



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrating the Season of Creation

Sunday 15 September 2024



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

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

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

Welcome to St. Luke's Cathedral!

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Luke's Territorial Acknowledgement

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

We invite you to pray this morning for...

members of our parish family

Sarah Braik, Marlene Cordes

members of our extended parish family

Lisa Gorham (*friend of Peter & Connie Bingham*),

Michael & Melanie (*parents of Christian Clough*), Sawyer Russo (*friend of Judd Hume*)

Elmer & Liz Praul (*friends of the Rev. Rebecca Grant*)

Please silence your electronic devices before worship begins.

Prelude

8. Canon
from Sixty Short Pieces

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

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 Make our church one joy - ful choir on this glad and fes - tive day
2 Bend us low by song and prayer, low e - nough to lift the cross
3 Lift us up by song and prayer till the way we deal with loss
4 Bend us, lift us, make us strong, send us out with wind and fire,
and by song in - voke the fire that in - vites our hearts to pray:
and to take the weight and bear love's un - count - ed fi - nal cost.
and our acts and words of care trace the pat - tern of your cross:
so the world may hear the song that we of - fer as your choir:
Refrain
Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name.

*Hymns for the Gospels – #1 “Make our church one joyful choir”; Words: Thomas H. Troeger (1945-2022), Copyright © Oxford University Press, Inc.
Music: Dix, 77. 77. 77, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906*

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Collect for Purity

People Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Song of Praise

Kyrie eleison

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

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

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

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

Celebrant May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Please sit.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader A reading from the fiftieth chapter of Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 116.1-8 at the Gradual

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

Refrain

I will walk be - fore God in the land of the liv - ing.

I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of my supplication,
because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you.

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.
Then I called upon your holy Name: "O God, I pray you, save my life." **Refrain**

Gracious are you and righteous; you are full of compassion.

You watch over the innocent; I was brought very low, and you helped me. **Refrain**



Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for God has treated you well.

For you, O God, have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence of God, in the land of the living. ***Refrain***

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Second Reading

James 3:1-12

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

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

1 Let kings and proph-ets yield their name to Je - sus, true A - noint-ed One,
2 But God re - veals to search - ing faith the truths that pi - ous dog-mas hide:
3 Give us, O God, the grace to know the lim - its of our cer - tain - ty:

for whom a na - tion looked in hope yet failed to see that God had done
When Je - sus asked the twelve his name, blunt Pe - ter stepped forth and re - plied
Help us, like Pe - ter, to de - clare the still - un - fold - ing mys - ter - y

a strange and un - ex - pect - ed thing: God sent a ser - vant, not a king.
in words that seemed both right and odd: "You are Mes - si - ah, Son of God."
of One who reigns though sac - ri - ficed, our Lamb and Shep herd, Je - sus Christ.

*Hymns for the Gospels – #99 "Let kings and prophets yield their name"; Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944), Copyright © 1990 Hope Publishing Co.
Music: Melita, 88. 88. 88, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)*

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

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

People Glory to you, O Christ.

Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

Sermon

The Reverend George Stevens, *Interim Dean*

Please stand as you are able.

Nicene Creed

from *Enriching our Worship*

People

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
+ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Concluding Collect

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

People **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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

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

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

People Holy and merciful God,
we confess that we have failed to honor you
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.
We have walked heavily on your earth,
overused and wasted its resources,
taken for granted its beauty and abundance,
and treated its inhabitants unjustly,
holding future generations hostage to our greed.
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend,
with grateful and compassionate hearts,
through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Absolution

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

People Amen.

Peace

Celebrant May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

Announcements

The Holy Communion

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



Give to St. Luke's

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

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

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

Music at the Offertory

You are the Christ, O Lord, the Son of God most high! For ever be adored that Name in earth and sky, in which,
though mortal strength may fail, the saints of God at last prevail!

Oh! Peter was most blest with blessedness unpriced, who, taught of God, confessed the Godhead in the Christ! For
of your Church, Lord, you made known this saint a true foundation-stone.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt. Music: *Wyngate Canon*, 66. 66. 88, Richard Wayne Dirksen (b. 1921). Copyright © 1984 Richard W. Dirksen

Please stand as you are able.

