



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrating the Season of Creation

Sunday 29 September 2024



The Cathedral Church of St. Luke
in the
Episcopal Diocese of Maine
and the
City of Portland

*Whoever you are,
and wherever you may be on the journey of the spirit,
The Episcopal Church welcomes you.*

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:00AM *in the Nave & Livestreamed*

Welcome to St. Luke's Cathedral!

We are a faith community with ancient worship and modern thought, catholic traditions and progressive theology. We proclaim a Biblical perspective for thinking people, a respect for reason, science, and a diversity of perspective. This empowers compassion and care for both the wider community and one another. Our commitment to welcome and inclusion is central to our mission modeled on the Kingdom of God and proclaimed by Jesus Christ. We are part of the 1.7 million-member **Episcopal Church** in the United States, and the 85-million-member worldwide **Anglican Communion**.



New to St. Luke's? We are delighted to welcome you to the cathedral and are grateful for your presence with us today. We invite you to fill out our visitor's register at either entrance of the cathedral nave.

Our Mission: St. Luke's welcomes every person to share in the Episcopal Church's mission "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Jesus Christ." As a cathedral, St. Luke's is the seat of the bishop and the chief mission church of the Diocese and people of Maine. St. Luke's first service was held on Christmas Day in 1868, and continues over 150 years of reaching out to the city and people of Portland.

How we worship: Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is invited to say all **bolded** text aloud, and to sing all music printed in the order of service. There are also times when it is customary to make the sign of the cross by touching your forehead, chest, left shoulder, and right shoulder. If you wish to do so, the + indicates that. Instructions for how to receive communion are provided later in the bulletin, at that point in the liturgy.

Where are the restrooms? There are four restrooms in the parish house, through the doors at the front left corner of the church. Men's and women's restrooms are across the large room at the top of the ramp: walk straight across, through the double doors and to your left. On the lower level, there are two accessible, single-stall (non-gender) restrooms, one on either end of the large room. If you need help finding them, please ask an usher.

Visit our child-friendly gathering space: beside the baptismal font on the east wall of the nave, a place where children and their guardians can move around and engage with soft toys, books, yet still participate in worship.

Worship Resources: Except where otherwise indicated, all spoken texts used in worship are from *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979). And, except where otherwise indicated, all music not in the public domain is reprinted and streamed with permission under OneLicense.net #A-713087 and/or RiteSong.

Sunday parking for St. Luke's: Off-street parking is available in two locations for those attending Sunday services: our lot adjacent to the Parish Hall, accessed from Park St.; and the Cumberland Club's (Spring Street between Park & High Sts.). We are grateful to the Cumberland Club for sharing their space with us (except on Easter and Mother's Day). In addition, limited handicap parking is available in the traffic circle in the State Street churchyard.

St. Luke's Territorial Acknowledgement

St Luke's acknowledges that we are worshipping on "unceded territory taken by force and previously occupied by the **Wabanaki people**." (*Amended City Charter, Portland, Maine*). Some of the resources that built this cathedral came from industry related to the slave trade in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries. We join our fellow residents in honoring the Wabanaki knowledge and culture that continues to thrive in the Tribal Nations. We ask for Blessing and Peace upon all indigenous peoples that have called, and always will call, this place—"The Dawnland"—HOME.

We invite you to pray this morning for...

members of our parish family

Sarah Braik, Marlene Cordes

members of our extended parish family

Lisa Gorham (*friend of Peter & Connie Bingham*), Jack Wood (*husband of Byrd Wood*),

Sawyer Russo (*friend of Judd Hume*), Elmer & Liz Praul (*friends of the Rev. Rebecca Grant*),

Matt & Liz Schott (*parents of Avery Levesque-Schott*), Joe Rorke (*Great-Uncle of Avery Levesque-Schott*)

Please silence your electronic devices before worship begins.

