

A Season of Creation
The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 11th, 2022

7:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)
10:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Nave & Livestream)
5:15 Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)

Welcome to St. Luke's Cathedral! We are a community of faith with ancient worship and modern thought, catholic traditions and progressive theology, a Biblical perspective for thinking people, a respect for reason, science, and diversity of perspective, compassion and care for the wider community and one another, and a commitment to welcome and inclusion… all modeled on the Kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed. Whoever you are and wherever you may be in your journey through life, we welcome you! During the school year, our Adult Education programs are at 9:00 am, Sunday School for K-4 is held from 10:00-10:45 am and programming for 5th grade and up is at 11:30 am. *Child care is available for children four years old and under from 9:45-11:30 am all year long.* We thank you for coming today and hope you will make the Cathedral your spiritual home. If you are new, please take a moment to sign our guest book and enjoy the material on our welcome table.

A few notes about or worship during this time of Covid-19

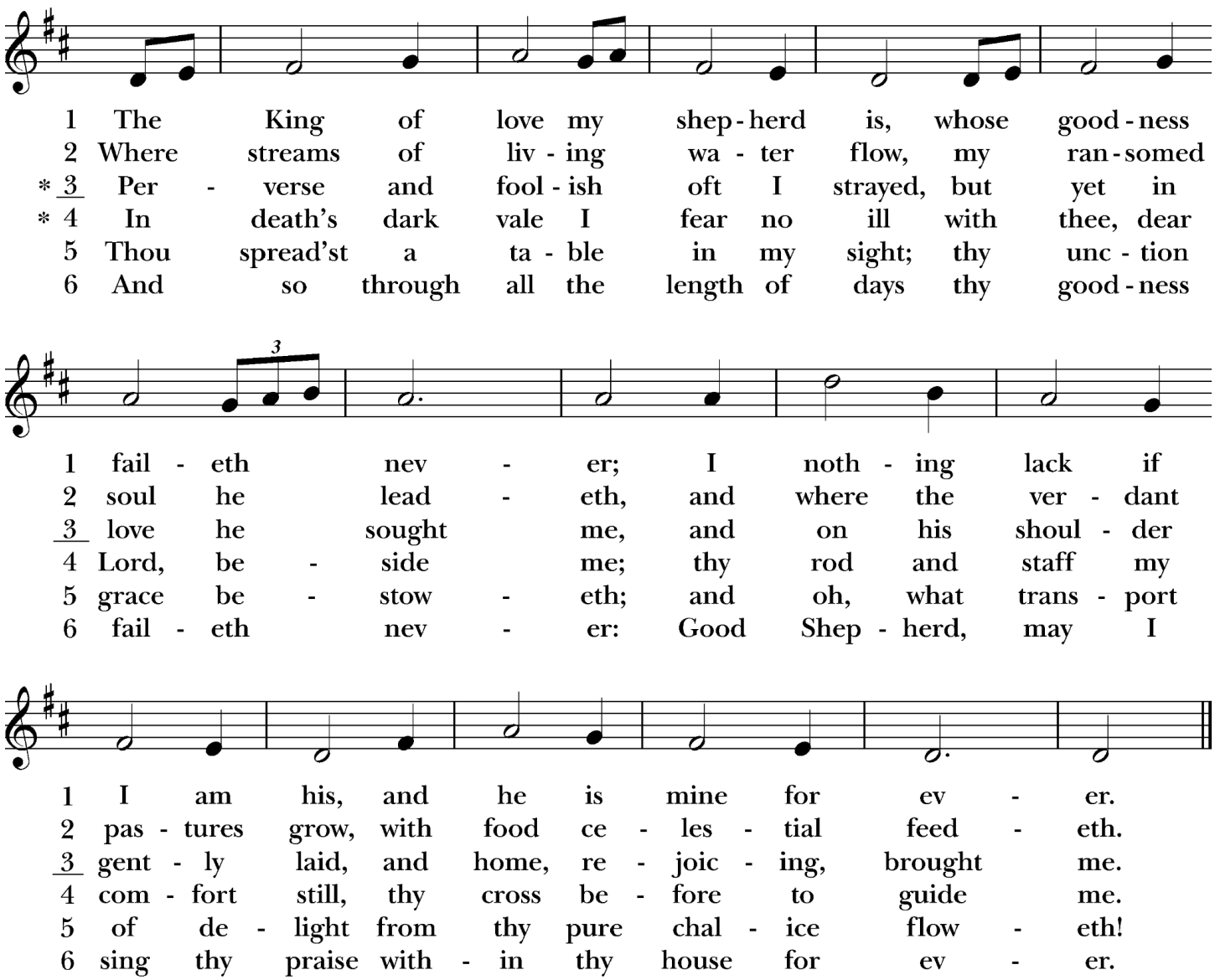
1. When the Covid Level is green, mask wearing is no longer required for worship or other activities at St. Luke's, including singing. When the Covid level is red or yellow, we will ask people to mask and may follow more stringent protocols. We ask everyone to respect those who wish to remain masked regardless of level. Please join in our commitment of welcome and hospitality for all.
2. We ask all people to use hand sanitizer as they enter the cathedral and before communion.
3. We ask that people with "cold" or Covid symptoms stay home, joining us for worship online.

Our mission: St. Luke's welcomes all people 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. With its first service held on Christmas Day in 1868, St. Luke's continues 150 years of reaching out to the city and people of Portland. The Cathedral Church of St. Luke is proud to be part of the 2.5 million member Episcopal Church USA and the 75 million member world-wide Anglican Communion.

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Prelude
II. Tiento (Offertoire) from Suite Médiévale en forme de messe basse
Music: Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Processional Hymn *Sung by All*



The Hymnal 1982 – #645 "The King of love my shepherd is"
Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23
Music: *St. Columba*, 87. 87, Irish melody

