



The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Baptism

February 11th, 2024

Welcome!



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

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

Holy Baptism & 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**.

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.



Our Mission

Today, 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.

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 A. Grant, <i>Deacon</i>
<i>Music Leader & Organist</i>	Christian M. Clough, <i>Canon for Liturgy & Music</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Sam Allen
<i>Prayers Leader</i>	Mary Linneman
<i>Usbers</i>	Susan McCuller, Chester Bishop, Melissa Coy, Gail Swanton
<i>Head Verger</i>	Eleanor Roberts
<i>Verger</i>	John Hennessy
<i>Crucifer</i>	Alec Thorne
<i>The Healing Team</i>	Sara Schmalz, Peter Carleton
<i>Live Streaming</i>	Sam Allen, Jack Swanton
<i>Contributing Ministries</i>	Acolytes, Vergers, the Flower Guild, the Altar Guild, the Kneeler Guild, the Cathedral Choir, the Healing Team

We invite you to pray this morning for...

members of our parish family

Sarah Braik, The Rev. Richard Ellis

members of our extended parish family

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Karen Keiter (*granddaughter of Betsey Deleuse*), Bev Clarke (*friend of Susanne Tartarilla*), Maryann Nemo (*grandmother of Tammy Parker*), Marshall & Fenn Green (*friends of Judd Hume*)

*We continue our celebration of **Black History Month** with musical selections throughout today's liturgy, including the Prelude; Psalm refrain, from Lead Me, Guide Me, an African American Hymnal; the setting of the Cantic; and the spiritual "Swing low, sweet chariot". Biographical information about the composers of these works can be found following the liturgy portion of this booklet.*

Prelude

Prelude: "Night"

from In the Bottoms, Characteristic Suite for the Piano Music: R. Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943)

Words of Welcome

The Reverend George Stevens, *Interim Dean*

Please stand as you are able. During the 10AM service, the people are encouraged to sing all music printed in the bulletin.

Processional Hymn



1. Love di - vine, — all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spi - rit in - to ev' - ry troub - led breast!
3. Come, al - mighty - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life — re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish then — thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let — us be;

fix in us — thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Let us all — in thee in - her - it; let us find the prom - ised rest.
sud - den - ly — re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er more thy tem - ples leave.
let us see — thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love — thou art;
Take a - way — the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and — O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - way bless - ing, serve thee as — thy hosts a - bove,
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take — our place,

vis - it us — with thy — sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
end — of faith, as its — be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
pray, and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in — thy per - fect love.
till — we cast — our crowns be - fore — thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

The Hymnal 1982 – #657 "Love divine, all loves excelling" Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Hyfrydol, 87. 87. D, Rowland Hugh Pritchard (1811-1887)

The Word of God

The Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever.**
Celebrant There is one body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us.**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant May God be with you
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 Lesson

2 Kings 2:1-12

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

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50.1-6 at the Gradual

The choir introduces the refrain, which all then repeat together.

The choir sings the appointed psalm verses; the people join in singing the refrain where indicated.

Refrain

To the up - right I will show the sav - ing power of God.

To the up - right I will show the sav - ing power of God.

The God of gods has spoken; God has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God is revealed in glory. **Refrain**

O God, you will come and will not keep silence;
before you there is a consuming flame, and round about you a raging storm.
You call the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of your people. **Refrain**

“Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”
Let the heavens declare the rightness of your cause, for you alone are judge. **Refrain**

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Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Reader A reading from the fourth chapter of the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn at the Sequence

1. Christ up - on the moun-tain peak_ stands a - lone in glo - ry_ blaz - ing; let us, if we
2. Trem-bling at his feet we saw_ Mo - ses and E - li - jah_speak-ing. All the pro - phets
3. Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro-claim-ing in its_ thun-der Je - sus as his
4. This is God's be - lov - èd Son!_ Law and pro-phets fade be - fore him; first and last and

dare to speak, with the saints and an - gels_praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!
and the Law_ shout through them their joy - ful_greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Son by name! Na - tions cry a - loud in_ won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!
on - ly One,_ let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

Gospeller

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

People

Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Gospeller

The Gospel of our Savior.