1 The Church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

The Hymnal 1982 – #525 “The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord”, Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900), alt.; Music: Aurelia, 76. 76. D, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2

from Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

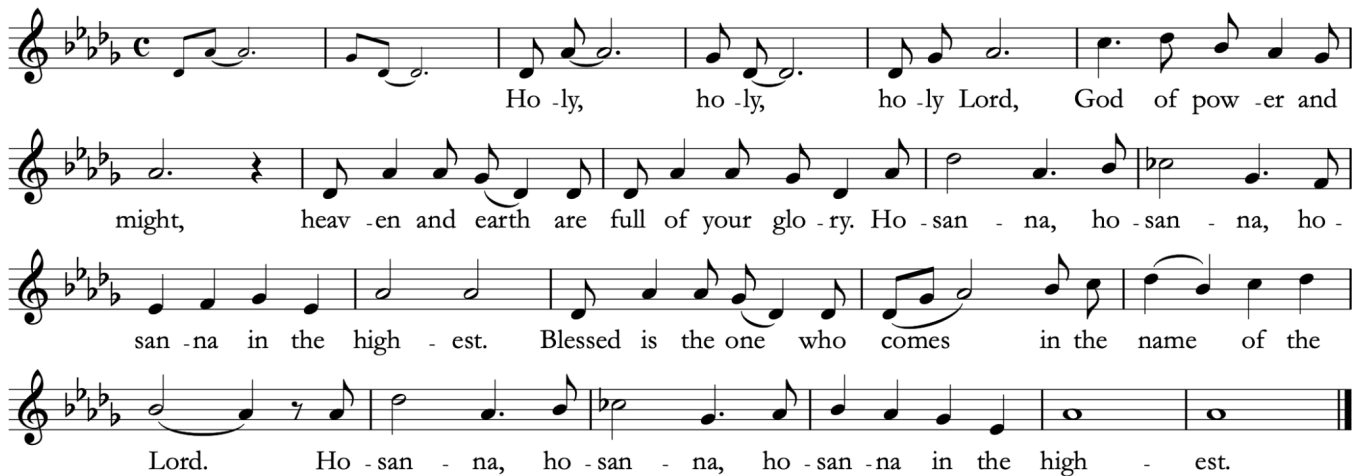
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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



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

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with blessed Luke and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN.**

Celebrant

People

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

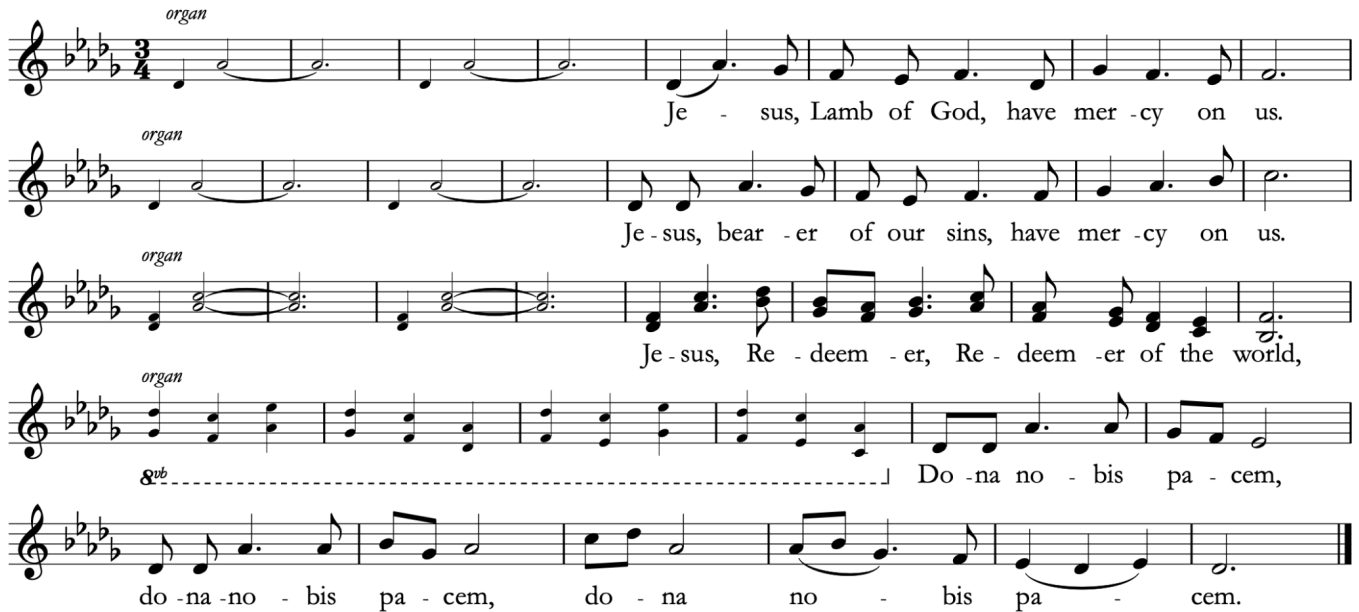
Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Re - deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world,
Do - na no - bis pa - cem,
do - na no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion of the People