Opening Acclamation

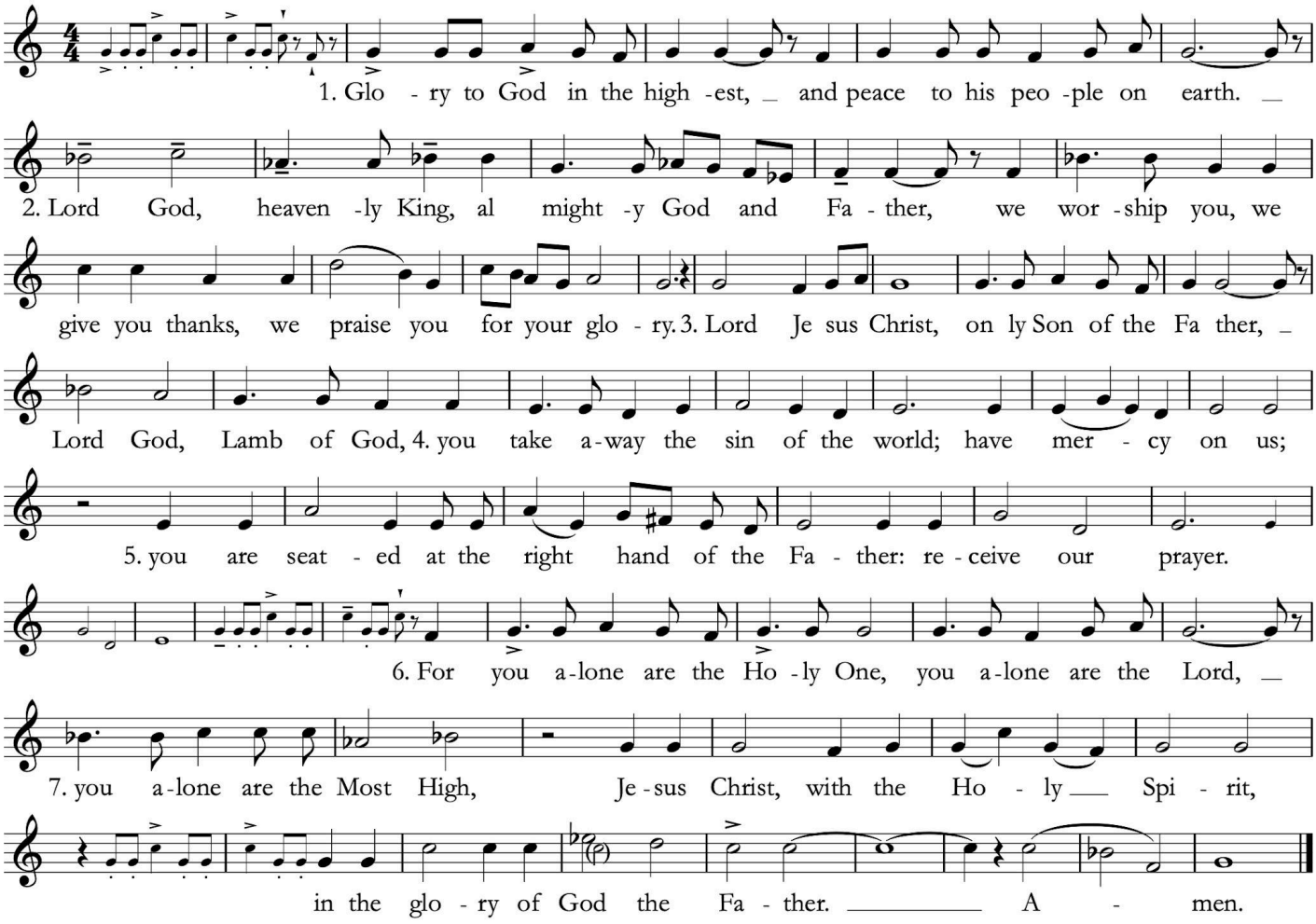
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People: Glory to God for ever and ever.
Celebrant: Let us join together in a prayer for the Season of Creation.

People: Creator of All,
in this Season of Creation, we pray that you would call to us,
as from the burning bush, with the sustaining fire of your Spirit.
Turn us from our inward gaze.
Teach us to contemplate your creation,
and listen for the voice of each creature declaring your glory.
Give us hearts to listen for the good news of your promise
to renew the face of the Earth.
Enlighten us with the grace to follow the Way of Christ
as we learn to walk lightly upon this holy ground.
Full us with the hope to quench the fires of injustice
with the gift of your healing love that sustains this fragile earth, our island home.
In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation,
Jesus Christ. Amen.

from: 2022 Season of Creation Prayer from Listening to the Voice of Creation



Gloria S-278 *Sung by All*



The Hymnal 1982, Service Music – #S-278 "Glory to God" ("Gloria in excelsis")
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Celebrant: May God be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

A Prayer for the Beauty of the Earth from *The Book of Common Prayer*, Page 840

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson Reader**:** Ruth Roemer **Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28**

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish, they do not know me;
they are stupid children, they have no understanding.

They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
People**:** **Thanks be to God**.

Psalm 14 *Sung by the Cathedral Choir*

1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?

5 See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.

6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the Lord is their refuge.

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

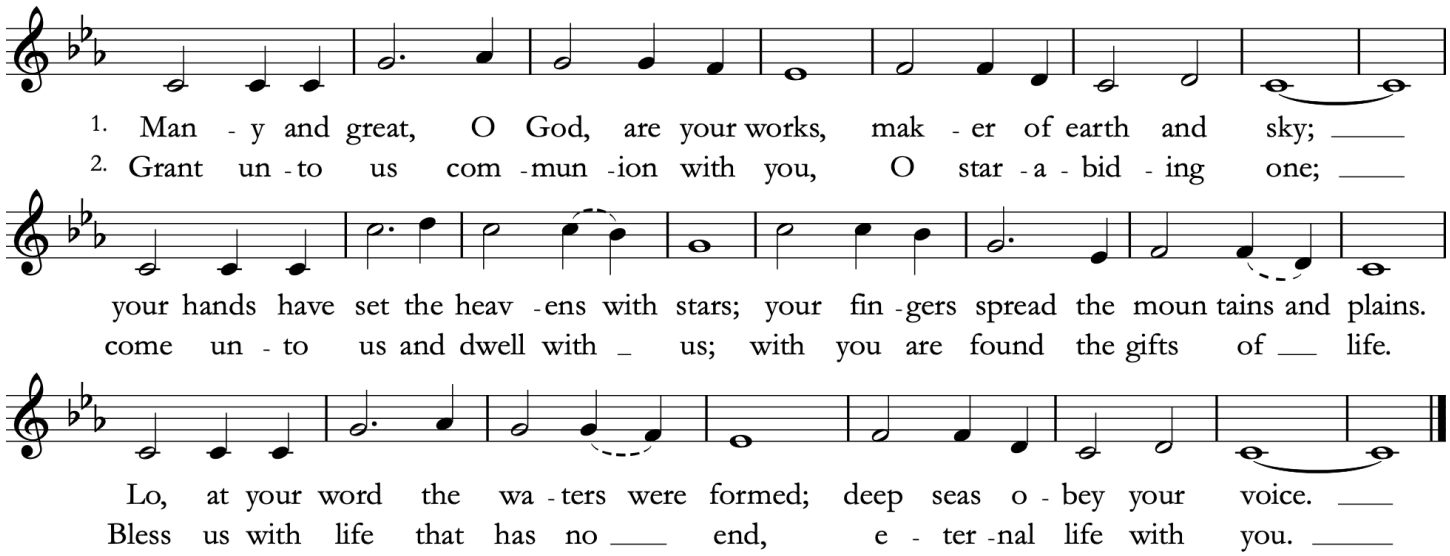
Anglican chant by K.J. Pye

Second Lesson Reader: Ruth Roemer **1 Timothy 1:12-17**

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
People**:** **Thanks be to God**.