Prelude

translation from the original lyrics in Occitan:

Bailèro

Music: French (Avergne) folk song, arr. Joseph Canteloube (1879-1957),

from Chants d'Auvergne (Songs of the Auvergne)

organ arr. Jean Bonfils (1921-2007)

Shepherd, from across the river, you're hardly having a good time, say the bailèro lèrò, lèrò, lèrò, lèrò, bailèrò, lô! Eh, I'm not hardly [having a good time], and you [should say] bailèro lèrò. Lèrò, lèrò, lèrò, lèrò, bailèrò, lô! Shepherd, the pasture is in flower, there you ought to tend your flock, say the bailèro...! The grass is more fine in the pasture here, bailèro...! Shepherd, how will I manage over there, there's the pretty stream, say the bailèro...! Wait for me, I'm coming to fetch you, bailèro lèrò...!

Words of Welcome

The Reverend George Stevens, *Interim Dean*

Blessing of Children's Soft Space

The Word of God

When the tower bell rings, please stand as you are able. The people are encouraged to sing all music printed in the bulletin.



1	God of the	spar - row	God of the	whale	God of the	swirl - ing	stars	—
2	God of the	earth - quake	God of the	storm	God of the	trum - pet	blast	—
3	God of the	rain - bow	God of the	cross	God of the	emp - ty	grave	—
4	God of the	hun - gry	God of the	sick	God of the	pro - di - gal		—
5	God of the	neigh - bor	God of the	foe	God of the	prun - ing	hook	—
6	God of the	a - ges	God near at	hand	God of the	lov - ing	heart	—



1	—	how does the	crea-ture	say	Awe	how does the	crea-ture	say	Praise.
2	—	how does the	crea-ture	cry	Woe	how does the	crea-ture	cry	Save.
3	—	how does the	crea-ture	say	Grace	how does the	crea-ture	say	Thanks.
4	—	how does the	crea-ture	say	Care	how does the	crea-ture	say	Life.
5	—	how does the	crea-ture	say	Love	how does the	crea-ture	say	Peace.
6	—	how do your	chil-dren	say	Joy	how do your	chil-dren	say	Home.

My Heart Sings Out – #129 “God of the sparrow God of the whale”; Words: Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919-2008). Copyright © 1983 Concordia Publishing House

Music: *Roeder*, 55. 6. 77, Carl F. Schalk (1929-2021). Copyright © 1983 GIA Publications, Inc.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant + Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

People 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 Savior. Amen.

Song of Praise

Kyrie eleison



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



Chris - te e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son, e - lei - son.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

translation: *Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.* Music: from *Mass for St. Bartholomew's*, William K. Traffka (b. 1956)

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Reading

Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

Reader A reading from the eleventh chapter of Numbers.

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." ...] Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." [...] So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19.7-14 at the Gradual

The Choir introduces the Refrain, which all then repeat together. The Choir sings the verses of the psalm. The People join in singing the Refrain where indicated.



The stat - utes of God re - joice the heart, re - joice the heart.

Your law, O God, is perfect and revives the soul; your testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

Your statutes are just and rejoice the heart; your commandment is clear and gives light to the eyes. **Refrain**

The fear of you is clean and endures for ever; your judgments are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,

sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. **Refrain**

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often one offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults. **Refrain**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O God,
my strength and my redeemer. **Refrain**

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Second Reading

James 5:13-20

Reader A reading from the fifth chapter of the letter of James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science quick to feel,
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to all their due.
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious to suc - ceed,
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits pu - ri - fy:

a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand;
From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from sins which make the heart grow cold,
for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to catch the sim - ple un - a - ware,
con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O God, be with us in the flame;

what - e'er the pain and shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
wean us and train us with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
for lives be - reft of pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
a new - born peo - ple may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

The Hymnal 1982 – #574 “Before thy throne, O God, we kneel”; Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt.;
Music: *St. Petersburg*, 88. 88. 88, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825)

At the + below, you are invited to trace crosses over your forehead, your mouth, and your heart.

Deacon + The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit.

Sermon The Reverend George Stevens, *Interim Dean*

Please stand as you are able.

Nicene Creed

from Enriching our Worship

People

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Leader Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, “Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.”