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

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

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

1 O sac - red head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
 2 Thy beau - ty, long de - sir - ed, hath van - ished from our sight;
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
 4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn;
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace,
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - ten - ance whose splen - dor the hosts of heav'n a - dore!
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
 3 to mourn thee, well be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love for thee.
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

Lift Every Voice and Sing II – #36 “O sacred head, sore wounded”; Paulus Gerhard (1607-1676); sts. 1-3, 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), alt.; Music: *Redding*, 76. 76. D, David Hurd (b. 1950), Copyright © 1992 GIA Publications, Inc.

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clear - ly,
 love thee more dear - ly, fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

The Hymnal 1982 – #654 “Day by day”; Words: Att. Richard of Chichester (1197-1253); Music: *Sumner*, Irr., Arthur Henry Biggs (1906-1954), Copyright © The Church Pension Fund

Please stand as you are able.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve
you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

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

People Amen.



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; God doth still my trust re - new,
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be - tray our trust;
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep God's wis - dom pass - ing thought:
4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on us be - stow;
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of praise be done,

1 me through change and chance God guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true.
2 though with care and toil we build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust.
3 splen - dor, light, and life at - tend God, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought.
4 God's de - sire our soul de - light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go.
5 high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing for the gift of Christ, God's son.

1 God un - known, God a - lone calls my heart to be God's own.
2 But God's power hour by hour is my tem - ple and my tower.
3 Ev - er - more from God's store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
4 Love doth stand at God's hand; joy doth wait on God's com - mand.
5 Christ doth call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

The Hymnal 1982 – #665 “All my hope on God is founded”; Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt., after Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
Music: *Michael*, 87. 87. 337, Herbert Howells (1892-1983), Copyright © 1968 Novello & Company, Limited.

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve our God in all God's creation.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

21. March
from *Sixty Short Pieces*

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

Service Participants

<i>Preacher & Celebrant</i>	The Reverend George Stevens, <i>Interim Dean</i>
<i>Assisting</i>	The Reverend Rebecca Grant, <i>Deacon</i>
<i>Music Leader & Organist</i>	Christian Clough, <i>Canon for Liturgy & Music</i>
<i>Head Verger</i>	Eleanor Roberts
<i>Crucifer</i>	Alec Thorne
<i>Ushers</i>	Peter Bingham, Chester Bishop, Stan Kuzierl, Gail Swanton
<i>Reader</i>	Ellen Detlefsen
<i>Prayers Leader</i>	M. Parker Roberts
<i>The Healing Team</i>	Elise Magnuson
<i>Live Streaming</i>	Jack Swanton, Sam Allen
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Maggie Gardner, Elizabeth Burger
<i>Contributing Ministries</i>	Acolytes, Vergers, Flower Guild, Altar Guild, Kneeler Guild, Cathedral Choir

HAPPENING TODAY

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

Nature hike at Fore River Trail: a venture into a corner of our creation: Join members of PPEAT today after church today at 12:15PM for a nature hike. *Directions:* Parking is available at the medical services building at 1601 Congress Street. Bus service is also available and will drop you off at Frost Street. Dick Farnsworth will greet you. *What to bring:* Suggested items to bring include a walking stick, some snacks, good hiking shoes or boots and binoculars if you have them. Bottles of water will be provided. Contact: Dick Farnsworth at <omc@maine.rr.com>

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Sing Fauré’s beloved *Requiem*: It’s not too late, but time is getting short, to join the Cathedral Choir, chamber orchestra, organist Harold Stover, and vocal soloists for this special opportunity to perform this uplifting masterpiece in celebration of All Saints’/Souls’ Sunday, 3 November, at both 10AM and 3PM (in place of Choral Evensong; note the earlier time, too). Rehearsals Thursdays 7–9PM (ending earlier in the first weeks). Intensive rehearsal with potluck lunch Saturday 21 September 9:30AM–2PM. Mandatory dress rehearsal, 3 hours between 9AM & 1PM on Saturday 2 November. Contact: <CClough@cathedralofstluke.org>

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

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

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

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

The St. Luke’s Public Policy and Environmental Action Team Eco-Tips: This fall, the BTS Center is pleased to offer a book study focused on *Life After Doom* by author Brian D. McLaren. Over five weeks, October 15 – November 19, 2024, led by two skilled facilitators, we will engage with this powerful text together, gaining insight and fortitude with and from one another. These gatherings will offer a space to ask and hold the difficult questions within a community of care so that we may have the courage to step into our own work in these uncertain times. All who register for the book study will automatically be registered for an online public event with the author 7PM Wednesday 30 October. For more information visit <<https://thebtscenter.org/life-after-doom/>> or contact <nicole@thebtscenter.org>.

