While many label Thomas as Doubting Thomas, it is well to remember that in another Gospel story Thomas was also the disciple—the only one—who stepped forward and expressed his willingness to die with Jesus. In this week’s reading, Thomas once again crosses into a place where others have not ventured, into the very wounding of the risen Christ. Though Jesus rose to new life, evidence of Jesus’ wounding remained.

Like Thomas, we, too, are invited to enter into the wounds of Christ. Thomas’ hand in Christ’s side is not some bizarre, morbid probe. It is an union with Christ’s wounding. Christ’s invitation to Thomas is also our invitation to allow our own experience of wounding and healing to become an instrument of love for healing and wholeness in others’ lives.

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**HOLY WEEK AT ST. LUKE’S**

**Sunday - April 23rd**
- 7:45 AM Holy Eucharist at the Chapel
- 9:00 AM Choir Practice
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist at the Church

**Monday - April 24th**
- 10:00 AM Centering Prayer

**Wednesday - April 26th**
- 4:00 PM A Course In Miracles
- 5:10 PM Tai Chi
- 6:30 PM Women’s Bible Study
  - Existentialism Class with the Rector

**Friday - April 28th**
- 10:00 AM Centering Prayer

**Sunday - April 30th**
- Normal Sunday Schedule

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**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THOSE SERVING TODAY:**

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**Our Staff is There for You!**
Please do not hesitate to contact us.
A full listing of all positions and ministries is available on the information table at the church.

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**In Need of Prayer of Home Communion?**
St.Luke’s Prayer Ministers are available during the 10:30 AM service to pray with you. If you would like a name added to our Prayer Chain, contact Tami Wrice with your request at 435-901-1128 or t-wrice@hotmail.com If you know of someone who needs Home Communion, contact our Lay Eucharistic Visitor Team by calling or emailing the Church Office. Blessings!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR..........**

**THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:**
- Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Scott, our Diocesan Bishop and for ALL the people and parishes in our diocese. Pray especially for **St. Paul's Church in Salt Lake City.**
- All people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the people & leaders of **The Church of the Sudan.**

**OUR NATION & ITS LEADERS:**
- Our government leaders that they may live & work in a spirit of calm reason & cooperation on behalf of the common good.

**THOSE WHO ARE FACING SUFFERING & HARDSHIP:**
- Robert (husband of Iris Thompson), Pat (wife of Kevin Tischner), Rita (granddaughter of Deedee Sihvonen), Alexa (granddaughter of Deedee Sihvonen), Gerry (wife of Jim Brooks) Mildred & Tom (mother and brother of Cheryl Popple) Gabriele (daughter of Richard & Bernadette Rothman) Laura (sister in law of Deedee Sihvonen) Bonnie (wife of Fr. Charles) John (son of Dave & Nancy Garrison)

**THE HUMAN COMMUNITY AROUND THE WORLD:**
- † An easing of tensions with North Korea.
- † Healing for the victims targeted by the chemical attack in Syria and healing for the families that lost loved ones.
- † An end to terrorism and the wisdom to find a way to live together in peace.
- † An end to the conflicts in Yemen, Ukraine, Syria, Iraq & Afghanistan and healing for all victims.
- † A lasting, permanent peace between Israel & her neighbors.

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED……..**

**PLEASE GIVE THANKS FOR…..**
For our Jr. Warden, Leslie Wood and her family.

For those having Birthdays this week: Mary Hoener and Anne Lane on Friday.

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The Scripture Passages
Second Sunday of Easter A - April 23, 2017

Collect of the Day:  Sacred Love, fill us with the wisdom and compassion that empowers us to hold a deep respect for all living beings in our hearts and to see our mother the Earth as our sacred partner in life; with Jesus our Brother, Teacher and Lord. Amen.

From the Hebrew Scriptures:
Reader: Our first lesson comes from the 1st chapter of the Book of Genesis. Embedded within the Creation Stories within Genesis is a very simple and profound idea: the Earth is God’s gift to us, a sacred gift that is good and worthy of our respect and protection. Please read with me by reading the parts in bold print….In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. […] Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Here ends the reading.

From the Native American Scriptures:
The Lakota medicine man Lame Deer says that the Great Spirit “is not like a human being. He is a power. That power could be in a cup of coffee. The Great Spirit is not an old man with a beard.” The concept perhaps resembles the elohim of the Jewish Genesis, the plural form of “eloi,” usually mistranslated as “God,” as though it were singular. Please read with me from the Native American tradition by reading the parts in bold print….We must try to use the pipe for mankind, which is on the road to self-destruction. This can be done only if all of us, Indians and non-Indians alike, can again see ourselves as part of the earth, not as an enemy from the outside who tries to impose its will on it.

Because we also know that, being a living part of the earth, we cannot harm any part of her without hurting ourselves.

Here ends the reading.

From the Christian Gospels: 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.

Offertory Sentence:
Priest: My brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, when you come to the Table of the Lord, come not only to receive the presence of the Lord, but also to give your life completely to Him. As Jesus said, the Greatest Commandments are these: People: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

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A COURSE IN MIRACLES  Join us in the St. Luke's Library each Wednesday at 4:00 to read and discuss this spiritual mind-training course. It is not necessary to have been attending in the past--you are welcome to come join this fun and lively group anytime. For more information, call or text Ann Fiery at 304-617-5714. Or you can visit www.acim.org

AUTUMN GOSPEL GROUP FOR WOMEN 50ish & UP: Autumn Gospel meets the fourth Saturday morning of each month from 10 to noon, in members' homes. We use books as a springboard to share and discuss our own spiritual journeys at this stage of our lives, and are currently reading "Autumn Gospel" by Kathleen Fischer. Please join us for coffee, fellowship and a lively discussion! For more info please call Ann Deyo, 435-615-7478 or Judy Hanley, 435-649-7607.

WOMEN'S GATHERING: Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30. Please bring a dish or a drink to share. Hope to see you there.

CENTERING PRAYER Meets Monday and Friday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Library. Please join us in this contemplative practice of Holy Silence.

HOSPITALITY GROUNDS COMMUNITY GARDEN: Spring is here, and if you're wondering about gardening, you might consider a plot at Hospitality Grounds Community Garden on the other side of the St. Luke's parking lot. To learn more and to register, please visit dHospitalityGrounds.com or email hospitalitygrounds@gmail.com Garden areas are $25 each for a 4’ x 5’ raised bed plot. We also have a Facebook page you might be interested in taking a look at.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE: www.stlukesparkcity.org Newcomers will find info about our church and what to expect when they visit. In addition, there is information about all of our missions, finances and programs. You can view previous sermons through a link to You-Tube on your phone or home computer. Go to You Tube, then St Luke’s Episcopal Church Park City, UT.

CONSIDERING JOINING THE ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY? JUST WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH? Our rector would be delighted to make an appointment to meet with you. He will do his best to answer your questions and to help you to feel welcomed and included at St. Luke's. When you are ready to have a conversation, just let him know at either: pastor@stlukespc.org or 435-901-2131.

TAI-CHI: Tai Chi meets on Wednesdays at 5:10. Registration for new students is currently closed until the next round in mid May.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We meet on Wednesday nights 6:30-8:00 PM in the Library. Our last study for the spring is Priscilla Shirer "The Armor of God". This is a 7 week study, April 12-May 24. If you have questions, please contact Mary.Parsons@hsc.utah.edu.

ST. LUKE’S CARE GUILD If you or someone you know has any requests or needs, please contact Katherine at katherinemartz@comcast.net or Harriet, harrietmstephens@gmail.com, (435)655-1888.