People

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

Sermon

The Reverend George Stevens, *Interim Dean*

A period of silence is observed for contemplation at the conclusion of the sermon, after which please stand as you are able.

Please stand as you are able.

The Baptism

The Presentation of the Candidate *Benjamin Joseph Emerdello*

** Family denotes the Parents and Godparents of the candidate for baptism.*

Celebrant The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Family I present Benjamin to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant A question to the godparents or sponsors: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Family I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help him grow into the full stature of Christ?

Family I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents the following questions:

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Family I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Family I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Family I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Family I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Family I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Family I do.

The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

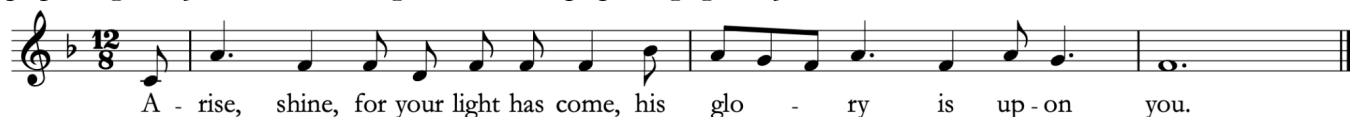
Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.
People **Amen.**

The procession moves to the Baptismal Font. The people—and children in particular—are encouraged to gather around the Font.

Canticle at the Procession to the Font

Canticle 11, The Third Song of Isaiah: *Surge, illuminare*

The people sing the refrain. The choir sings the verses, the people singing the refrain where indicated.



Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples. **Refrain**

But over you the Lord shall rise, and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning. **Refrain**

Your gates will always be open; by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. **Refrain**

Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, and all your portals, Praise,

The sun will no more be your light by day; by night you will not need the brightness of the moon. **Refrain**

The Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Baptism

The celebrant baptizes Benjamin with the following words.

Celebrant Benjamin, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant places a hand on his head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, using Chrism, and saying

Celebrant Benjamin, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Heavenly Father,
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin,
and have raised him to the new life of grace.
Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.
Give him an inquiring and discerning heart,
the courage to will and to persevere,
a spirit to know and to love you,
and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

Concluding Collect

Celebrant We, your children, continue to learn how to love by reaching out in service to one another and to the people outside the walls of our churches. As the followers of your son Jesus Christ, we lift our prayers and hearts to you, our loving God, trusting that you hear and answer us.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please sit.

Parish Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Celebrant



Give to St. Luke's

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 Duny, Häiti.

Online giving is available at <stlukesportland.org/give/>.

Anthem at the Offertory

sung by the choir

Ex Sion species decoris eius Deus manifeste veniet. — *Psalm 50.2-3*

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God will manifestly come.

Congregate illi sanctos eius qui ordinant testamentum eius super sacrificia. — *Psalm 50.5*

Gather together those saints of his who order his testament over the sacrifices.

Lætatus sum in his, quæ dicta sunt mihi: in domum Domini ibimus. Alleluia. — *Psalm 122.1*

I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord. Alleluia.

Words: Psalm 50.2-3,5, Psalm 122.1 (Latin Vulgate Bible) Music: from *Advent-Motetten*, Op. 176, Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Hymn at the Presentation

Please stand as you are able.

