studies

Staying connected with your St. Luke's adult Sunday School class or small group digitally is easy through the Slack and Zoom apps. You can find instructions that help you prepare for connecting with your class online. If you need additional assistance, please contact the Online Support Team at 609-1023 or email info@stlukesokc.org.

5-Minute Bible Studies

Rev. Wendy Lambert brings a short scriptural message each day meant to help us dive deeper into the stories found in the book of Genesis. You can watch her studies on our Facebook page (facebook.com/stlukesokc) and on the website (stlukesokc.org).

Women of Faith New Bible Study

The Women of Faith Bible Study group is beginning a study based on the book "31 Verses to Write on Your Heart," by Liz Curtis. They will be taking a look at 31 verses chosen by more than a thousand women as their favorite verses in the Bible, each one is worth learning, worth sharing, worth remembering. The new study begins on April 16, and will be a digital meeting on Zoom at noon on Thursdays. If you are interested in taking part in this study and need help with a Zoom meeting, contact Amy Givens - agivens@stlukesokc.org.

Youth Meeting Online

St. Luke's Youth meet regularly at 7:30 p.m. on Sundays and Wednesdays through Instagram Live and Zoom after. Follow the Instagram account [@stlukesokcyouth](https://instagram.com/stlukesokcyouth) for encouragement and connection throughout the week.

Virtual Children's Sunday School

All Children are invited to be part of a Virtual Sunday School Lesson each Sunday at 10 a.m. This is an interactive class that meets on Zoom and you can learn more at stlukesokc.org/vcss or email teasttom@stlukesokc.org for more information.

Weekday Children's Moment

In order to provide additional support for growing in faith at home, we have added a weekday children's moment. This is a virtual class that children and families can be a part of live Monday - Thursday at 10 a.m. or by video afterwards. You can learn more at stlukesokc.org/vcss or email teasttom@stlukesokc.org for more information.