For the well-being of the earth; for its water, air, soil, minerals and energy, that we may learn sustainable consumption of them, and they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, that we may all know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For your Church and all its members, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; Thomas, our Bishop; George, our Interim Dean; all the staff and people of this cathedral church; and St. Andrew, Winthrop; that we may be a voice of witness for the reverent care of our world, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures, especially Joseph, our President; Janet, our Governor; Mark, our Mayor; and all members of local, state, and national government; that they may serve with justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For all those engaged in conservation, and in the various industries that draw from the gifts of your creation, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need. We remember this morning all who have commended themselves to our prayers;

The Leader reads the names from the parish prayer list, printed on the inside cover of your bulletin.

During the silence that follows, you are invited to add names, silently or aloud.

Leader In remembering our loved ones who share in God’s creation with us, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth’s resources or their devastation by war. This morning we remember especially Ukraine, Haiti, Sudan, Gaza, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Israel, and Palestine; that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Concluding Collect

Celebrant Gracious God: Grant that your people may have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given; for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel, or continue to stand, as you are able.

People Holy and merciful God,
we confess that we have failed to honor you
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.

We have walked heavily on your earth,
overused and wasted its resources,
taken for granted its beauty and abundance,
and treated its inhabitants unjustly,
holding future generations hostage to our greed.

Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.

Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend,
with grateful and compassionate hearts,
through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Absolution

Celebrant + May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Savior Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People Amen.

Peace

Celebrant May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People may greet one another in the name of God. Afterward, please sit.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as an offering and sacrifice to God.



Give to St. Luke's

A free will offering in support of the mission and ministry of the Cathedral is taken at this time.

All quarters in the offering plate go to support lunches for the school children in Duni, Haiti.

Online giving is available at <stlukesportland.org/give/>; or scan the QR at left.

Anthem at the Offertory

Oculi omnium in te sperant Domine : et tu das illis escam illorum in tempore opportuno.

The eyes of all hope in you, Lord : and you give them their food in due season.

Gloria tibi Domine. Amen.

Glory to you, Lord. Amen.

Words: Ps.144.15; Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Please stand as you are able.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "It's me, (it's me) it's me, O Lord, stand-in' in the need of prayer;—". The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system begins with the word "Fine" above the staff and ends with a double bar line.

1 Not my bro-ther, not my sis-ter, but it's me, O Lord, stand-in' in the need of prayer,
 2 Not the preach-er, not the dea-con, but it's me, O Lord, stand-in' in the need of prayer,
 3 Not my fa-ther, not my mo-ther, but it's me, O Lord, stand-in' in the need of prayer,
 4 Not the stran-ger, not my neigh-bor, but it's me, O Lord, stand-in' in the need of prayer,

D.C.

Lift Every Voice and Sing II – #177 “Standin’ in the need of prayer”; Words: Traditional
 Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals*. Arr. Copyright © 1992 Carl Haywood.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2

from *Enriching Our Worship*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: from *Mass for St. Bartholomew's*, William K. Traffka (b. 1956)

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and + make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with blessed Luke and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

organ

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

organ

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

organ

Je - sus, Re - deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world,

organ

&vb Do - na no - bis pa - cem,

do - na no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Music: from *Mass for St. Bartholomew's*, William K. Traffka (b. 1956)

Celebrant 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.

Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. As the Iona Community says, "Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here."

Ushers will assist you to approach by the center and return by the side aisles. You are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine when presented; we believe that the divine presence is fully present in both the bread and the wine, and you may refuse either. For example, you may choose to receive only the bread, and then walk away; or, if you would like, you may touch the chalice with your hand, and not actually consume any wine. If you would like to receive the blessing of the Church, but not communion, indicate to the clergy by crossing your arms when approached. If you are not able to come forward, please motion to an usher, and communion will be brought to you. Per Diocesan guidelines, the cathedral does not practice intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) at this time.

Prayers of Healing are offered in *All Saints Chapel* (to the right of the kneeling rail). Members of the prayer team will assist you in offering prayer of healing for yourself or a loved one.

