



St. Luke's Cathedral

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrating the Season of Creation

Sunday, September 8, 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, the wing perpendicular to the church, accessible through the doors at the left of the front of the church. There are Men's Room and Women's Room 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.

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 worshiping 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

Meredith Smith (*sister of Sallie Smith*), Lisa Gorham (*friend of Peter & Connie Bingham*),
Michael & Melanie (*parents of Christian Clough*), Sawyer Russo (*friend of Judd Hume*)

Prelude

I've got peace like a river... I've got joy like a fountain... I've got love like an ocean... ...in my soul.

Negro spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

Words of Welcome

The Reverend George Stevens, *Interim Dean*

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 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by change but spi - rit led,
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims of in - jus - tice cry
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise. A car - ing church that longs to be
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fe - ver in our blood,
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o - be - dience to our Lord:



1 must claim and test its her - i - tage, and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 2 for shel - ter and for bread to eat, and nev - er live un - til they die.
 3 a part - ner in Christ's sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 4 and teach us how to share our bread, and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 5 to care for all with - out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

Wonder, Love and Praise – #779 “The church of Christ in every age”; Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000), Copyright © 1971 Hope Publishing Co., Inc.
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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

Gloria in excelsis



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. Trafka (b. 1956)

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Reader A reading from the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146 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.



Alleluia! Praise God, O my soul! I will praise God as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish. **Refrain**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; whose promise abides for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed and food to those who hunger. **Refrain**

God sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind; God lifts up those who are bowed down;

God loves the righteous and cares for the stranger;

God sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

God shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia! **Refrain**

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Second Reading

James 2:1-17

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

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his arms stretched out a - bove
2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and al - ways, near or far,
3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di - vide us to our shame,
4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may I in Christ be free

through ev - ery cul - ture, ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
he calls and claims us as his friends and loves us as we are.
he sees not la - bels but a face, a per - son, and a name.
to wel - come and ac - cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

The Hymnal 1982 – #603 “When Christ was lifted from the earth”; Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), Copyright © 1973 by Hope Publishing Company.
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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 7:24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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, large and very small—even those who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome—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; Trinity, Portland; St. Matthew, Lisbon Falls; that we may be a voice of witness for the reverent care of your 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.

from *Liturgical Materials for Honoring God in Creation*,
the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

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.**

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.



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

Music at the Offertory

Emerald Stream

Words & Music: Seth Houston (b. 1974)

Come, now, and gather in the glade
Where the Emerald Stream and the Evening Shade
And meditate on the works He's made,
great God, our sovereign Lord.

Feel the wind come down,
hear it whistle as it goes,
It brings us sun and it brings us snows,
It blows a blessing from above,

Join us, now, the meadow is green
And the waters pure and the woods serene
And the flowing air is fresh and clean
Where God His blessings poured.

And the sun comes up, and the sun goes down,
and the stars and the moon go 'round and 'round,
go 'round in witness to His love.

Hear, now, ye sons of men
for danger lurks in this great garden;
the Lord will visit once again
to see what we have done.

As God is the shepherd and we are the sheep
We our mother Earth must keep,
Maintain the air, protect the deep.
At Judgement Day He'll come.

See the Lord come down,
Hear Him whistle as He goes,
He bears a thunderbolt and a rose,
He goes, remember all His power.

See the Lord come down, face shining bright,
His holy feet are soiled but his robe is white,
Shine bright,
You will regret that hour.

So, now, my people beware,
you're in charge of the seas and the earth and the air,
you'd better take extraordinary care
of the Earth, our only home.

All glory be to God on high,
Shout praises loudly to the sky,
Listen to the Earth, and hear her cry,
and in Heaven forever roam.

Please stand as you are able.

1 Give praise and glo - ry un - to God, the Fa - ther of all bless - ing;
2 The host of heav - en prais - eth thee, O Lord of all do - min - ions;
3 What God hath wrought to show God's power God ev - er - more sus - tain - eth;

God's might - y won - ders tell a - broad, God's gra - cious - ness con - fess - ing,
and mor - tals then, on land and sea, be - neath thy sha - dowing pin - ions,
God watch - es o'er us ev - ery hour, God's mer - cy nev - er wān - eth.

With balm my in - most heart God fills, God's com - fort all my
ex - ult in thy cre - a - tive might that do - eth all things
Through all God's king - dom's wide do - main, God's right - eous - ness and

an - guish stills. To God be praise and glo - ry.
well and right. To God be praise and glo - ry.
jus - tice reign. To God be praise and glo - ry.