1. O won-drous type! O vi-sion fair of glo-ry that the Church may share,
2. With Mo-ses and E-li-jah nigh the in-car-nate Lord holds con-verse high;
3. With shin-ing face and bright ar-ray, Christ deigns to man-i-fest to-day
4. And faith-ful hearts are raised on high by this great vis-ion's mys-ter-y;
5. O Fa-ther, with the e-ter-nal Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit, ev-er One,
6. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

which Christ up-on the moun-tain shows, where bright-er than the sun he glows!
and from the cloud, the Ho-ly One bears rec-ord to the on-ly Son.
what glo-ry shall be theirs a-bove who joy in God with per-fect love.
for which in joy-ful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
vouch-safe to bring us by thy grace to see thy glo-ry face to face.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

The Hymnal 1982 – #137 “O wondrous type! O vision fair” Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1848-1866), alt. Music: Wareham, L.M, melody William Knapp (1698-1768); alt.; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, after James Turle (1802-1882); desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947). Descant by permission of the Royal School of Church Music

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer III

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

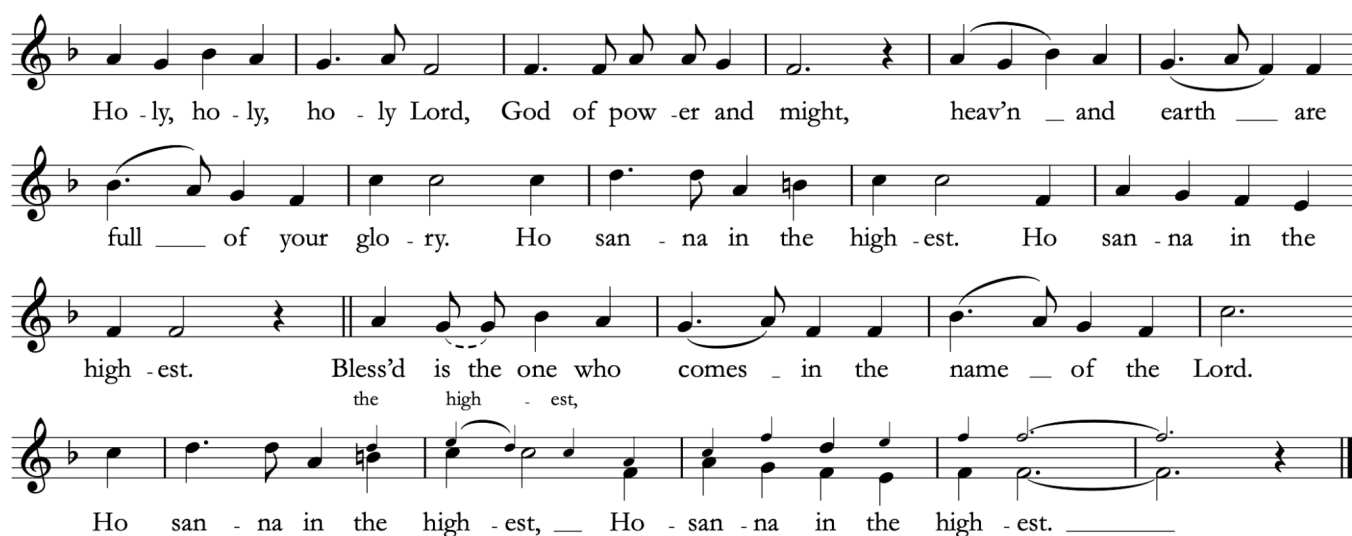
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:



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Celebrant Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

People **Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the blessed Virgin Mary, with Luke, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever.



