



# ST. LUKE'S CHAPEL DECONSECRATION SERVICE

May 24, 2026

3:00 PM

## VISION STATEMENT

We seek to form Beloved Community, which is welcoming and diverse,  
with Christian worship and service at the heart.

## MISSION STATEMENT

We feed people in body, mind and spirit with the love of God, in the name of Jesus,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## CORE VALUES

Beloved Community + Loving Service + Sacred Space + Spirit Filled + Sustainability

# THE GATHERING RITE

HYMN *standing*

The Church's One Foundation

H #525



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

# THE ENTRANCE RITE

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen!  
*All* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
*Presider* God be with you.  
*All* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.  
 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**

SONG OF PRAISE

Holy Spirit, Ever Living

H #511

1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's  
 2 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er work - ing through the Church's  
 ve - ry life; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er striv - ing  
 min - is - try; quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing,  
 through her in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er  
 set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er  
 form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ; thee we praise with  
 bind - ing age to age, and soul to soul, in a fel - low -  
 end - less wor - ship for thy fruits and gifts un - priced.  
 ship un - end - ing thee we wor - ship and ex - tol.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON *seated*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133-134 *said by all*

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
**when kindred live together in unity!**

It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
**that runs down upon the beard,**

Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
**and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**

It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
**that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

For there has God ordained the blessing: \*  
**life for evermore.**

Behold now, bless God, all you servants of God, \*  
**you that stand by night in the house of God.**

Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless God; \*  
**God who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.**

THE EPISTLE *seated*

Hebrews 11:8-16; 12:1-2

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had

left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
 All **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *standing* By All Your Saints Still Striving H #848



1. By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest, your  
 2. For Luke, beloved physician, all praise, whose God-pel shows the  
 3. Then let us praise the Father and worship God the Son and  
 ho-ly Name, O Je-sus for ev-er-more be blessed. You rose, our King vic-  
 heal-er of the na-tions, the one who shares our woes. Your wine and oil, O  
 sing to God the Spi-rit, e-ter-nal Three in One, till all the ran-somed  
 to-rious, that they might wear the crown and ev-er shine in splen-dor re-  
 Sav-ior, up-on our spi-rits pour, and with true balm of Gil-ead an-  
 num-ber who stand be-fore the throne a-scribe all power and glo-ry and  
 flect-ed from your throne.  
 oint-us ev-er-more  
 praise to God a-lone.

*Presider*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*All*             **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

*Presider*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All*             **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED *said by all, standing*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The intercessor offers the petitions, all respond, **Hear our Prayer.***

THE PEACE *standing*

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*The people offer a greeting of peace to one another.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

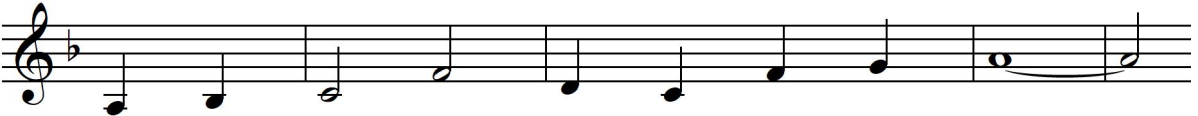
LEVAS II #120



1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place,  
2. There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive  
3. If you say He saved you from your sin,



And I know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord.  
Till you know Him in His full - ness, and be - lieve.  
Now you're weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in,



There are sweet ex - pres - sions on each face,  
You're the one to pro - fit when you say,  
you canb make it right if you will yield;



And I know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.  
"I am going to walk with Je - sus all the way."  
You'll en - joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel.



Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove, Stay right here with us,



fill - ing us with your love. And for these bless-ings we



lift our hearts in praise; With-out a doubt we'll know that we have



been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

### DOXOLOGY HYMN

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

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

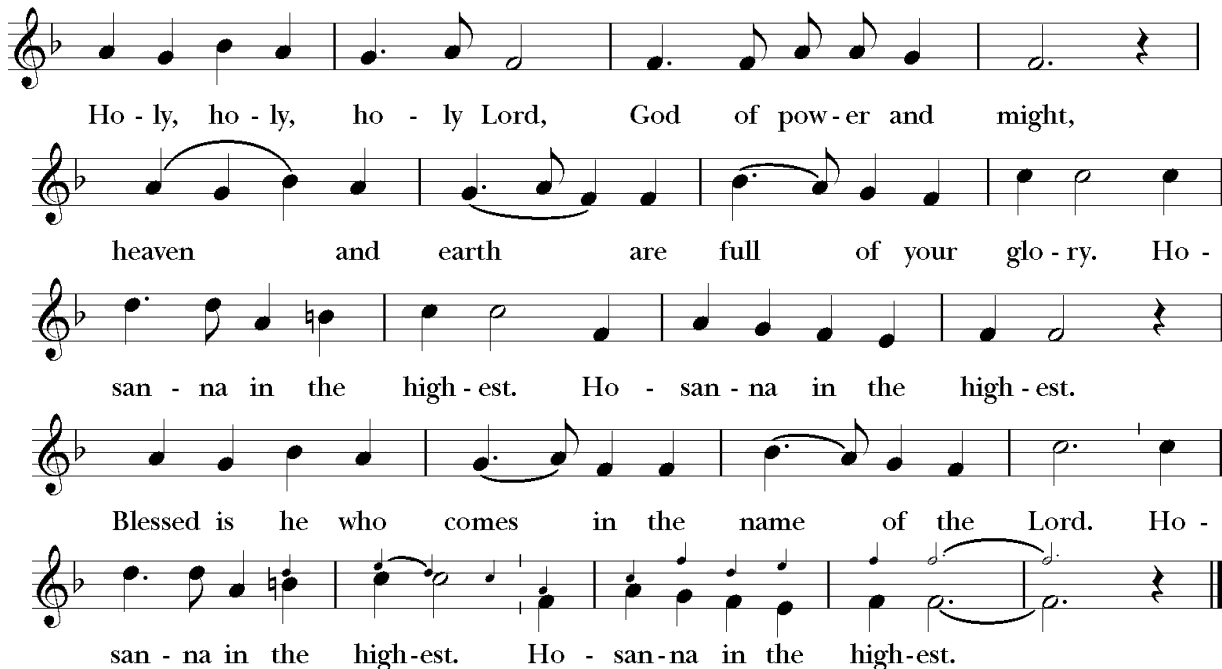
*In the Holy Communion we experience the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All adults and children who desire to receive are encouraged to come forward to receive.*