The choir sings:

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, secundum verbum tuum, Domine, in pace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace, as you have promised me, set me free, for these eyes have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: a light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father! Glory to the Son! Glory to the Spirit! As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Music: from *St. Paul's School Magnificat & Nunc dimittis*, Dorothy Papadakos (b. 1960)

1 O Food to pil - grims giv - en, O Bread of life from hea - ven,
 2 O stream of love past tell - ing, O pur - est foun - tain, well - ing
 3 O Je - sus, by thee bid - den, we here a - dore thee, hid - den

O Man - na from on high! We hun - ger; Lord, sup - ply us,
 from out the Sa - vior's side! We faint with thirst; re - vive us,
 in forms of bread and wine. Grant when the veil is riv - en,

nor thy de - lights de - ny us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.
 of thine a - bun - dance give us, and all we need pro - vide.
 we may be - hold, in hea - ven, thy coun - te - nance di - vine.

The Hymnal 1982 – #309 “O Food to pilgrims given”; Words: Latin, 1661; tr. John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945), alt. By permission of Oxford University Press
 Music: *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*, 776. D, present form of melody att. Heinrich Isaac (1450?-1517), alt.; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please stand as you are able.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Eternal God,

**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.

Blessing

Celebrant

Everything around us is God's creation. Wherever you look, wherever you walk, Christ is there. The Holy Spirit infuses all of creation. May the Triune God, who creates, sustains, and redeems all, be gracious to us, bless us, and shine upon us.

People

Amen.

1 Earth and all stars, loud rush-ing plan - ets, sing to the Lord a new song!
 2 Hail, wind, and rain, loud blow-ing snow-storms, sing to the Lord a new song!
 3 Trum - pet and pipes, loud clash-ing cym - bals, sing to the Lord a new song!
 4 En - gines and steel, loud pound-ing ham - mers, sing to the Lord a new song!
 5 Class rooms and labs, loud boil-ing test - tubes, sing to the Lord a new song!
 6 Know-ledge and truth, loud sound-ing wis - dom, sing to the Lord a new song!

1 O vic - to - ry, loud shout-ing ar - my, sing to the Lord a new song!
 2 Flow - ers and trees, loud rust-ling dry leaves, sing to the Lord a new song!
 3 Harp, lute, and lyre, loud hum-ming cel - los, sing to the Lord a new song!
 4 Lime-stone and beams, loud build-ing work - ers, sing to the Lord a new song!
 5 Ath - lete and band, loud cheer-ing peo - ple, sing to the Lord a new song!
 6 Daugh-ter and son, loud pray-ing mem - bers, sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain
 God has done mar - vel-ous things. I, too, will praise God with a new song!

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Deacon Go in peace to love and serve our God in all God’s creation.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccata

Music: Aram Khachaturian (1903-1978)

Service Participants

<i>Preacher & Celebrant</i>	The Reverend George Stevens, <i>Interim Dean</i>
<i>Assisting</i>	The Reverend Rebecca Grant, <i>Deacon</i>
<i>Music Leader & Organist</i>	Christian Clough, <i>Canon for Liturgy & Music</i>
<i>Verger</i>	John Hennessy
<i>Crucifer</i>	Liam Coy
<i>Ushers</i>	Susan McCuller, Melissa Coy, Deb Marcoux, Gail Swanton
<i>Reader</i>	Susan McCuller
<i>Prayers Leader</i>	The Reverend Anne Fowler
<i>Live Streaming</i>	Jack Swanton, Sam Allen
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Philip Hamilton, William Hoyt
<i>Contributing Ministries</i>	Acolytes, Vergers, Flower Guild, Altar Guild, Kneeler Guild, Cathedral Choir, Healing Team

*The altar flowers for today’s services
 are given to the glory of God as a gift from the garden
 of cathedral parishioner Paula Gillies*

HAPPENING TODAY

Coffee Hour: Please join us after the 10AM service for fellowship and refreshments in the Upper Hall, through the doors to the left of the altar. All are welcome. Interested in hosting? This important part of our common life provides us with a time for connection. Hosting is fun and easy; it requires only bringing in a baked good and brewing coffee. Please consider volunteering; a lot of gratitude comes with it. Thank you! Check the hosting schedule by visiting <<http://tinyurl.com/coffeeatstlukes>>, and choose a date, then contact Meredith Cough <meredith.cough@gmail.com>.