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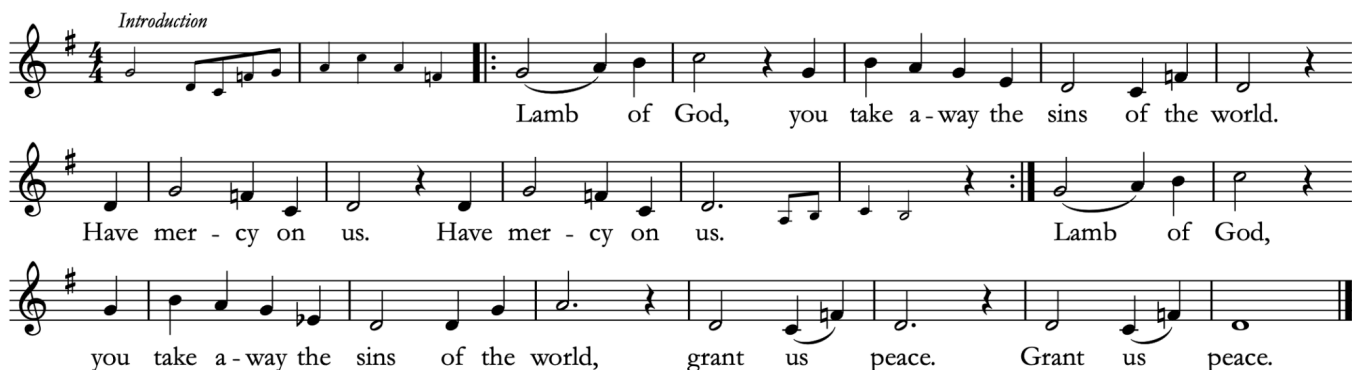
The Lord's Prayer

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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



Enriching Our Music 2 – #143 “Lamb of God”

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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.

Celebrant
All

Please join me in this prayer of Spiritual Communion for all of us who cannot now receive.
God of infinite mercy,
we thank you for Jesus our Savior,
our true Mother who feeds us and gives us eternal life.
Though I cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine,
I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence,
the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion.
Grant that we may continue forever in the Risen Life of our Savior,
who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Communion of the People

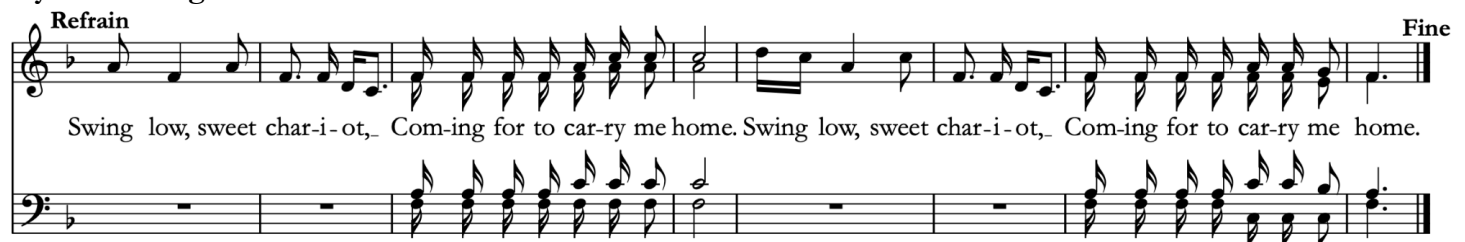
All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. As the Iona Community says, "Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come. It is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

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.

Hymns during Communion

Refrain **Fine**



Swing low, sweet char-i-ot, Com-ing for to car-ry me home. Swing low, sweet char-i-ot, Com-ing for to car-ry me home.

1. I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see___ Com-ing for to car - ry me home.
2. If you get___ there be - fore___ I do,___ Com-ing for to car - ry me home.
3. The bright - est day that___ ev - er I saw___ Com-ing for to car - ry me home.
4. I'm some - times up and___ some - times down, Com-ing for to car - ry me home.

D.C.

A band of an - gels com-ing af - ter me,___ Com-ing for to car - ry me home. O,
Tell all___ my friends I'm com - ing___ too,___ Com-ing for to car - ry me home. O,
When Je - sus wash'd my sins___ a - way,___ Com-ing for to car - ry me home. O,
But still___ my soul feels hea - ven - ly___ bound, Com-ing for to car - ry me home. O,

Introduction

And did those feet in an-cient time Walk up-on
Eng-lands moun-tains green: And was the ho-ly Lamb of God, On Eng-lands plea-sant pas-tures seen!
And did the Coun-ten-ance Di-vine, Shine forth up-on our cloud-ed hills? And was Je-ru-sa-lem build-ed here
Interlude
A-mong these dark Sa-tan-ic Mills? Bring me my Bow of burn-ing gold:
Bring me my ar-rows of de-sire: Bring me my Spear: O clouds un-fold! Bring me my Cha-ri-ot of fire!
I will not cease from Men-tal Fight, Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand: Till we have
built Je-ru-sa-lem, In Eng-lands green and plea-sant Land.