The Hymnal 1982 – #375 “Give praise and glory unto God”
Words: Johann Jacob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898-1952) and Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund.
Music: *Du Lebensbrot Herr Jesu Christ*, 87. 87. 887, Peter Sohren (1630?-1692?); adapt. Johann Anastasius Freylinghausen (1670-1739), alt.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2

from *Enriching Our Worship*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

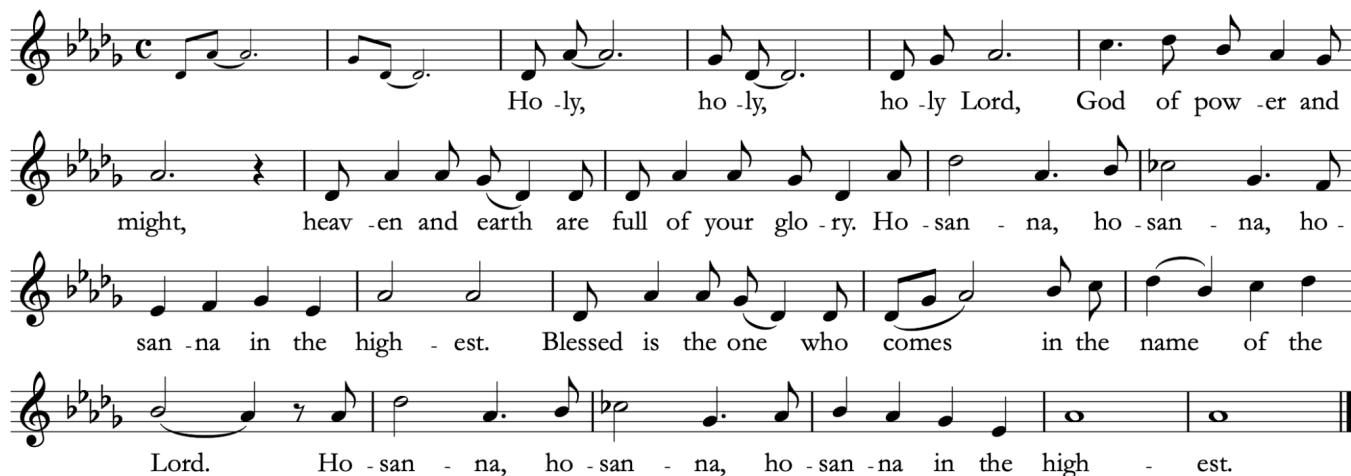
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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. Trafka (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
People

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

The musical score consists of five staves. The first four staves are marked 'organ' and the fifth is marked '&vb'. The music is in 3/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are: Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, Re - deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world, 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. Trafka (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.

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;
 6 Glo - ry to God and praise and love be now and ev - er given

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!
 6 by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the Church in earth and heaven.

The Hymnal 1982 – #493 “O for a thousand tongues to sing”; Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
 Music: *Azmon*, CM, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1 Fa - ther all lov - ing, who rul - est in ma - jes - ty, judg - ment is thine, and con - demn - eth our pride;
 2 Bless - ed Lord Je - sus, who cam - est in pov - er - ty, shar - ing a sta - ble with beasts at thy birth,
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, cre - ate in us ho - li - ness, lift up our lives to thy stan - dard of right;
 4 Ho - li - est Trin - i - ty, per - fect in u - ni - ty, bind in thy love ev - ery na - tion and race;

stir up our lead - ers and peo - ples to pen - i - tence, sor - row for sins that for ven - geance have cried.
 stir us to work for thy jus - tice and char - i - ty, tru - ly to care for the poor of the earth.
 stir ev - ery will to new ven - tures of faith - ful - ness, flood the whole Church with thy glo - ri - ous light.
 may we a - dore thee for time and e - ter - ni - ty, Fa - ther, Re - deem - er, and Spi - rit of grace.

The Hymnal 1982 – #568 “Father all loving, who rulest in majesty”; Words: Patrick Robert Norman Appleford (1925-2018), alt., by permission of The United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Music: *Was lebet*, 12 10. 12 10, melody from *Choral-Buch vor Johann Heinrich Reinhardt*, 1754; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly live,
2 Let us build a house where pro - phets speak, and words are strong and true,
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and wheat;
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and stone,
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions heard

1 a place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give,
2 where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new.
3 a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice meet.
4 to heal and streng - then, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
5 and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as words with - in the Word,

1 built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace,
2 Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace;
3 Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space,
4 Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bear the im - age of God's face,
5 built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,

1 here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
2 here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus;
3 as we share in Christ the feast that frees us; all are wel - come,
4 let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
5 let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:

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

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

Service Participants

<i>Preacher</i>	The Reverend George Stevens, <i>Interim Dean</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Reverend Christopher Worthley, <i>Assisting Clergy</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>Vergers</i>	Randi Hogan
<i>Crucifer</i>	Liam Coy
<i>Usbers</i>	Peter Bingham, Melissa Coy, Mary Linneman, Susan McCuller
<i>Reader</i>	Elizabeth Burger
<i>Prayers Leader</i>	Curtis Maurand
<i>The Healing Team</i>	Peter Carleton, Mary Strnad
<i>Live Streaming</i>	Jack Swanton, Sam Allen
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Philip Hamilton, Maggie Gardner
<i>Contributing Ministries</i>	Acolytes, Vergers, Flower Guild, Altar Guild, Kneeler Guild, Cathedral Choir

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>.