Sequence Hymn *sung by All*



My Heart Sings Out – #128 "Many and great, O God, are your works"
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Music: *Dakota Indian Chant [Lacquiparle]*, 96. 99. 96, Native American melody

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People: Glory to you, O Christ.

The Gospel **Luke 15:1-10**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Deacon: The Gospel of our Savior.
People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon The Very Rev. Dr. Benjamin A. Shambaugh, *Dean*

The Affirmation of Faith from *Listening to the Voice of Creation*

We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee, who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God. And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces. *—Gurukul Theological college, India / adapted by Keld B. Hansen 2009*

Prayers of the People Leader: John Leddy

Leader: As we begin our prayers, we acknowledge that we are worshipping on territory previously occupied by the Wabanaki people and that some of the wealth that built this cathedral may have come from sugar and other industry related to the slave trade.

Loving God, even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she places her young near Your altar. You are attentive to all you have made. God, who listens to every living thing,

People: Help us listen as you do.

Leader: Loving God, help us provide refuge to every animal and plant with whom we live. Help us be attentive to all you have made. God, in whom all creation subsists, Help us listen as you do. Loving God, when Jesus cried out and gave up his Spirit, the earth shook and the rocks split. You are known by the whole of creation that listens to you. God, to whom all creation responds,

People: Help us respond to you.

Leader: Loving God, help us hear and know you just as the earth and rocks do. Help us to learn from the way in which we see creation recognize your glorious beauty. God, to whom all creation responds,

People: Help us respond to you.

Leader: Loving God, you are present in your creation and seek to heal her wounds. You can be found walking in the garden. Open our eyes to see you, the gardener. God, who is present with your creation,

People: Help us be present too.

Leader: Loving God, we often abandon your creation and cause its wounds. Help us to follow in your footsteps and learn to walk in the garden like you. God, who is present with your creation, help us be present too. Loving God, who hears every voice, knows each cry of injustice, and is attentive to the suffering of the earth: teach us to listen. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may listen to the world you have created and not close ourselves off from it. Reveal to us the ways in which we have failed to hear your voice in how we treat the earth. God, who listens to every living thing,

People: Help us listen as you do.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

We offer prayers of healing and comfort for members of our congregation, especially those on our prayer list and those we now name (pause): Diana Watlington, Don Nelson, Anne Schink, Victor Wakefield, Fran Riggall, Drew Baker, Judd Hume, Michael Knowland, Gayl Anglin, Peter Carleton, Ludek Strnad, Tom Flinn, and Irene Jensen.

We pray also for Mikala (friend of Ray Davis Murdoch Curry); Kate Leeman (step daughter of Ted Poland); Terry Joiner; Susan (friend of Ray Davis Murdoch Curry); Karen Keiter (granddaughter of Betsey Deleuse); Janene Gorham (friend of Constance Bingham); Jamie Williams and his mother Paulette Smith (friends of Donna and Phil Shearman); Jon Maldonado (brother-in-law of Georgia and John Bancroft); Ian (friend of Cynthia Morris); Jo Israelson (friend of Heather Murdoch Curry); Lee (friend of Cynthia Morris); Jessica and Jonathan Gallant (daughter and son-in-law of Jack and Gail Swanton), Teresa Steele (mother of Cathy Steele), Carmen (friend of St. Elizabeth's Pantry); Maryann Nemo (grandmother of Tammy Parker); for Anne Gosling (friend of Jeri Edgar), for Joseph Edgar III (Son of Jeri Edgar), for Chad Murphy (friend of John Ripley), and for the Rev. Canon Nancy Platt.

We give thanks for our new Canon for Liturgy and Music, Christian Clough. We pray that the work of his ministry will be truly blessed, as we praise God through the art of music. We give thanks for the choir which begins again today.

In the Diocesan cycle of Prayer, we pray for Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Rangeley and for St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church in Scarborough. We also pray for all Christian Education and Sunday School Programs, especially those at St. Luke's..

We pray also for members of the Portland City Council. We pray this week for Roberto Rodriguez (At Large), Anna Trevorrow (District 1), and Victoria Pelletier (District 2).

We pray for all those who have died, remembering especially Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II of England, who passed away on Thursday. We thank God for the grace and kindness that she displayed throughout her life and for a faith which guided her leadership to Great Britain and the world.

We pray for victims of racial violence, especially those who died in Saskatchewan. We pray for victims of gun violence. We offer continued prayers for the people of Ukraine, for the victims of flooding in Jackson, Mississippi, in Pakistan, and in India.

People: **Help us respond as you do. Amen.**

Confession of Sin from *Listening to the Voice of Creation*

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

People: **We confess that we have considered the earth to be our own, believing God gave us dominion and, thus, absolute control over it. We affirm that "the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers."** (*Psalm 24:1-2*) **We repent. We know we need to change our understanding of creation, taking our share of responsibility for its care and protection. We believe that the Spirit, God's recreating power, is active in us and in the world. God, Creator of all, may humankind be freed from greed, which is destroying the earth; and may your courageous churches take up causes against the forces that threaten life. Amen.**

Celebrant: God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us by the measure of our failings. As vast as the distance from one end of creation to another, God's love for us is even greater. As far as east is from west, from greater than this distance does God remove our sin from us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant: If we are in Christ, we are becoming a new creation. We see God around us. We see God within us. We give thanks to our Creator. Let us show the caring nature you have instilled within us by greeting each other as a sign of God's justice of peace, love, forgiveness and grace. —adapted from *Celebrating Creation: Honoring Indigenous People*, Kelly Sherman-Conroy, ELCA

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of our Creator be with you in all things.

People: **And also with you.**

Parish Announcements

The Offering

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

Offertory Anthem *sung by the Cathedral Choir*

Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who guideth us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

God's law God enforces,
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
'to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!'