Words: Jerusalem, Preface to Milton a Poem (1810), William Blake (1757-1827) Music: *Jerusalem*, LMD, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

Please stand as you are able.

Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

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

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of
God in Christ Jesus. And now may the blessing of the Holy Trinity be with us all.

~Romans 8.38-39

People

Amen.

Hymn in Procession

1. Al-le-lu-ia, song of glad-ness, voice of joy that can-not die;
2. Al-le-lu-ia thou re-sound-est, true Je-ru-sa-lem and free;
3. Al-le-lu-ia though we cher-ish and would chant for ev-er-more
4. There-fore in our hymns we pray thee, grant us, bless-ed Trin-i-ty,

al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er raised by choirs on high;
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful mo - ther, all thy chil - dren sing with thee;
 al - le - lu - ia in our sing - ing, let us for a while give o'er,
 at the last to keep thine Eas - ter with thy faith - ful saints on high;

in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 but by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
 as our Sa - vior in his fast - ing plea - sures of the world for - bore.
 there to thee for ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

The Hymnal 1982 – #122 w/alt. tune Words: Latin, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Gnalia*, 87. 87. 87, Welsh melody, arr. David Evans (1874-1948)

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve our God.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Alleluyas

"At his feet the six-winged Seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, Allehuya, Allehuya, Allehuya, Lord most high." – Liturgy of St. James

Music: Simon Preston (1938-2022)

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT THE CATHEDRAL

Notes on African American composers featured in today's liturgy

- **Robert Nathaniel Dett** (1882–1943), was a composer, choir leader, pianist, teacher, poet, and writer. During his lifetime, he was lauded as the first American composer to fuse Negro folk music with the European art music tradition in a sophisticated way, and was a seminal figure in the preservation and study of spirituals, both as a writer and choral interpreter, and as a great teacher and inspirer of African-American musicians in later generations. He was one of the first Black members of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP).
- **W. Clifford Petty**, is a native of Eufaula, Alabama, is a working church musician, and is well known as a recording artist, performer, composer, and arranger. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in vocal music performance and his Master of Music Education degree from Alabama State University.
- **Carl Haywood**, DMA, is a longtime faculty member at Norfolk (VA) State University. He served as the Service Music Editor for *Lift Every Voice and Sing II: An African American Hymnal*, for which he arranged/composed twenty-nine selections. He is also the leading contributor to *Wonder, Love, and Praise*. For twenty-six years, he served as organist/choir director at Grace Episcopal Church, Norfolk, and has served on the Liturgical Commission for the Diocese of Southern Virginia, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for the Episcopal Church, and as Director of Music for the Union of Black Episcopalians.

Remembering the work and life of The Reverend Absalom Jones: This Sunday we remember the life of The Reverend Absalom Jones on the anniversary of his death. The Episcopal Archives describe The Reverend Jones' life with the following words:

"The Reverend Absalom Jones was America's first black priest. Born into slavery in Delaware at a time when slavery was being debated as immoral and undemocratic, he taught himself to read, using the New Testament as one of his

resources. At the age of 16, Jones' mother, sister, and five brothers were sold, but he was brought to Philadelphia by his master, where he attended a night school for African-Americans operated by Quakers. Upon his manumission in 1784, he served as lay minister for the black membership at St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church with his friend, Richard Allen, and together they established the Free African Society to aid in the emancipation of slaves and to offer sustenance and spiritual support to widows, orphans, and the poor.

The active evangelism of Jones and Allen greatly increased black membership at St. George's. Alarmed by the rise in black attendance, in 1791 the vestry decided to segregate African Americans into an upstairs gallery without notice. When ushers attempted to remove the black congregants, the resentful group exited the church.