PPEAT hosts State Representative Benjamin Collings, following coffee hour, noon–1PM. Mr. Collings, who represents part of Portland in the Maine House, will speak on faith and climate change, and discuss his plans for getting people around Maine together to talk about climate.

Welcome Back to the Cathedral Choir! We are glad to have our choir back following summer recess. If you are interested in joining our music ministry, please contact Christian Clough, *Canon for Liturgy and Music* at <cclough@cathedralofstluke.org>. The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings in the choir room from 7-9PM and gathers on Sunday mornings for rehearsals at 8:45AM. See below for an invitation to sing Fauré's *Requiem* this fall.

Weekly 5:15PM Sunday Worship and cookout! You are most welcome to join us this evening in Emmanuel Chapel for worship. Following the service we will meet in the lower hall for a time of fellowship and fun. The gathering will be a potluck. To learn more about how you can help with a side dish, dessert, drinks, and/or help with set-up and clean-up, please contact Tim Wilkins at <timswilkins57@gmail.com>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Conflict Transformation parish-wide conversation, September 28, 9AM to noon: Sign-Up Available!

All parishioners are invited to participate in the fourth and final phase of our conflict transformation work. Please note that it is not necessary to have participated in Phases 1-3 of the conflict transformation process to attend. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate! We will gather in the church for a parish-wide conversation about our communal life using a "World Café" format. Visit <www.theworldcafe.com> to learn more about this type of conversation style. Conversations will center on questions developed in conjunction with our consultant Susan Czolgosz and will occur in small groups of 6–8 people. Fellow parishioners have been invited to act as table facilitators, timekeepers, and notetakers. An online sign-up registration form to attend is available at <<https://tinyurl.com/stlukesworldcafe>>. This link is also in our latest publication of the E-pistle which can be accessed either via your email or the homepage of our website. If you need help signing up, a member of our team will be at coffee hour with the church laptop and would be glad to assist you. Questions? Contact George Stevens, Interim Dean, <gstevens@cathedralofstluke.org>, or Sam Allen, Sr. Warden <smallen@mit.edu>.

Sing Fauré's beloved *Requiem*: Join the Cathedral Choir, chamber orchestra, organist Harold Stover, and vocal soloists for this special opportunity to perform this uplifting masterpiece in celebration of All Saints'/Souls' Sunday, 3 November, at both 10AM and 3PM (in place of Choral Evensong; note the earlier time, too). **Preparations begin Thursday 12 September**, during regular choir rehearsals. A "rehearsal retreat", Saturday 21 Sept. 9:30AM to 2PM, with potluck luncheon, will help move our learning forward. Mandatory dress rehearsal on Saturday 2 Nov. There is NO obligation to commit to the entire Choir season, though we'd love to have you! More information: Christian M. Clough, Canon for Liturgy & Music <cclough@cathedralofstluke.org>

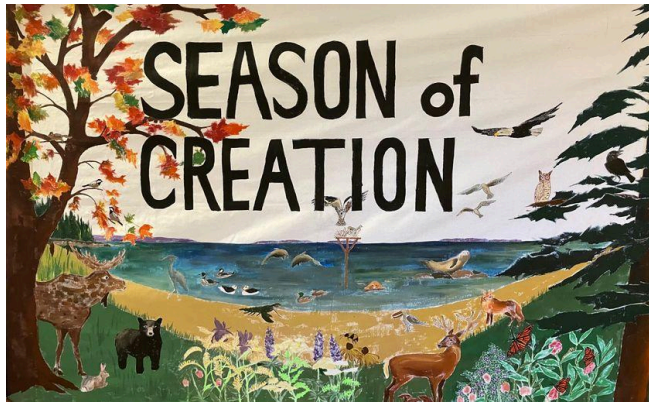
Tri-Dio Sacred Ground circles begin again this autumn: Are you interested in joining others from the Episcopal Dioceses of Northern New England (and beyond) in a film-based dialogue series on race and faith? The third round of Tri-Dio Sacred Ground dialogue circles will start this fall, and will include others from the wider Episcopal church and other denominations. There will be at least three circles that will meet at different times and on different days. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/tridiosacredground>>. View the Sacred Ground Invitational video "We Bless You" by the Union of Black Episcopalians and Sacred Ground staff, and learn more about Sacred Ground by visiting <www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/on-demand-webinar/>. Representatives from each diocese are: Mary Provo of Maine, Betty Lane of New Hampshire, and Franci Vinal Farnsworth of Vermont.

