



St. Luke's Cathedral

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Baptism
Sunday 4 August 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 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**.



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, Garrison Murrell, Marlene Cordes, Gail Kesich

members of our extended parish family

Michael Jones (*cousin of Anna Messmer*), Denise Dunlay (*sister-in-law of Steve Belanger*), Vicki & Pat Miele (*friends of Peter & Connie Bingham*), Sandra Currier (*mother of Lynne England*), Joan (*sister of Paul Burlin*), Joe Edgar (*son of Jeri Edgar*), Meredith Smith (*sister of Sallie Smith*), Elaine Egli (*Aunt of Rita Siavelis*), Celine Gilbert (*friend of Avery & Bethany Levesque-Schott*)

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 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to God's feet thy trib - ute bring;
 2 Praise God for God's grace and fa - vor to God's peo - ple in dis - tress;
 3 Fa - ther - like God tends and spares us; well our feeble frame God knows;
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore God; ye be - hold God face to face;

ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais - es sing:
 praise God still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
 in God's hand God gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore God, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in God's faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet God's mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

The Hymnal 1982 – #410 “Praise, my soul, the King of heaven”, Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)
 Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800-1880); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971), Descant by permission of Novello and Company, Limited

The Opening Acclamation

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 Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

*Please sit.***First Reading** *Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15*

Reader A reading from the sixteenth chapter of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Response at the Gradual

God's work will stand, God's work will stand, it can-not, will not fail. God's

fail. 'Tis found - ed up - on e - ter - nal truths,

en - dur - ing as the heav - ens are, it can-not, must not fail. 'Tis fail.

"God's work will stand", Words & Music: anonymous
 theme of the Shakers' 2024 Conference, held this weekend at Sabbathday Lake, Maine, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the first Shakers in North America on 6 August 1774

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

Reader

A reading from the fourth chapter of the letter to the Ephesians

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

The late Jaroslav Vajda composed this hymn with five sets of inner stanzas (nos. 2 & 3), which correspond to the excerpts from the Gospel according to John on five consecutive Sundays (Proper 12 to 16 in Year B of the Revised Common Lectionary). Today is the second of those 5 Sundays, and we will use this hymn throughout this sequence of readings. The outer stanzas repeat every week. We invite you to consider the full narrative through Sunday 25 August.

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, liv - ing Bread, by your - self our souls are fed:
2 To the House of Bread you came, there re - ceived your sav - ing Name
3 Not by this world's bread a - lone can our life be - come full - grown,
4 We are in that crowd you fed with your blest, a - bun - dant Bread.

Give us all the eyes to see all that you were sent to be.
from that low - ly man - ger bed all the dy - ing world is fed.
but by ev - ery word that goes from the mouth of God—one grows.
Moved by ev - 'ry hu - man care, bless the Bread we eat and share.

*Hymns for the Gospels – #133 "Blessed Jesus, living Bread", Words: Jaroslav Vajda, b. 1919, ©1990 Concordia Publishing House
Music: Monkland, 77.77, melody from Freylinghausen, 1704; adapt. John Antex (1740-1811); arr. John Bernard Wilkes (1785-1869)*

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 John.

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

Gospel

John 6:24-35

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

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.

The Baptism

The Presentation of the Candidate

Henry William Watson

“Family” denotes the Parents and Godparents of the candidate for baptism.

Celebrant The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Family I present Henry 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

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

Deacon Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon 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.

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 Henry with the following words.

Henry, 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

Henry, 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.**

Peace

Celebrant 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.



St. Luke's St. Library

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

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

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

Music at the Offertory

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease:
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

Curtis Maurand, tenor

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt. Music: from *Judith*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

Please stand as you are able.

Each half of each stanza repeats:

Sing Stanza 1, Part 1 twice; then Stanza 1, Part 2 twice. Then go back to sing Stanza 2, Part 1 twice, then Stanza 2, Part 2 twice.

1 If you love not one an - oth - er in dai - ly com - mu - nion,
2 If you love one an - oth - er, then God dwell - eth in you,
how can you love God, whom you have not seen.
and you are made strong to live by his word.
More love, more love, the heav - ens are call - ing,
More love, more love, a - lone by his pow - er
the an - gels are bless - ing, O Zi - on, more love.
the world we will con - quer, for true love is God.

"If you love not one another", Music: anonymous, Canterbury Shaker Village, NH

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to our God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God.

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

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, — heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music – #S-128 "Holy, holy, holy Lord" (Sanctus), Music: William Mathias (1934-1992), Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God

People We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Creator of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

Celebrant We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being + sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with blessed Luke and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People AMEN.