In 1792 Jones and Allen, with the assistance of local Quakers and Episcopalians, established the "First African Church" in Philadelphia. Shortly after the establishment that same year, the African Church applied to join the Protestant Episcopal Church, laying before the diocese three requirements: the Church must be received as an already organized body; it must have control over its own affairs; and Jones must be licensed as lay-reader and if qualified, ordained as its minister.

Upon acceptance into the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the church was renamed the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. The following year Jones became a deacon but was not ordained a priest until 1802, seven years later. At 56 years old, he became the first black American priest. He continued to be a leader in his community, founding a day school (as African Americans were excluded from attending public school), the Female Benevolent Society, and an African Friendly Society. In 1800 he called upon Congress to abolish the slave trade and to provide for gradual emancipation of existing slaves. Jones died in 1818."

HAPPENING AT THE CATHEDRAL TODAY

Join us for the Valentine's Cookie Walk today after the 10:00AM Service: Join us in the upper hall following the 10:00AM service for today's Valentine's Cookie walk. We are excited to bring back this joyful event! This fundraiser will feature candy and cookies for purchase. A box of cookies/candy of your choosing will be \$8/box (please note that plastic gloves will be available). All donations have ingredients labeled to be courteous of individuals with food allergies. Thank you!

Join Luke's Garden (LGBTQIA+ ministry) for our meeting today at noon in the Lower Hall. We will be making LGBT+ valentines day cards as well as valentines day posters that will be hung up around Portland. Art supplies will be graciously provided by Linda Carleton (Thank you, Linda!). Any questions? Please contact Orion Williams at <eowilliams98@gmail.com>.

5:15PM Sunday worship: A small group is leading an effort to restart the Sunday 5:15PM service in Emmanuel Chapel. Services will continue Sundays through 18 Feb. After that, we will meet and decide how to proceed, but the long term goal is to have the new Dean include this as a regular Sunday service. Please contact Tim Wilkins <twilkins@cathedralofstluke.org> if you want to help with the service, or have any questions. Thank you!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting Wrap Up: Thanks to all who made last week's annual meeting such a success.

We are grateful for the volunteers who put together such a great spread of food, to those who submitted reports, to all who joined us online and in person.

A special note of thanks to all those who were nominated to serve as Delegates to Convention and as Vestry members. We are deeply blessed to have many wonderful members of our community who ran for these positions. Congratulations to Randi Hogan, Stan Kuziel, Mary Linneman and Eleanor Roberts who were elected as vestry members and to Sam Allen, Jeri Edgar, Fred Fowler, Curtis Maurand, Susan McCuller and Randi Hogan who were chosen to serve as Delegates to Diocesan Convention. We are deeply blessed to have many wonderful members of our community who offered their gifts of service. If you were unable to attend the meeting, minutes are available in our newsletter. Copies of the Annual report are available in our weekly newsletter and in the parish office.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Join us next Tuesday evening at 6:00PM in the lower hall for a celebration of Shrove Tuesday with a pancake supper.

Offerings will include pancakes, syrup, fruit salad, and sausage.

Please note that we are monitoring the weather for Tuesday evening as there is a potential for a winter storm. If the event is canceled we will send out an email notification the day prior.

If you are interested in volunteering to help, please email Senior Warden Sam Allen at <smallen@mit.edu>.

Join us for Ash Wednesday Services Next Week: This coming Wednesday, February 14th, is Ash Wednesday. The cathedral will hold three services. The 7:30 AM service will be in Emmanuel Chapel, and the 12:00PM, and 7:00 PM services will be held in the Nave.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Brown, *Bishop of Maine*, will be preaching and celebrating at both the 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM services.