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Eucharistic Prayer from *Enriching our Worship 3*

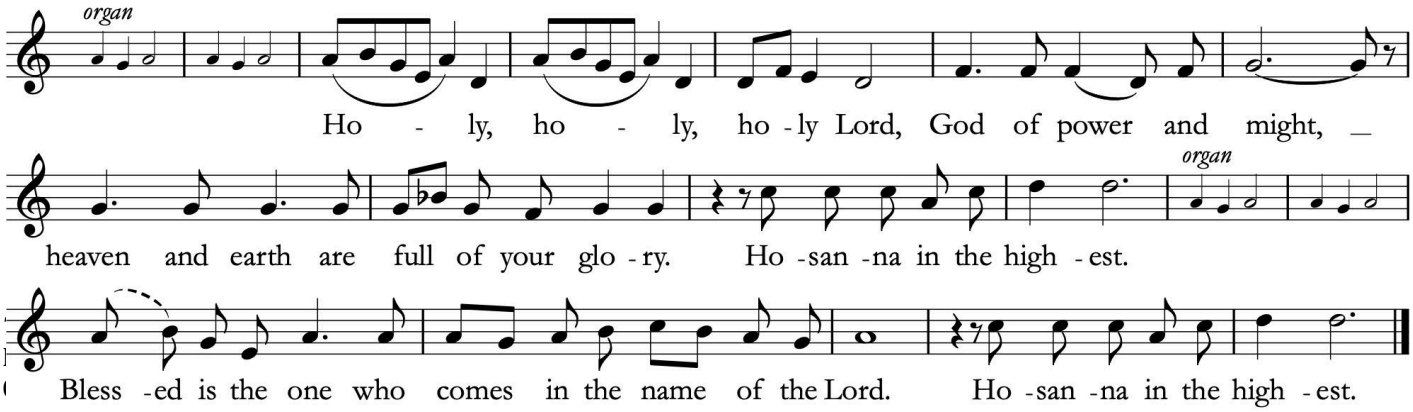
Celebrant: May God be with you.
People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

Sanctus and Benedictus



You may stand or kneel as you are able.

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 have 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 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."

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!

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.

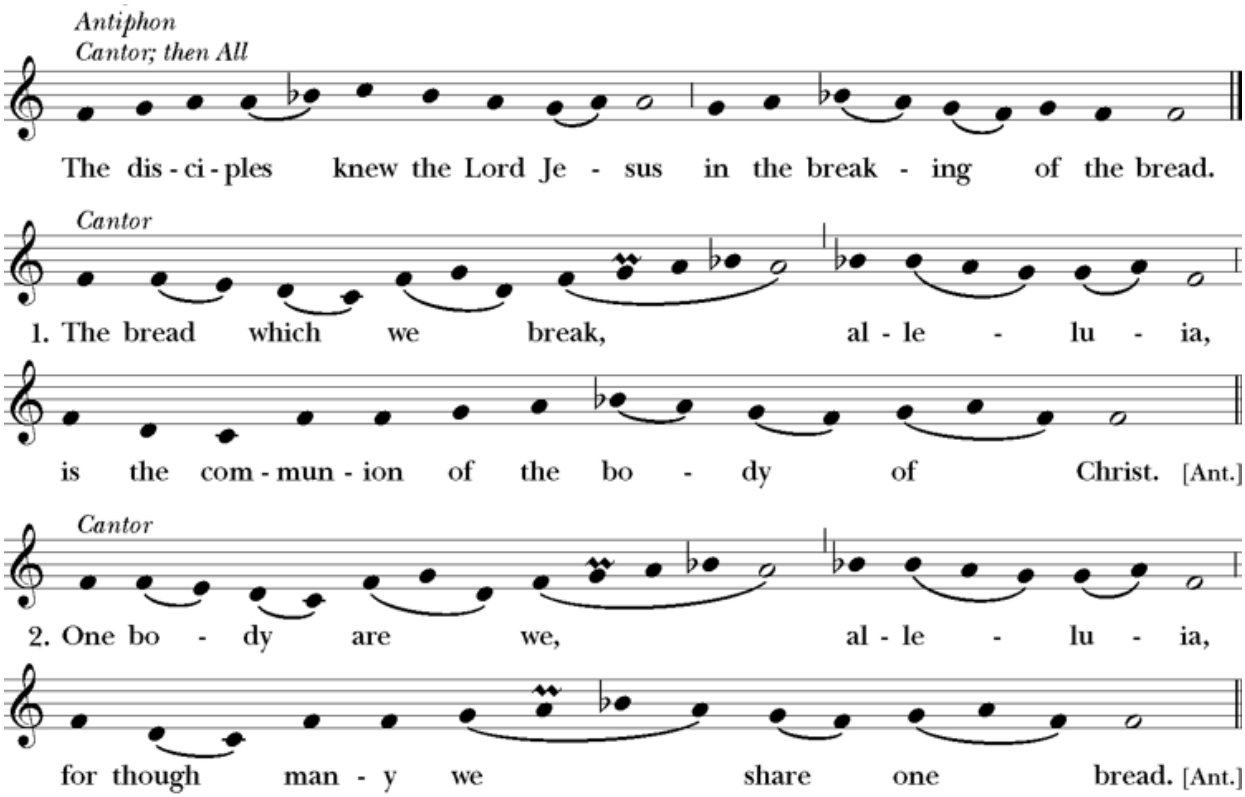
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.
Blessed are you now and for ever.

People: AMEN.

Just as Jesus our Savior Christ taught us to love one another and our gentle earth, our island home, we now join together in saying:

People: Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your beloved community of peace and freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

(Adapted from *The New Zealand Book of Prayer | He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa.* This version of the Lord's prayer was influenced by Maori theologians)



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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.

Deacon: Please join me in this prayer of Spiritual Communion with all who cannot now receive.

People: **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.

—*from* Enriching our Worship 2

Choral Hymn *sung by the Cathedral Choir*

As newborn stars were stirred to song
when all things came to be,
as Miriam and Moses sang
when Israel was set free,
so music bursts unbidden forth
when God-filled hearts rejoice,
to waken awe and gratitude
and give mute faith a voice.