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you  
*All* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The prayer continues until*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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.

*The prayer continues until*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues until*

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* As Christ teaches us we now pray,  
*All* **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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence may be observed.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

## THE INVITATION AND COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome to the meal where Christ is present in bread and wine. The ushers will guide you to form a line up the center aisle. You may choose to receive a sealed packet containing both consecrated wine and wafer, or you may take a piece of bread and receive the common cup. Gluten free options are available.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **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.

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

### THE DECONSECRATION

*The Bishop addresses the people*

We who are gathered here know that this building, which has been consecrated and set apart for the ministry of God's holy Word and Sacraments, will no longer be used in this way, but will be taken down in preparation for worship and service in a new St. Luke's church space.

To many of you this building has been hallowed by cherished memories, and we know that some will suffer a sense of loss. We pray that they will be comforted by the knowledge that the presence of God is not tied to any place or building.

It is the intention of the diocese that the congregation which worshiped here will not be deprived of the ministry of Word and Sacrament, but will continue offsite until the completion of their new church space.

Let the Declaration of Secularization now be read.

*The Declaration is read.*

### LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

*Leader:* Blessed be your name, O God, whose word has long gone out in and from this place!

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Leader:* You have met us in the bread and wine and empowered us for the days until you come again.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Leader:* You have sent out many from within these walls into the world. Your Spirit has blessed countless disciples.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Leader:* You have begun new ministries here, and new leaders have been empowered and equipped for ministry.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Leader:* You have listened to the needs and concerns of your people. You have shown us your will and made us one as the body and family of Christ.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Leader:* You have given birth to new families through marriage. You have made parents and grandparents. You have helped us in life and death.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Leader:* And now we, Your people, called to fulfill Your purpose, go forward to a new sacred place, to continue Your work, in the power of Your presence.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia**

*Bishop:* Lord God, in your great goodness you once accepted to your honor and glory this building, now secularized: Receive our praise and thanksgiving for the blessings, help, and comfort which you bestowed upon your people in this place. Continue, we pray, your many mercies in your Church, that we may be conscious at all times of your unchanging love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our prayers, and dispose the way of your servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord bless us and keep us. **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon us,  
and be gracious to us. **Amen.**

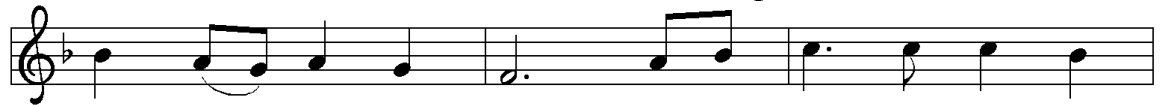
The Lord lift up his countenance upon us,  
and give us peace. **Amen.**



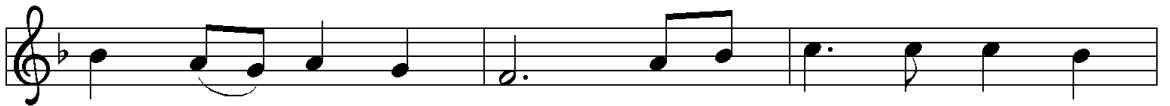
1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



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vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -

*Refrain*



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
claim the faith of Je - sus:  
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
end to fear and dan - ger:  
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## DISMISSAL

*The Deacon dismisses the People, who respond*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**



DONATE

### Liturgical Ministers

Presider

Preacher

Deacon

Musician

Tech Assistant

Worship Assistant

Prayers

Lector(s)

Greeter

Altar guild

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Phillip LaBelle

The Rev. Canon Britt Olson

The Rev. Vince Booth

Theresa Redmond

Paige Lowe

Julia Hunter

Barbara Wilson

Mike Heinrich, Bernadette Walcott

Barbara Wilson, Graham Crawbuck

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