

The First Sunday in Lent

February 18th, 2024

Welcome!



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

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

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

Welcome to St. Luke's Cathedral!

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

St. Luke's Territorial Acknowledgement

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



Our Mission

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

Service Participants

Preacher The Reverend George Stevens, Interim Dean

Celebrant The Reverend Christopher Worthley, Assisting Clergy

Music Leader & Organist Christian M. Clough, Canon for Liturgy & Music

Lector Judd Hume

Ushers Peter Bingham, Stan Kuziel, Bob Parshley, Martha Parshley

Head Verger Eleanor Roberts
Verger Randi Hogan
Crucifer Liam Coy

The Healing Team Mary Strnad, Judd Hume

Live Streaming Sam Allen, Jack Swanton

Contributing Ministries Acolytes, Vergers, the Flower Guild, the Altar Guild, the Kneeler Guild,

the Cathedral Choir, the Healing Team

We invite you to pray this morning for... members of our parish family

Sarah Braik, The Rev. Richard Ellis, Garrison Murrell

members of our extended parish family

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

We continue our celebration of **Black History Month** with musical selections throughout today's liturgy, including the Psalm setting, from Lead Me, Guide Me, an African American Hymnal; and the spiritual "I want Jesus to walk with me". Biographical information about the composers of these works can be found following the liturgy portion of this booklet.

Recently, two North Atlantic Right Whales have been found dead off the east coast of the USA. Last month, a dead female was found near Martha's Vineyard, entangled in fishing rope that originated in Maine. The second, a juvenile female born 2022, was found off the coast of Georgia this past week. A third, a calf, "spotted off the coast of South Carolina is expected to die after its head, mouth and lips were split open, likely by a boat propeller, officials said." (The New York Times, 11 Jan 2024) These deaths, like countless others before them, are preventable, inexcusable, immoral. They are the result of humanity's selfish inhumanity toward God's holy creation. I am complicit in this sin, as are we all. Fewer than 400 North Atlantic Right Whales survive; nearly 1% have died recently, or are likely to die. This Prelude is a lament for these deaths; for the loss of these, our fellow children of God, whose kind, like so many others, we humans have hunted, exiled, abused, and dishonored. On the first Sunday of Lent, let us open our eyes to the violence we as a species inflict upon God's creation. As the Ash Wednesday Litany of Penitence says, "For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, accept our repentance, Lord."

Words of Welcome

The Reverend George Stevens, Interim Dean

The First Sunday in Lent: The Great Litany in Procession & Holy Eucharist Rite II

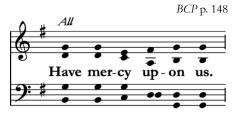
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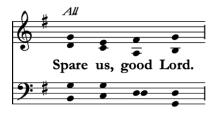
The Great Litany in Procession



- O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
- O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, R.
- O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, R.
- O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, R.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, ...

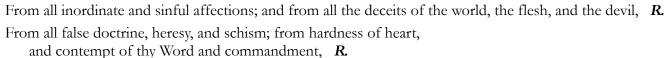




From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; ...



From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity, R.



From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine, **R**. From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared, R.

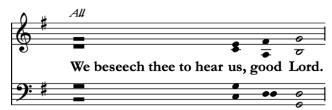
By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation, R.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost, R.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, R.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern





That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and

understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly, **R**.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people, R.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom, R.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, **R**.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived, **R**.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments, **R**.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth, **R**.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples, **R**.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed, **R**.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them, **R**.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good, **R**.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel, R.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife, **R**.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm, **R**.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation, R.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind, R.

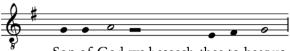
That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word, **R**.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts, R.

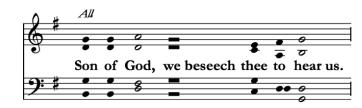
That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet, **R**.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace, R.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of Blessed Luke; the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom, **R**.

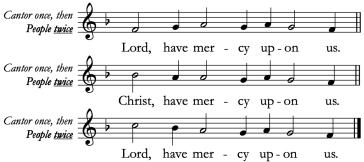


Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



Ninefold Kyrie

The Cantor introduces <u>each line</u> of the Kyrie, which all then sing <u>twice more</u>.