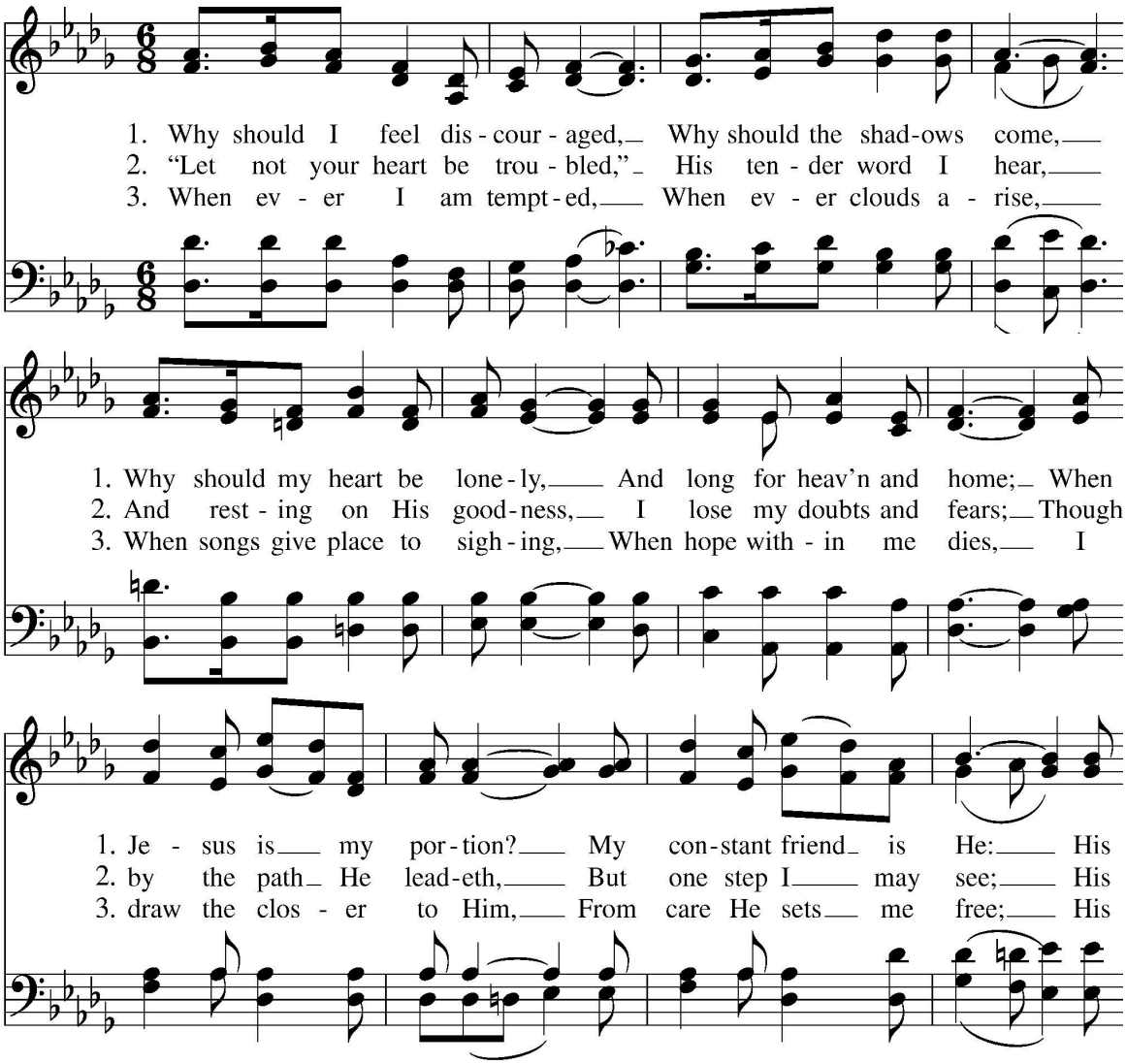
In psalms that raise the singer's sense
to universal truths,
in prophet's dark-toned oracle
or hymn of three brave youths:
the song of faith and praise endured
through those God called to be
a chosen people bearing light
for all the world to see.

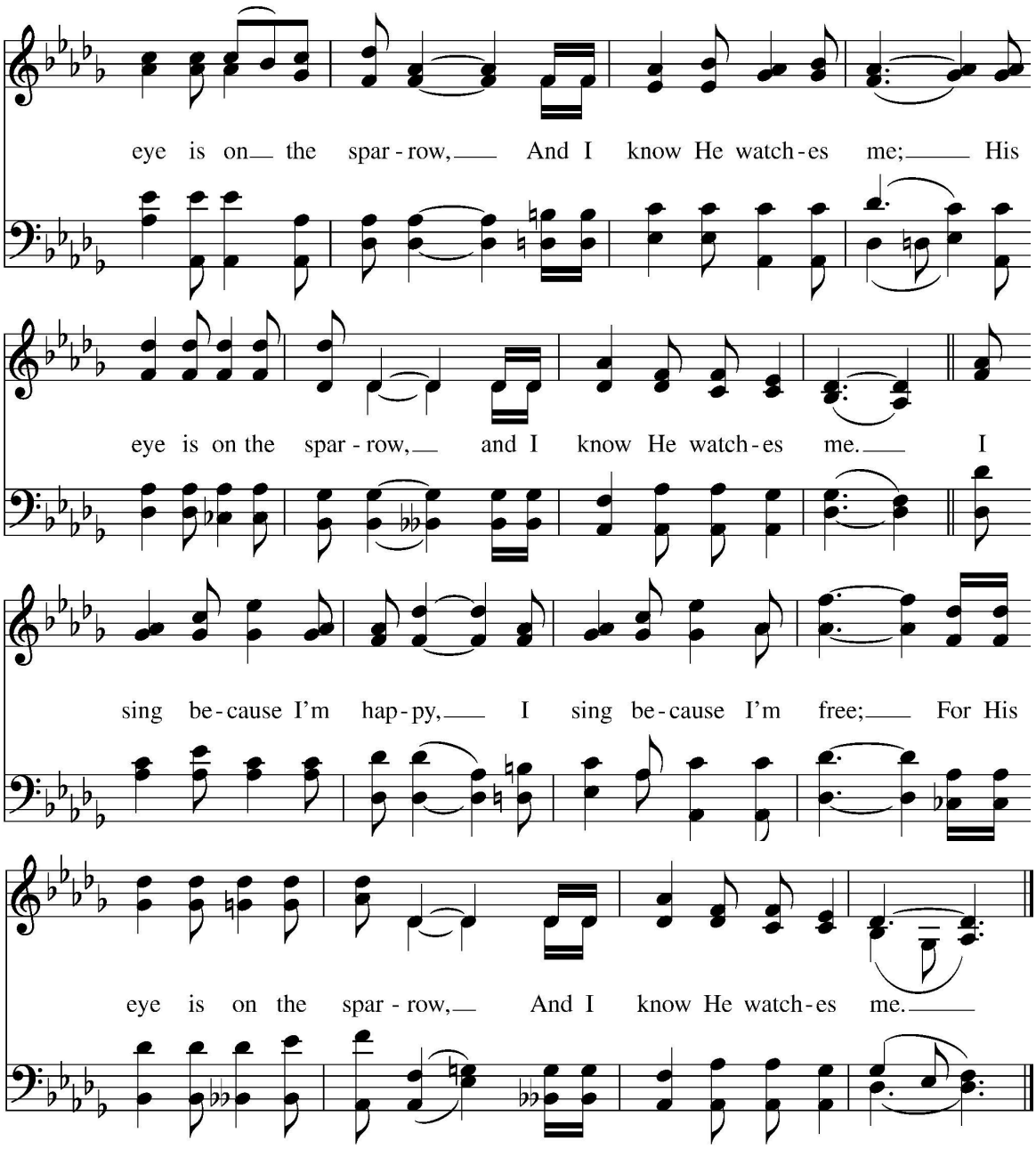
When God's redeeming Word
took flesh to make salvation sure,
unheeding hearts attuned to strife
refused love's overture.
Yet to the end the song went on:
a supper's parting hymn,
a psalm intoned on dying lips
when sun and hope grew dim.