Rossini Club concert today at 3PM in the Nave: The opening concert of their 154th season features string quartet, *Ladies of Note*, performing Juan Arriaga's *Quartet No. 1 in D minor*; pianist Steven Blumenthal playing Robert Schumann's *Kinderszenen*; soprano Torrey Gimpel and pianist Jonathan Prak performing songs by Giacomo Puccini, Douglas Moore, and George Gershwin; & pianists Ruth Matt and Leah Neuchiller playing *Allegro* movement of Mozart's *Jupiter Symphony*. Tickets \$15 at the door. More info: <<https://www.rossiniclub.org/event/september29/>>

5:15PM Sunday Worship You are most welcome to join us this evening in Emmanuel Chapel for worship.

SEASON OF CREATION

About the Season of Creation, observed this year 1 September through 4 October, celebrated by Christians around the world as a time for renewing, repairing and restoring our relationship to God, one another, and all of creation. The Season of Creation Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes is a curated liturgical resource assembled by the Rev. John Elliott Lein (priest in Maine) and the Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas (creation activist and priest in Massachusetts) from prayers, readings, and liturgies created all over the global Anglican Communion and beyond. At St. Luke's, we are honoring creation in liturgy with several events detailed below. The image above is of our new Season of Creation banner painted by fellow parishioners, which will be on display in the Upper Hall following the service this morning. To learn more about the Season of Creation visit <<https://seasonofcreation.org/>>

Next Sunday: Blessing of the Animals 9:45AM, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (*observed*), in the labyrinth outside the State Street entrance. All are encouraged to bring their pets to receive a blessing. If you have a pet who would not be comfortable out in public, please bring a photo of them, and we will bless the image. We encourage all of our younger members with stuffed animals to bring them along so that they might also receive a blessing. All are welcome, even if you do not have a pet! Pets are then welcome to attend the 10AM Eucharist in the Cathedral.

Concert for Climate: at 2:30PM Sunday 27 October in the Cathedral Nave, join pianist Sydney Patten along with musical guests and speakers for the *Concert for Climate*, a not-for-profit educational and fundraising multimedia event designed to educate, entertain and inspire the audience of all ages to take specific actions to help mitigate climate change. Proceeds will benefit the Maine chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby, and help to bring young people to the annual conference in Washington, DC. Tickets are available at <<https://tinyurl.com/concertforclimate>>. For more information, e-mail <concertforclimate@gmail.com>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who attended the World Cafe: We are grateful to all of the members of the community who contributed to the fruitful discussions and reflections during yesterday's world cafe as part of our conflict transformation work at the cathedral.

Stewardship Campaign 2025 'Walk in Love' Communications & Materials Coming Soon! Please stay tuned to the E-pistle in the coming weeks for upcoming communications for our 2025 Stewardship Campaign.

This year, our stewardship theme, 'Walk in Love' invites us to journey together in faith, unity, and purpose.

Inspired by *Ephesians 5:1-2*, we are called to imitate God's love in our lives and our community.

As we navigate our path forward, including our ongoing process of conflict transformation, walking in love reminds us that our faith journey is not solitary but shared. It challenges us to align our actions with our values, to support one another in times of need, and to be open to the transformative power of God's love.

Through our stewardship, we have the opportunity to tangibly express this love - whether through our time, talents, or resources. As you reflect on the stewardship theme please use the following questions:

- What are examples of walking in love you have experienced at St. Luke's?
- What ministry of our congregation is most hopeful or most exciting to you?
- When was the time that the community was there for you?
- How do you experience God's abundance?

If you are interested in sharing your reflections with the wider congregation in the form of a testimonial during an upcoming service, participating in a stewardship video, or sharing your thoughts in writing, please contact the parish office via email at office@cathedralofstluke.org.

If you would like to help assemble stewardship materials please join us in the Upper Hall on Wednesday, October 16th at 1PM for a mail stuffing party. Coffee, tea, and pastries will be available! If you are interested in participating please email the parish office (*please see email above*).