If you are unable to attend our services but would like to receive the imposition of Ashes, please contact Interim Dean, The Reverend George Stevens <gstevens@cathedralofstluke.org>

Wednesday Coffee & Conversation: Each Wednesday at 1PM in the Upper Hall join Deacon Rebecca Grant for an informal gathering, with coffee and conversations. There's no book to read, no service commitment, simply an opportunity to gather and talk about what's happening in our lives. You could also help coach Rebecca into retirement from her professional life! We're planning this for a season—weekly opportunities where you can attend one, attend all, or drop-in as it works for you. Bring your lunch, if you'd like. Topics might include “what's happening in your life”, “what brings you joy”, and more. You can reach Rebecca at (207) 441-7155 or <rebagrnt@gmail.com>.

Affordable housing in Maine discussion February 18th: Join us in the upper hall next Sunday, February 18th, following the 10:00AM service, for a discussion regarding affordable housing in Maine with Greg Payne, a representative from the Governor's Office of Public Innovation and the Future (GOPIF).

Exploring Senior Spirituality—Revised Meeting Time—This class will be an opportunity to explore the subject of our changing spiritual experiences as we journey through the final chapters of our lives. Using tools such as journaling and discussion we will explore topics including mortality, forgiveness and regret, legacies, preserving our stories, and meaning in life. We will meet Tuesdays 1–2:30PM, a total of seven classes spread out over 9 weeks. Class size will be limited to 10 people. For more information, or to register, please contact Rev. Suzanne Roberts at suz@maine.rr.com

The St. Luke's Public Policy and Environmental Action Team will meet Tuesday February 13th 6-7PM. All are welcome. Join us via Zoom at <<http://tinyurl.com/PPEATFebruary>>. For more information please email Ruth Roemer at <roemerr29@gmail.com>.

Volunteer to be a Eucharistic Minister: The Cathedral is seeking volunteers to serve as Eucharistic Ministers. Have you ever felt a pull to be part of what happens in the course of our worship services? If so, consider serving as a Eucharistic Minister (chalice bearer) during the worship services. Training will be provided along with an alb. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Deacon Rebecca either in person or via email at <rebagrnt@gmail.com>.

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. For more information, contact Kate Leschey at cleschey@gmail.com or Rita Siavelis at ritasiav@hotmail.com

Looking for volunteers for Treasurer, Junior Warden, and Clerk of the Vestry: If you are interested in serving in any of these roles, please e-mail the Interim Dean, the Rev'd George Stevens, at <gstevens@cathedralofstluke.org>, or Senior Warden Sam Allen at <smallen@mit.edu>.

The Biblical Study Team: Welcome to the study and understanding of the earliest written contributions, the *Logia*, (the Midrash, or the sayings of Jesus, ca. 27–30 AD). We're also focusing on the major themes of Saul of Tarsus visits 51–66 AD. Read about these earliest writings, *i.e.*, the Midrash in Luke's stories in the Acts of the Apostles. Begin your readings with Acts 17.1-10. Watch this announcement for updates over the coming weeks. We meet in the Oratory Room on the ground floor of the Cathedral noon to 1:30PM each Sunday. The Rev. Dr. Bob Hanson is our guide through these sacred writings. Bob holds five graduate degrees in biblically-related areas, and has studied Greek, Hebrew, Aramaic, German, Latin, Spanish, & Egyptian hieroglyphs. All are welcome! It's a joyous time.

St. Elizabeth's Pantry: Thanks to everyone who donated coats and boots to the St. E's coat drive over the past few months. Going forward our greatest need is for diapers in sizes 2 and 3, bedding of all kinds, and toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Winter Eco Tips from the Public Policy & Environmental Action Team (PPEAT)

1. Nudge down the thermostat: Think of lowering the thermostat just 2 degrees lower than you usually do. For warmth, add extra layers of clothing.
2. Use throw blankets around the house. Also, drinking more hot beverages will help keep you warm. If you have a programmable thermostat, set it so that your heater is not working hard when you are away at work.
3. Grow indoor plants: These can trap heat, humidify the air and beautify your space.
4. Open the oven door after cooking or baking. Of course, turn the oven off first. The heat will help warm your kitchen.
5. Carpool: this is sensible any time of year, but especially useful in winter, a season that is harsh on vehicles.
6. When buying a new winter jacket or coat shop for eco-friendly garments. Check second hand clothing stores, also, for these items.