But silence won no vict'ry there;
a rest was all it scored
before glad alleluias rose
to greet the risen Lord.
The church still keeps that song alive,
for death has lost its sting,
and with the gift of life renewed
the heart will ever sing.

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Communion Hymn *sung by All*





Lift Every Voice and Sing II – #191 "His eye is on the sparrow"
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Closing Prayer from *Listening to the Voice of Creation*

Celebrant: Remember the fruits of the earth, for sowing and for harvest. Remember the dew of the air. Remember the downcoming of the rains and the waters and the rivers. Remember the plants and the blooms of every year. Remember the safety of humans and of animals and of me, your sinful servant.

For the rain, the wind of the sky, seed, plants, the fruit of the trees and also the vineyards, and for every tree in the entire world,

People: We are grateful.

Celebrant: For the Holy Trinity who brings us to perfection in safety and peace, forgives us our sins, brings us up according to their measure that we may grow and prosper through your grace, who makes the face of the earth to rejoice, waters her furrows, lets her grain be abundantly multiplied and makes ready her seed-time and harvest,

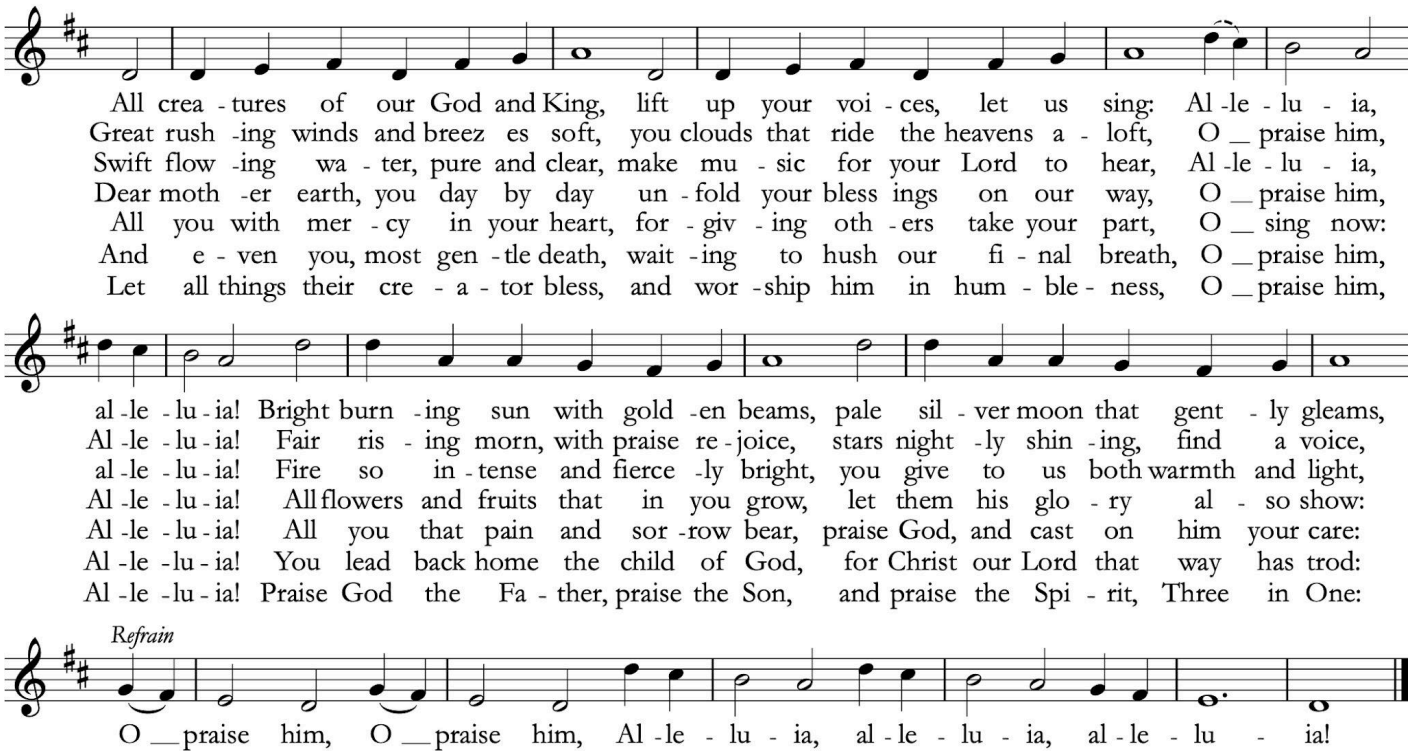
People: We give you thanks. —adapted from the *Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Pre-Anaphora*, and *Anaphora of Basil*

The Blessing

Celebrant: May God who established the dance of creation, who marveled at the lilies of the field, who transforms chaos to order, lead us to transform our lives and the Church to listen to the voice of all creatures because they reflect God's glory in creation.

People: Amen. —adapted from *The CTBI Eco-Congregation Programme*

Recessional Hymn *sung by All*



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Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude
I. Prélude (Entrée) *from* Suite Médiévale en forme de messe basse
Music: Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Service Participants

Preacher and Celebrant: The Very Rev. Benjamin A. Shambaugh, Dean
Assisting: The Rev. Suzanne Roberts, M.D.
Canon for Liturgy and Music: Christian M. Clough
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We hope this morning's program has been helpful in your worship today. As you may know, our bulletins are posted every week on our website, with links provided in our enews sent out every Saturday morning. To help celebrate this Season of Creation and decrease our use of paper, we encourage you to consider worshiping using an ipad or other device.

Here is a QR Code to St. Luke's website

startup sunday

Announcements

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are joining us on this Start Up Sunday, the day when our Sunday School, choir, and many ministries begin their fall season. Please sign our register and give us your email address so we can be in touch. There are greeters at the door who are available to answer any questions you might have about the Cathedral.

Sunday School and Childcare: Our Sunday school and nursery are both open today. Sunday school begins in the upper hall at 9:45, with children returning to their families at the sharing of the Peace. The nursery is open every Sunday from 9:45-11:30. Families are always welcome!