Vote Forward Letter-Writing Party Sunday October 13: Romans 13:8-9 Paul exhorts us to love our neighbor and participate in the life of civil society grounded in the commandment to love our neighbor. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry tells us that "It is a Christian's obligation to vote and more than that it is the Church's responsibility to get souls to the polls." To that end, on Sunday October 13 at 11: 45 AM, following coffee hour, the St. Luke's Public Policy and Environmental Action Team is sponsoring a Vote Forward <<https://votefwd.org>> letter-writing party to encourage Americans to go to the polls this November. We will supply letters and envelopes and you will add your own positive, heartfelt and nonpartisan personal note in the body of the letter. Come and write as few as 5 or as many as 20 letters. Also check out the Episcopal Church's Vote Faithfully Election Engagement Toolkit at <<https://tinyurl.com/Episcopalvotingtoolkit>>

The Cathedral Choir is welcoming new members; we hope you'll join us for fun, learning, fellowship, and the joy of music-making in community. Previous singing experience is not required. Short-term commitments are possible. Rehearsals most Thursdays 7-9PM, singing most Sunday 10AM liturgies & for several additional services throughout the year. Contact: Christian Clough <CClough@cathedralofstluke.org>

Next Sunday: Choral Evensong: 4PM Sunday 6 October, with music by Dorothy Papadakos, Jennifer L. Stammers, Louis Halsey, Théodore Dubois, Joseph Canteloube. Please join us... spread the word... invite your friends and neighbors!

Join the Pick-Up Choir: rehearsal 8:45AM Sunday 6 October in the Choir Room (basement level under Emmanuel Chapel) to prepare Shaker songs and psalm for the 10AM liturgy. All ages (yes, including children!), abilities, experience levels are welcome. We will stop early enough to allow participation in Blessing of the Animals. Contact: Christian Clough (*see above*)

The St. Luke's Public Policy and Environmental Action Team will meet Tuesday October 8 from 6-7PM. All are welcome. Join us via Zoom (please see the link in this week's E-pistle.) Contact: Ruth Roemer at <roemerr29@gmail.com>.

St. Elizabeth's Coat Drive: As the cold weather approaches, St Elizabeth's is looking for donations of coats and boots (new and gently used) to make available for our neighbors. Please leave your donations in the blue box in the lower hall, next to the stairs. Contact: Byrd Wood <jacknbyrd@gmail.com>.

Bible-translation documentary screening by Luke's Garden Sunday 27 October: Join Luke's Garden, St. Luke's LGBTQ+ group, for their next gathering following coffee hour for a screening of *1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture*, "a feature documentary that follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. It chronicles the discovery of never-before-seen archives at Yale University which unveil astonishing new revelations, and casts significant doubt on any biblical basis for LGBTQIA+ prejudice. Featuring commentary from prominent scholars as well as opposing pastors, including the personal stories of the film's creators, *1946* is at once challenging, enlightening, and inspiring." The screening is open to all. Contact Orion Williams: <ewilliams98@gmail.com>.

OPPORTUNITIES & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

The Biblical Study Group meets in the Conference Room on the ground floor 8:30-10:00AM. The topic for our sessions will be the search for the one and only God, Elohim or Adonai, within ourselves. Join us for our study of the search of becoming “who we were meant to be.” We are led by Bob Hanson, retired university professor, Episcopal priest, author, peace activist, and Jungian analyst. With questions, contact Bob at (207)-405-8250.

Soul Talk is an informal coffee and discussion group exploring our faith and experience of God meeting on fourth Tuesdays, 10-11:30AM in the Conference Room on the ground floor. Our next meeting will be October 22. Come once a month or once in a while! If you'd like to receive materials prior to each month's meeting contact Linda Carleton at <lindacarleton01@gmail.com>

The St. Luke's Flower Guild: There are still openings on the altar flower schedule until the end of the calendar year if you would like to sign up to give flowers in memory of someone or to acknowledge an occasion such as an anniversary. If you are interested, please see the sign-up chart posted on the bulletin board outside of the parish office. Once you have signed up, please bring or send a monetary donation (a 75\$ gift is customary) to the office along with the information to be included in the Sunday service bulletin. If you have questions about the process please contact the parish office at 207)-772-5434 or contact flower guild co-chairs, Mary Doughty <marycdoughty@maine.rr.com> and Kathy Watt <kawatt819@att.net>