The Healing Team will be offering prayers of healing, during communion, on the following Sundays:

February 11 Sara Schmalz, Peter Carleton
February 18 Mary Strnad, Judd Hume
February 25 Betsey Deleuse, Peter Carleton
March 3 Oscar Mokeme, Mary Strnad

Please contact any Healing Team member with any questions or Judd Hume at either jwilliamhume@gmail.com or (207) 773 - 5611.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Join the Kneelers Guild and Prayer Shawl Knitters: We meet 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: We are St. Luke's 20s-30s-year-old ministry. We are an active group at the cathedral which also gets together outside of the church. Join us as we go hiking, ice skating, play trivia, or just enjoy each other's company! If you are new to us, welcome! We meet each Tuesday at Maine Beer Company in Freeport, 6-8 PM for Trivia. Other events happen sporadically throughout the month, however trivia is a wonderful opportunity to meet us if you're joining us for the first time. Contact Shana Rose at [<shanaro931@gmail.com>](mailto:shanaro931@gmail.com) to stay up to date with group activities and information.

Join Luke's Garden LGBTQIA+ Group Luke's Garden is the cathedral's LGBTQIA+ group which meets every 2nd Sunday of the month following coffee hour. All are welcome! For additional information contact Orion Williams at [<eowilliams98@gmail.com>](mailto:eowilliams98@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 in the database. To activate your Realm profile please contact our financial administrator Nina Andersen at [<nandersen@cathedralofstluke.org>](mailto:nandersen@cathedralofstluke.org). Nina will assist you with the few steps necessary to access your profile.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Adult Christian Formation Opportunities are offered throughout the academic year Sundays following the 10AM liturgy, and occasional evenings.

Children's Christian Formation (Sunday School) and Child Care: Our Sunday school and nursery are both open today. Sunday school begins in the Upper Parish Hall at 9:45AM, with children returning to their families at the Peace. The nursery is open every Sunday 9:45–11:30AM. Families are always welcome!

The parish prayer list: If you wish for a name to be added to the prayer list, please email the parish office <office@cathedralofstluke.org>. A name will remain on the prayer list for a period of 3 consecutive weeks unless otherwise requested.

Contribute to St. Luke's music ministry: The Cathedral Choir welcomes new members (almost!) anytime throughout the year, and is open to singers of all experience levels; novices are welcome. The choir particularly needs tenors! There is room for the sharing of other musical talents, too. For more information, please feel free to speak with current choir members, or with Christian Clough, Canon for Liturgy & Music, or e-mail him at <cclough@cathedralofstluke.org>. Help us to keep our musical offerings well-supported with your offering.

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

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>.

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, on 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.

EVENTS IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Portland Rossini Club Concert on February 18th: Richard Roberts Memorial Concert

Join the Portland Rossini club for their next concert on Sunday, February 18th, 2024 at 3 p.m.

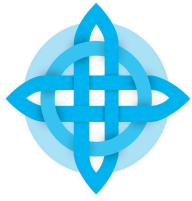
Pianist Steven Blumenthal, with clarinetist Stephen Schiffman, will perform *Carol* by Gerald Finzi, as well as the Brahms *Sonata No. 1, in F minor*

Pianist Christopher Staknys will perform Vivaldi's *Winter* from *The Four Seasons*, with poetry narrated by Audrey Stack, as well as the first movement of Scriabin's *Sonata No. 2 in G-sharp minor*

Pianist Sydney Patten will perform works by Rachmaninoff, Ginastera, Patten, and Joplin

If you would like to purchase tickets or learn more about the Portland Rossini Club visit

<<https://www.rossiniclub.org/>>



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