Information Fair Today: All are encouraged to gather in the back of the nave following this morning's 10am service, for our Start Up Sunday information fair. Representatives from groups, activities and ministries of St. Luke's will be there to welcome you and help you find a way to learn more and get involved in the life and ministry of the cathedral.

The 5:15 service resumes today and the Tuesday 12:10 service resumes this week. Join us!

Try on the Cathedral Choir! New season, new director, new lease on life... Isn't it time for you to check out the Cathedral Choir? Our first rehearsal is this Thursday 8 September, 7-9 PM, in the choir room in the undercroft. Enter through the doors off the parking lot (from Park St.). Fear not: Your showing up does NOT oblige you to commit to a life of choral singing here! Come and see if this is a community and a ministry you'd like to engage with. No audition required. Christian Clough, our new Canon for Music & Liturgy, would be happy to discuss the program with you, as would many returning choir members. For more information, contact Christian at<cclough@cathedralofstluke.org>.

The Season of Creation: The Season of Creation is celebrated each year in September by Christians worldwide. Its purpose is to renew, repair, and restore our relationship with God, all creation, and each other. St. Luke's will be celebrating the Season of Creation starting today, September 11th, until Oct 2nd.

Season of Creation offerings at St. Luke's that are planned include:

-Sunday Services September 11–October 4 will feature creation-themed prayers and music.

-Thursday E-pistles on September 7–October 1 will feature creation-themed reflections written by members of St. Luke's Public Policy and Environmental Action Team.

-A book discussion on *Refugia Faith: Seeking Hidden Shelters, Ordinary Wonders, and the Healing of the Earth* will be held Monday nights on Zoom from 7-8:30 PM Mondays Sept. 12 and 26, Oct. 3, 10, 24, 31 and Nov. 7 and 14. Parishioners from St. Alban's will be joining us.

- A Labyrinth Walk for Creation will be held 9–11 AM on Saturday September 17. A one-hour En-ROADS Climate Workshop will be held in Emmanuel Chapel following the 10 AM service on September 25.

- The Blessing of the Animals will take place on the State Street lawn beginning at 9:45 on St. Francis Day, October 4

The Theological Reflection Group: "What do I need to know or do to be in a closer relationship with God?" This question has an answer. Join us on Sunday mornings after the 10:00 am service in the chapter room. For additional information call the Rev. Dr. Bob Hanson at 405-8250.

New Class starting: "A Christian Life of Faith: Signs and Thresholds Along the Way"
So much of what we do at St. Luke's is designed to help others. What about nurturing and exploring our own spiritual lives? What about our questions and struggles of faith, our relationship (or not) with God?
Beginning September 18, Dean Shambaugh will lead a Sunday morning class called "A Christian Life of Faith: Signs and Thresholds Along the way." Join us at 9 am in the chapter room.

Refugia Faith discussion to be held via Zoom: Due to several requests, the book discussion on *Refugia Faith: Seeking Hidden Shelters, Ordinary Wonders, and the Healing of the Earth* will be held on Zoom rather than in person Monday nights from 7-8:30 PM Mondays Sept. 12 and 26, Oct. 3, 10, 24, 31 and Nov. 7 and 14. It is not too late to order your copy of the book. Please read the introduction for the first meeting, but if you can't get the book in time, don't worry and come anyway. You can order the book at your local bookshop or Amazon. FMI contact Sarah Braik at sbraik642@gmail.com or 207-415-6556.
Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6726711515?pwd=bGdpWnVZRnlhaTZRTC8rTGxnbytqQT09

Carter Heyward Book Release: The Maine Council of Churches and The BTS Center have invited world-renowned theologian and Episcopal priest, Rev. Dr. Carter Heyward (one of the "Philadelphia 11" women ordained in 1974, two years before the Episcopal Church authorized ordination of women) to lead us in a conversation about her upcoming book, *The 7 Deadly Sins of Christian Nationalism: A Call to Action* (Rowman & Littlefield, September 2022). Rev. Dr. Heyward will address the rise of white Christian nationalism and offer perspectives for moving forward with hope and action. Bangor Theological Seminary Professor Emeritus of Christian Ethics, Rev. Dr. Marvin Ellison, will facilitate the online event on September 21 at 4:00 pm.

Reintroduction of the Common Communion Cup Within the next few weeks, barring another coronavirus outbreak, St. Luke's Cathedral plans to begin offering the common cup again at Communion. We ask that you follow a few guidelines if you wish to drink from the cup. We understand that not everyone is comfortable sharing the cup; please feel free to refuse. You may walk away from the communion rail after receiving the host or cross your arms across your chest if you do not want to share the cup at this time. *You may not "dip" (intict) your host as this practice is actually more likely than drinking from the cup to spread germs to other parishioners.* For this reason, our clergy and Eucharistic ministers will be instructed to refuse to allow anyone to intinct. If you are not feeling well or if you are recovering from an illness that may be contagious to others please do not drink from the common communion cup. Questions? Contact the Rev. Dr. Suzanne Roberts.

Bishop Brown here for Confirmations at the 5:15 Service on September 25th
We are delighted that Bishop Thomas J. Brown will be back to St. Luke's for a service of Confirmation, Reception, and Renewal of Baptismal Vows at the 5:15 service on September 15. This service was to be held originally in June but had to be postponed due to health concerns related to Covid-19. We thank members of the youth confirmation class who have had this service put off several times for their patience and flexibility! This service, open to all, is a special opportunity for those who wish to reaffirm their faith or to formally become part of the Episcopal Church and St. Luke's. If you are interested in being confirmed, in being received into the Episcopal Church, or in renewing your baptismal vows, there is space for you. Please contact the cathedral office 772-5434 for any additional information.

Fall Book Study on Richard Rohr's Falling Upward Interested? See Linda Carleton**.**

Food Pantry Critical Needs: Please donate: • oil • flour • dried or canned pinto, kidney, or black beans. Donations can be dropped off Sunday or left inside the lower entrance.

St. Elizabeth's Essential Pantry: Covid- 19 Vaccine Clinic: St. Elizabeth's looks forward to offering Covid-19 vaccinations for anyone in the community who needs assistance during these difficult times. For additional event details visit the St. Luke's website.

Community Spotlight Opportunity: Have you ever wanted the opportunity to share your story, interests, or work through an E-pistle cover letter? Now is your chance to reach out to fellow parishioners with an E-pistle cover letter through our new 'Community Spotlight'. This is an addition to our regular outreach and communications features.

If you are interested in being featured prominently in our E-pistle through a 'Community Spotlight' please contact marketing@cathedralofstluke.org with your submission details or any questions that you may have.