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

People Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

organ

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our
sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: give us your peace.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains a series of eighth and quarter notes, with a 'z' (fermata) after the first measure. The second staff also begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It contains a series of eighth and quarter notes, with a 'z' (fermata) after the first measure. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with love doth o - ver - flow;
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished well with joy - ful guests;
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in count - less num - ber let them come
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the world thy truth has run,

be all thy chil - dren thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 and may each soul sal - va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 and gath - er from their Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 till with this Bread shall all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

*The Hymnal 1982 – #321 "My God, thy table now is spread", Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Rockingham, LM, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmsody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)*



The Hymnal 1982 – #554 “’Tis the gift to be simple”, Words: Elder Joseph Brackett (1797-1822), Alfred (Maine) Shaker Community
Music: *Simple Gifts*, Irr. with Refrain, Joseph Brackett (1797-1822)

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

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And may the + blessing of God who made us, and who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you this day and forevermore. — *Henri Frederic Amiel (1821-1881)*

People **Amen.**

1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or through the realms of
 2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and now, from sin re -
 3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and on - ward as ye
 4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and with a well-tuned

light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our song, for
 leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es sound, as
 go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he gives and
 heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy days till

else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.
 in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.
 praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!
 life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

The Hymnal 1982 – #625 “Ye holy angels bright”, Words: Richard Baxter (1615-1691); rev. John Hampden Gurney (1802-1862)
 Music: *Darwall's 148th*, 66. 66. 44. 44, melody and bass John Darwall (1731-1789); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve our God.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Sortie in B-flat Major

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Service Participants

<i>Preacher & Celebrant</i>	The Reverend George Stevens, <i>Interim Dean</i>
<i>Assisting</i>	The Reverend Rebecca Grant, <i>Deacon</i>
<i>Music Leader & Organist</i>	Harold Stover, <i>Guest Cathedral Musician</i>
<i>Head Verger & Crucifer</i>	Eleanor Roberts
<i>Cantor & Tenor Soloist</i>	Curtis Maurand
<i>Ushers</i>	Peter Bingham, Melissa Coy, Mary Linneman, Susan McCuller
<i>Reader</i>	John Bancroft
<i>Live Streaming</i>	Jack Swanton, Sam Allen
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Elizabeth Burger, Kate Leschey
<i>Contributing Ministries</i>	Acolytes, Vergers, Flower Guild, Altar Guild, Kneeler Guild

*The Altar Flowers for this morning's service are given to the glory of God
 & in celebration of the baptism of Henry William Watson
 by his grandparents, John Watson & Nancy Brain*

HAPPENING TODAY

Today we celebrate a major milestone in American religious history. This coming Tuesday 6 August is the 250th anniversary of the arrival in America of the original members of the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing, commonly known as the Shakers, in 1774. Mother Ann Lee, who had joined the Shakers by 1758, led her followers from England on 19 May 1774. The community settled in Niskayuna (now Watervliet), NY, north of Albany. Over the course of the next century, the Shakers established communities across New York, New England, Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. "They practice a celibate and communal utopian lifestyle, pacifism, uniform charismatic worship, and their model of equality of the sexes, which they institutionalized in their society in the 1780s. They are also known for their simple living, architecture, technological innovation, music, and furniture." [<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shakers>]. Shakerism reached its largest membership and greatest disbursement around the middle of the 19th century, after which a long, gradual decline in members resulted in the successive closures of all but one Shaker community, the small family at Sabbathday Lake, in the town of New Gloucester, north of Portland. This weekend, the Shakers are hosting a 250th anniversary celebratory conference, entitled "GOD'S WORK WILL STAND: The Shakers' Ongoing Testimony". Christian Clough, Canon for Liturgy & Music, and Christopher Worthley, Associate Priest, are attending the conference. Today we sing three Shaker songs, commended to us by Brother Arnold Hadd, one of the two Shakers living today, to join in their celebrations, and to pray God's blessing on their movement, that if it is God's will, competent vocations will be led to join the movement and extend the Shaker mission into its second quarter-millennium. The Shakers have made significant contributions to American life, and as their ministry continues, their witness to equality of God's people, their care for the earth, their music, love and humility are just a few of the many gifts they have given freely to the World. We join in their celebrations and pray for them and the future of their ministry. More information: <maineshakers.com>

Welcome this morning's Guest Musician: Harold Stover is a native of Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and a graduate of the Juilliard School in New York. In addition to having served parishes in New York and Portland, his career as an organ recitalist includes appearances on most major New York series, at Westminster Abbey in London, the National Cathedral in Washington, Harvard and Princeton Universities, and thirteen appearances on Pipedreams, the nationally syndicated radio program of organ music broadcast locally on Maine Public Classical. He directs the Portland-based chorus Renaissance Voices, teaches at the Portland Conservatory of Music, and is Organist and Director of Music at the Episcopal summer chapel of St. Peter's by-the-Sea in Cape Neddick, who have graciously allowed him to substitute for Canon Clough 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>.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend George Stevens will be out of the office August 5-7. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact him via phone at (978)-578-8084.