Bible-translation documentary screening by Luke’s Garden Sunday 27 October: Join Luke’s Garden, St. Luke’s LGBTQ+ group, for their next gathering following coffee hour for a screening of *1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture*, “a feature documentary that follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. It chronicles the discovery of never-before-seen archives at Yale University which unveil astonishing new revelations, and casts significant doubt on any biblical basis for LGBTQIA+ prejudice. Featuring commentary from prominent scholars as well as opposing pastors, including the personal stories of the film’s creators, *1946* is at once challenging, enlightening, and inspiring.” The screening is open to all. Contact Orion Williams: <cowilliams98@gmail.com>.

SEASON OF CREATION

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

PPEAT hosts Susanne Lee at Coffee Hour on 22 September: *Maine Food: Too Good to Waste* with Suzanne Lee, Faculty Fellow with University of Maine's Sen. George J. Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions. Did you know that 40% of the food we produce is never eaten, wasting money, energy and other valuable resources used to produce it, resulting in rising food costs, hunger and nutrition issues, and environmental damage? There are simple and effective food waste actions that can be taken to end this problem. Join Susanne as she shares these solutions to help reduce food waste in your home and community. She will also highlight Food Rescue, Maine's food waste research project where her team works with community and business partners to implement these solutions. Please consider bringing in any good, edible extra food, e.g. fresh veggie garden surplus, etc. In addition, any non-perishable food is also welcomed. Bring donations in their original container and only those with un-expired 'used by' dates please. Perishable donations will be delivered later that day to Wayside Food Programs and all non-perishable donations will be distributed via St. Luke's weekly Food Pantry.

Blessing of the Animals 9:45AM on 6 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (*observed*), in the labyrinth outside the State Street entrance. All are encouraged to bring their beloved pets to receive a blessing. If you have a pet who would not be comfortable out in public, please bring a photo of them, and we will bless the image. We also encourage all of our younger members with stuffed animals to bring them along so that they might also receive a blessing. All are welcome, even if you do not have a pet! Pets are then welcome to attend the 10AM Eucharist in the Cathedral.

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

OPPORTUNITIES & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

The Biblical Study Group meets in the Oratory Room on the ground floor 8:30-10:00AM. The topic for our sessions will be the search for the one and only God, Elohim or Adonai, within ourselves. Join us for our study of the search of becoming "who we were meant to be." We are led by Bob Hanson, retired university professor, Episcopal priest, author, peace activist, and Jungian analyst. With questions, contact Bob at (207)-245-2695.

Soul Talk is an informal coffee and discussion group exploring our faith and experience of God meeting on fourth Tuesdays, 10-11:30 in the Oratory. Our first meeting will be September 24th talking about Gifts of the Spirit. Come once a month or once in a while! If you'd like to receive materials prior to each month's meeting contact Linda Carleton at <lindacarleton01@gmail.com>

The St. Luke's Flower Guild welcomes your altar flower donations. There are spaces available for the remainder of the calendar year. The sign-up chart is posted on the bulletin board outside of the parish office. With questions please contact flower guild co-chairs, Mary Doughty <marycdoughty@maine.rr.com> and Kathy Watt <kawatt819@att.net>

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

Week 1, October 1 Introduction to the Nicene Creed and its history and a chance to share our initial thoughts about the creed. Led by the Rev. George Stevens, Bob Hanson, and Linda Carleton

Week 2, October 8 God, the Father. Led by the Rev. Christopher Worthley

Week 3, October 15 The Birth and Nature of Jesus. Led by the Rev. George Stevens

Week 4, October 22 "The Comma" which represents the life of Jesus and the Passion, Death and Resurrection. Led by Linda Carleton

Week 5, October 29 The Holy Spirit and the Church. Led by Deacon Rebecca Grant

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY NOTES

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

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

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



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

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