The St. Luke's Public Policy and Environmental Action Team Eco-Tips and Meeting:

This fall, The BTS Center is pleased to offer a book study focused on *Life After Doom* by author Brian D. McLaren. Over five weeks, led by two skilled facilitators, we will engage with this powerful text together, gaining insight and fortitude with and from one another. These gatherings will offer a space to ask and hold the difficult questions within a community of care so that we may have the courage to step into our own work in these uncertain times. All who register for the book study will automatically be registered for an online public event with the author 7PM Wednesday 30 October. For more information visit <<https://thebtscenter.org/life-after-doom/>> or contact <nicole@thebtscenter.org>. PPEAT will meet 6-7PM Tuesday 10 September. All are welcome. Join us via Zoom. Please see the E-pistle for the link for the meeting. For more information email Ruth Roemer at <roemerr29@gmail.com>.

Luke's Garden to host documentary screening 27 October: Join Luke's Garden, St. Luke's LGBTQ+ group, for their next gathering on October 27th following coffee hour, for a screening of *1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture*. This impactful documentary is described as the following: "1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture is 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 who would like to attend. For more information contact Orion Williams by email at <eowilliams98@gmail.com>.

Scam Emails on the rise: Over the last week we have seen a rise in scam emails from individuals pretending to be the Reverend George Stevens and senior warden Sam Allen. Please delete these emails as they are from scammers phishing for data. We will never ask for gift cards or financial contributions in this fashion. If you question the legitimacy of an email, please contact the parish office at <office@cathedralofstluke.org> or by phone at 207-772-5434. Thank you for your cooperation as we strive for cyber-security for all.



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/>>

Seth Houston composed today's Offertory Anthem, *Emerald Stream*, on his seventeenth birthday while paddling a canoe during a month-long canoe trip with his father in northern Canada. Although the weather on much of the trip had been windy and foul, his birthday dawned sunny and clear. The music that would become *Emerald Stream* flowed to the rhythm of his paddle. The piece draws inspiration from the "shape-note" singing tradition that flourished in New England from 1780 to 1830. Like a shape-note "fuging" tune, it features a hearty, strong sound, an imitative fuging section, melodic ornaments, open intervals, and doubling at the octave. It is unusual, however, in that the melody is in the bass part. The text draws on the hymn-writing style of Isaac Watts, Charles Wesley, and other great theologians whose dynamic poetry animated the shape-note tradition. While drawing on these traditions, *Emerald Stream* proclaims a more contemporary message of environmental stewardship.

Nature hike on 15 September: Join members of PPEAT after church on September 15 at 12:15PM for a nature hike at the Fore River Trail. Meet at the trailhead at 1601 Congress Street in Portland. There is a parking lot directly across from the trailhead. Contact: Dick Farnsworth at <omc@maine.rr.com>

PPEAT hosts Susanne Lee at Coffee Hour on 22 September: *Maine Food: Too Good to Waste* with Susanne Lee, Faculty Fellow with University of Maine's Sen. George J. Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions. Did you know that 40% of the food we produce is never eaten, wasting money, energy and other valuable resources used to produce it, resulting in rising food costs, hunger and nutrition issues, and environmental damage? There are simple and effective food waste actions that can be taken to end this problem. Join Susanne as she shares these solutions to help reduce food waste in your home and community. She will also highlight Food Rescue, Maine's food waste research project where her team works with community and business partners to implement these solutions.

Blessing of the Animals 9:45AM on 6 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (*observed*), in the labyrinth outside the State Street entrance. All are encouraged to bring their beloved 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 also 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: On Sunday, October 27th, join pianist Sydney Patten along with musical guests and speakers for the *Concert for Climate* at 2:30PM in the Cathedral Nave. This is a multimedia event designed to educate, entertain and inspire the audience of all ages to take specific actions to help mitigate climate change. This is a not-for-profit educational and fundraising event. Proceeds will benefit the Maine chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby, and help to bring young people to the annual conference in Washington D.C. Tickets are available at <https://tinyurl.com/concertforclimate>. For more information email <concertforclimate@gmail.com>

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

The Biblical Study Group meets in the Oratory 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. This topic asks us to reflect on several large questions. How is this possible? When did we begin our search? Why do we know so little about this concept? God invites us to call him “father.” Who then is our mother? What other divine presences do we need to meet? What then is our relationship to the Christ figure? We will further discuss the concept of the Imago Dei. This is the icon or banner of the all powerful and creative maker of all universes, all space and time, and of us, humankind, as being “very good.” 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)-245-2695.

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.

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 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>

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.

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>.



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