Submissions should be no longer than five paragraphs long and will also be posted as a blog on the St. Luke's website.

We will begin featuring submissions starting in the month of October. We look forward to hearing from you!

To reserve space for a group, meeting or event, you need to fill out a space usage form and check with the cathedral calendar first! Contact Avery Schott 772-5434 office@cathedralofstluke.org Thank you!

Contemplative Prayer: The Contemplative Prayer Group can be found at the following Zoom Link:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84745102177?pwd=NWdsWmFiNXJUYjZaRC8zRHZBaU1Ndz09
Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you during our meetings!

St. Luke's Food Pantry Update:
Soaring Prices: St. Luke's Food Pantry purchases food every week from Good Shepherd Food Bank; we do get a discount, but their prices have been steadily increasing. We also buy milk weekly and the dairy has increased their prices. Please support us:
https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z25S/campaign/C-11RPS.
Contact: Mary Brighthaupt, mbrighthaupt@cathedralofstluke.org 443-223-7675

The St. Luke's Public Policy and Environmental Action Team: We will be meeting Tuesday, September 13 from 6-7 PM. We will be strategizing increasing voter participation, collaboration with the young adult group and other topics. All are welcome. Join us via Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6726711515?pwd=bGdpWnVZRnlhaTZRTC8rTGxnbytqQT09. For more information email Sarah Braik (sbraik642@gmail.com).

Public Policy and Environmental Action Team Eco Tips: General Convention 2022 passed a number of creation care resolutions, including D064 Endorse and Encourage Green Deal Legislation. Among other things, D064 urges "all Episcopalians to advocate for our governments to address environmental and ecological issues, not least the Green New Deal and other associated "Green Deals," to be defined as "broad and ambitious packages of new policies and investments in communities, infrastructure, and technology to help communities, regions, and nations achieve environmental sustainability and economic stability" and to "to support regulation of major polluting industries, including cryptocurrencies, industry, and agriculture, as well as transitioning to a green economy."

The St. Luke's Public Policy and Environmental Action Team therefore urges all of us at St. Luke's to contact President Biden, Senator King, Senator Collins and Rep. Pingree to advocate for the above. This is especially vital following the Supreme Court decision that severely limits the EPA's ability to regulate climate change. Congressional legislation can withstand such challenges. Senator King is an Episcopalian, so by all means mention this resolution.

Kneeler Guild and Prayer Shawl Ministry will return on Sept. 15, Thursdays at 2:30-4:30pm in the Upper Hall. We meet every week at that time. We normally have dedications of completed kneelers and prayer shawls once a year each, at separate times. Kneelers are made to honor a place or person, or to represent each parish in the State of Maine. Come look at the list of parishes yet to be done. Prayer shawls can be given to persons who go away to college; for Christenings, get well, etc. People who receive shawls know they are wrapped in love from St. Luke's. Everyone with interest in needlepoint, knitting &/or crochet is welcome to the gatherings. All stitches are taught by our members when needed. We look forward to seeing you at the beginning of the fall season! Questions? Contact Jeri Edgar 799-3061 or Nancy Mawhinney 775-7500, co-chairs.

Community Suppers
Beginning in October we will gather the second Thursday of each month for Community Suppers in the Lower Hall. We need members of our community to prepare and donate specific side dishes to make these important gatherings break-even. A notice will go out asking for a specific side dish (e.g., salad, green beans, stir-fry vegetables, potatoes, bread) in the epistle, bulletin, a sign-up sheet at each supper, and posted on the bulletin board. To volunteer and get on the Community Supper email list, please contact Dawn Brennan-Daly at dbrennandaly@cathedralofstluke.org

Casco Bay Ukefest: October 1, 2022 from 9 am to 4 pm. The day will feature morning workshops for all levels of players as well as afternoon concerts! The Ukefest is excited to feature Amy Conley as a special guest for the festival. You can read more about her work and music on the events page on the cathedral website.

St. Elizabeth's Pantry needs Toothpaste: Please help us to collect toothpaste for our communities in collaboration with other parishes throughout the Diocese. We need your help! Other congregations are collecting hundreds of toothpaste tubes and we only have received a few. See the poster below for further details.



Resources for Racial Justice:
Glossary of Racial Justice: terms https://www.racialequitytools.org/glossary
Exploring the term White Privilege: What Is White Privilege, Really?
Becoming Beloved Community: https://www.episcopalchurch.org/beloved-community/
Smithsonian – National Museum of African American History and Culture:
https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race
The 1619 Project: https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/08/14/magazine/1619-america-slavery.html
The Atlantic Black Box Project: https://atlanticblackbox.com/
Wabanaki Reach: https://www.mainewabanakireach.org/education
The Impact of Racism on US Immigration Past and Present:
https://networkadvocates.org/recommittoracialjustice/impact/

Donate To The Endowment Account: Interested in the long term future of St Luke's? Consider giving to the endowment with a regular monthly contribution or via whatever schedule works for your budget. Don't wait for planned giving and instead start now. Thanks to a wonderful suggestion from Tyler Christie we have established an endowment choice on Vanco. Or if you prefer, send in a check to St Luke's and mark For Endowment Account and mail to PO Box 4141 or bring it to church on Sunday. We will hold these donations in the restricted checking account and then periodically transfer the full amount to the Endowment Account with FLPutnam (Transfer will happen at least annually). Any questions? Please reach out to Tim Wilkins (twilkins@cathedralofstluke.org) our treasurer. Thanks!

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1-844-563-0639. Thank you!

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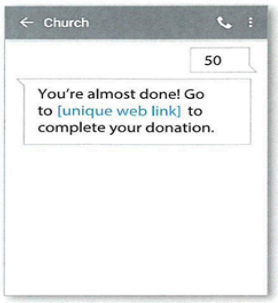
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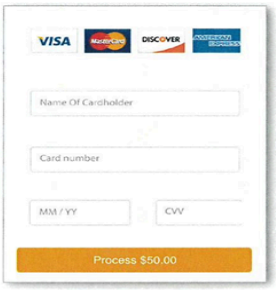
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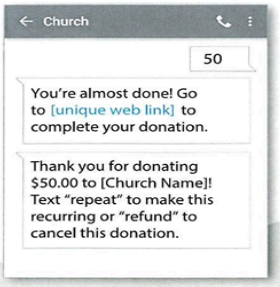
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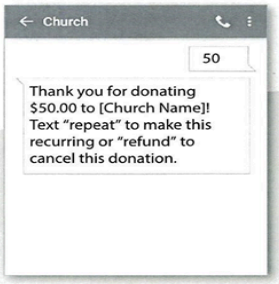
3. Give

After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email.



4. Repeat

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.



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