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The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Please sit.

First Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17

Reader

A reading from the ninth chapter of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

Psalm 25.1-9 at the Gradual

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

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



To you, O God, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;

let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Refrain

Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. Show me your ways, O God, and teach me your paths. *Refrain*

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. Remember, O God, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. *Refrain*

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;

remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O God.

Gracious and upright are you; therefore you teach sinners in your way. Refrain

You guide the humble in doing right and teach your way to the lowly.

All your paths are love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies. Refrain

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Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:18-22

Reader A reading from the third chapter of the first letter of Peter.

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader

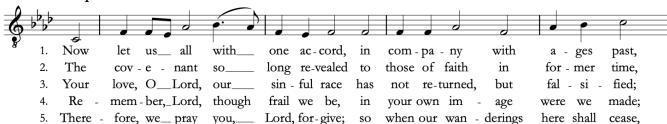
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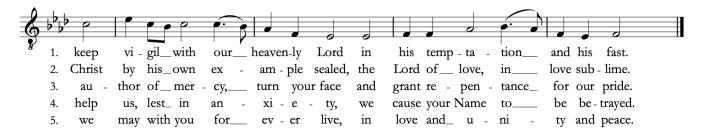
People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn at the Sequence





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Gospel Mark 1:9-15

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

People Glory to you, O Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Gospeller The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

Sermon

The Reverend George Stevens, Interim Dean

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

Please stand as you are able.

The 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.

The Creed continues on the following page...

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.

Because the Prayers and Confession of Sin are included in the Great Litany, the liturgy continues with the Exchange of Peace.

The Peace

Celebrant May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please sit.

Parish Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Celebrant

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

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

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

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

Anthem at the Offertory

sung by the choir

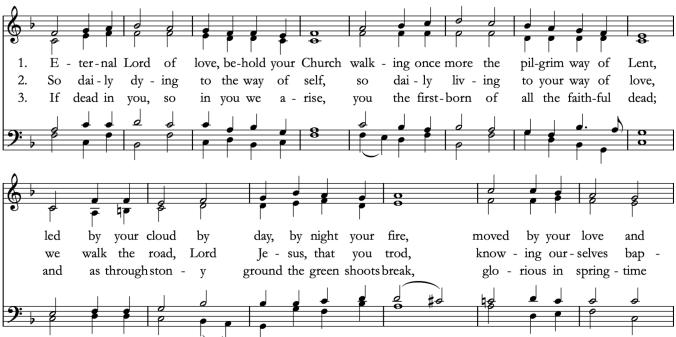
Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

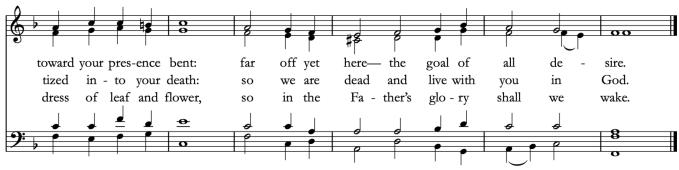
Words: John 1.29 (Authorized Version)

Music: No. 22 from Messiah, HWV 56, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn at the Presentation





The Hymnal 1982 – #149 "Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church" Words: Thomas H. Cain (1931-2003), Copyright © 1982 Thomas H. Cain.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

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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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

at 7:30AM

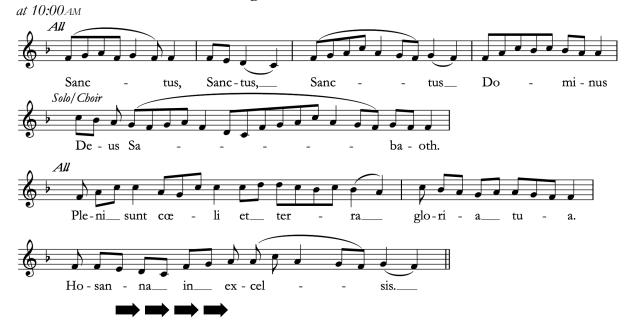
People Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

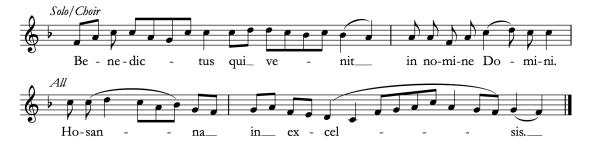
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.