Considering the Creed: Some of us affirm the Nicene Creed each Sunday as a bedrock of our worship; others admit that they say it with their fingers crossed! As we approach the 1700th anniversary of the Creed, St. Luke's is offering a five-week class designed to explore our questions about the Creed and what it means to be a creedal church in the modern age. Each week will be led by different members of the Cathedral staff and retired clergy. Come for one session or many! Meetings will take place Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:00 in the Chapter Room or via Zoom (stay tuned to the E-pistle for the link). Questions? Contact Linda Carleton <lindacarleton01@gmail.com>

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| Week 1, October 1 | Introduction to the Nicene Creed and its history, and a chance to share our initial thoughts about the Creed, <i>led by the Rev. George Stevens, Bob Hanson, and Linda Carleton</i> |
| Week 2, October 8 | God, the Father, <i>led by the Rev. Christopher Worthley</i> |
| Week 3, October 15 | The Birth and Nature of Jesus, <i>led by the Rev. George Stevens</i> |
| Week 4, October 22 | “The Comma” which represents the life of Jesus and the Passion, Death and Resurrection, <i>led by Linda Carleton</i> |
| Week 5, October 29 | The Holy Spirit and the Church, <i>led by Deacon Rebecca Grant</i> |

Volunteer to serve on the Altar Guild: We love volunteering on the Altar Guild, and think you would, too! Volunteering with Altar Guild is fun and rewarding. Together, we can work to enable our congregation to engage in worship that is filled with order, beauty, peace, and tranquility. Contact: Kate Leschey <cleschey@gmail.com> or Rita Siavelis <ritasiav@hotmail.com>

Join the Kneelers Guild and Prayer Shawl Knitters: every Tuesday 2:30–4:30PM in the Upper Hall. Everyone is welcome, whether you are curious or want to begin. Kneeler kits cost \$75, which include directions, yarn, needles & canvas. Novices are welcome; we will teach you as needed. Prayer Shawls: 20” x 60”; select your yarn & needles. Coffee & tea are available.

Join the Young and the Restless, St. Luke's 20s-30s-year-old ministry, which hosts events both at CSL and outside the church. Join us as we hike, ice-skate, play trivia, or just enjoy each other's company! If you are new to us, welcome! We meet 6-8PM each Tuesday at Maine Beer Company in Freeport for trivia. Other events happen sporadically throughout the month, though trivia is a wonderful opportunity to meet us, if you're joining us for the first time. Contact: Shana Rose <shanaro931@gmail.com>

Noon Zoom has been moved to Thursdays: The weekly meeting of ‘Noon Zoom’ has been moved to Thursday afternoons. If you would like to participate and receive updates, please email Sam Allen at <smallen@mit.edu>

COMMUNITY NOTES

To reserve space for a group, meeting or event, fill out a space usage form, and check with the cathedral calendar first! Thanks! Contact: Avery Schott (207) 772-5434 or <office@cathedralofstluke.org>

Thank you in advance for your offering today. You can donate to St. Luke's through our new and secure "Give and Text" feature. Please text **"TEXTCSL" to 73256**. Our 2024 Pledge Campaign is ongoing. Pledge materials and information are available at <www.stlukesportland.org>

The parish prayer list: Names remain on the prayer list for 3 consecutive weeks unless otherwise requested. If you wish for a name to be added, contact Avery Schott, Parish Administrator <office@cathedralofstluke.org>.

Access your Realm profile: The Cathedral's online database, Realm, is a useful tool for parishioners to manage their contact and pledging information. Realm helps our community by improving our record keeping in a more streamlined fashion. When joining Realm you can sign-up to be a part of the online directory. To activate your Realm profile, please contact Nina Andersen, financial administrator <nandersen@cathedralofstluke.org>. Nina will assist you with the few steps necessary to access your profile.



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Please help us spread the word outside St. Luke's!
The 3PM offering especially is intended for those who have other Sunday morning commitments.

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