Camp Bishopswood Summer Finale Sept. 13-15: Registration is now open for Summer Finale! There is also a day-only option on Saturday 14 Sept. Back this year after a several-year hiatus is a mini-retreat especially for those who do formation work in our diocese 10AM-5PM Friday 13 Sept. As in years past, this will be an opportunity to spend a day in conversation with formation folks, to enjoy delicious food, and imagine ways in which we can collaborate and uplift one another in our formation work. Register for Summer Finale at <https://episcopalmaine.formstack.com/forms/summer_finale_2024>, including one-day and overnight options. Register for the Formation Mini-Retreat on Sept. 13 at <<https://tinyurl.com/bishopswoodminiretreat>>. Full description & FAQs at <<https://tinyurl.com/summerfinalediomaine>>

Season of Creation book group: The Season of Creation is fast approaching! In September, parishioners from St. Alban's, St. Luke's, and St. Peter's are joining together to form a book group to read *Sacred Nature: Restoring Our Ancient Bond with the Natural World* by Karen Armstrong, led by Mary Brigham Paul, a member of St. Alban's, limited to 12 people, starting on 26 August and ending on 30 September. Proposed meeting times are Mondays from 6:45PM-8:00PM, in the Connect Room at St. Alban's. While in-person is preferable, a hybrid option will be offered. Contact: Mary Brigham <marybrigham@me.com> to sign up; please indicate whether you would like to meet in person or on Zoom. You can purchase the book through Nonesuch Books in South Portland, Amazon, or wherever you like to purchase your books.

Author Karen Armstrong has written many books on religious affairs, with a specific focus on the history of world religions. More information @ <<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/authors/834/karen-armstrong/>>

About the book: *Sacred Nature* is "An urgent manifesto and a practical guide on how to rekindle our spiritual bond with nature, drawing on the wisdom of the world's religious traditions". "Since the beginning of time, humankind has looked upon nature and seen the divine. In the writings of the great thinkers across religions, the natural world inspires everything from fear to awe to tranquil contemplation; God, or however one defined the sublime, was present in everything. Yet today, even as we admire a tree or take in a striking landscape, we rarely see nature as sacred...Karen Armstrong re-sacralizes nature for modern times. Drawing on her vast knowledge of the world's religious traditions, she vividly describes nature's central plan in spirituality across the centuries: from the Book of Job to St. Thomas Aquinas, from Lao Tzu to Wordsworth, and from the Stoics to Jainism and beyond...explor(ing) the power of silence and solitude, the nature of personal sacrifice and the need to reconnect with sorrow and compassion—and how greater contact and appreciation for nature can help us in unexpected ways". — *Penguin Random House Publishing*

Come help paint our new Season of Creation banner! No artistic skills are needed beyond the ability to paint within the lines of a simple shape. Join us after church on Sunday, August 25 in the Lower Hall for a time of fun and fellowship. Please plan to wear old clothes due to potential paint stains! For more info, contact Linda Carleton at <lindacarleton01@gmail.com>

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.

Eco-Tips from the Public Policy and Environmental Action Team: PPEAT invites you to watch the short film "A Story of Stuff", which addresses the environmental impact of our consumption-crazed culture. The film aims to raise awareness about what we are consuming and what becomes of these items when we no longer use or need them. Furthermore it poses the greater question "Are our consumption habits contributing to environmental degradation and harm to others?" Visit <www.storyofstuff.org> to watch the film and to access helpful resources.

Interested in learning more about PPEAT? Join us for our next meeting on Tuesday August 13 from 6-7 PM. All are welcome! Please see the link in the E-pistle to join. For more information email Ruth Roemer at <roemerr29@gmail.com>.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

The Healing Team is on break during August, resuming Sunday 8 September.

Contributions to St. Luke's music ministry: The Cathedral Choir is away from 9 June through Labor Day, and this summer is full of musical contributions by many volunteers. All dates are filled, but your talents are welcome throughout the year. **The Cathedral Choir** season begins with rehearsal and potluck welcome reception Thursday 5 Sept. 7-9PM. The choir sings weekly during the academic year, and for periodic Choral Evensong services and various seasonal liturgies. Previous singing experience is not required. For more information, speak with Christian Clough (*see above*) or seek out choir members. Contact: Christian Clough, Canon for Liturgy & Music <cclough@cathedralofstluke.org>

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 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 more information contact Orion Williams <eowilliams98@gmail.com> or visit <stlukesportland.org/spiritual-growth/#lukesgarden>

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>

The Biblical Study Group is on vacation until 1 September. When we resume, we will meet Sundays 8:00-10:00AM. Our ongoing theme is discovering the nature and meaning of "being created in the image of God." To stimulate spiritual growth over the summer months, we invite you to read the following recommended resources:

- 1) *God: A Biography* by Jack Miles. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, The New York Times calls this text "a tour de force." Published by Vintage Books, Random House Publishing, New York, 1996
- 2) *Jung's Thoughts on God: Religious Depths of the Psyche* by Donald Dyer, PH.D. Published by Nicholas Hays, 2000 P.O. Box 2039, York Beach, ME 03910. "It is only through the psyche that we can establish that God acts upon you."
- 3) *Jung's Map of the Soul: An Introduction and In Support of Jung's Extensive and Intensive Thought* by Murray Stein. Published by Open Court Publishing Co., P.O. Box 300, Peru, Illinois 61354. To order call (800) 815-2280.

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

New Cathedral Treasurer's e-mail: You can reach Randi Hogan at <treasurer@cathedralofstluke.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>.

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>

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