See translation above.

Music: Missa de Angelis, Mass VIII, arr. Christopher Moore (vers. 2, 2002), Copyright © 2002 Christopher Moore

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

Celebrant

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Celebrant

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister to your Church.

Remember all your people and all who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed Luke, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever.

People AMEN.

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

People Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

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

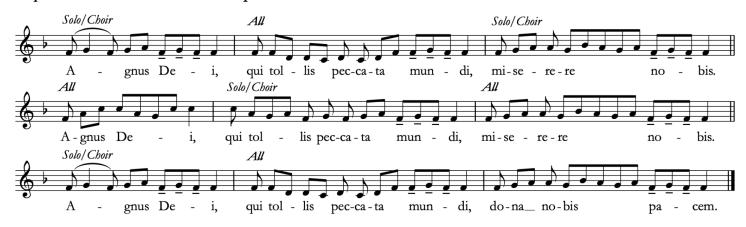
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.



Translation: Lamb of God, you who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (twice)

Lamb of God, you who take away the sins of the world, give us peace.

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Celebrant

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

Celebrant

Please join me in this prayer of Spiritual Communion for all of us who cannot now receive.

All God of infinite mercy,

we thank you for Jesus our Savior,

our true Mother who feeds us and gives us eternal life.

Though I cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine,

I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence,

the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion.

Grant that we may continue forever in the Risen Life of our Savior,

who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Communion of the People

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

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

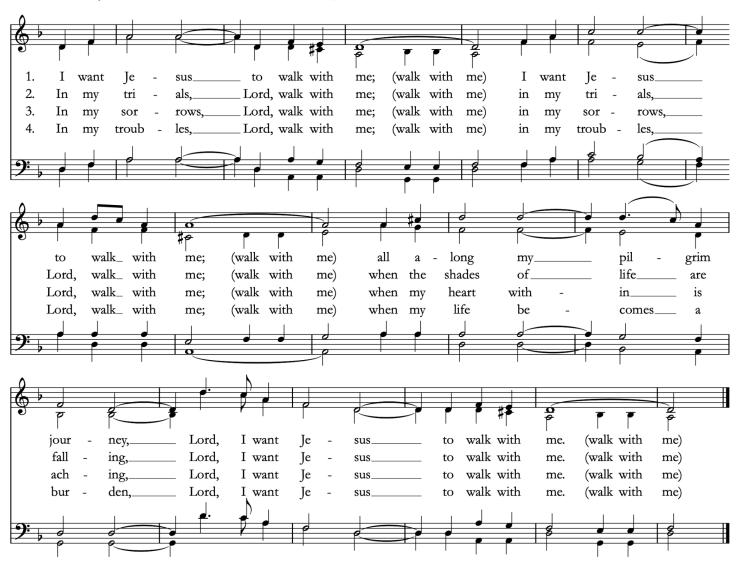
Prayers of Healing are offered in All Saints Chapel (to the right of the kneeling rail). Members of the prayer team will assist you in offering prayer of healing for yourself or a loved one.

Chorale sung by the choir

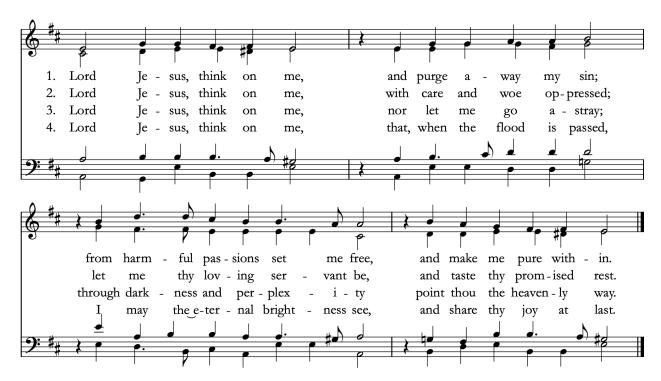
Sing', bet' und geh' auf Gottes Wegen, Verricht' das Deine nur getreu Und trau' des Himmels reichem Segen, So wird er bei dir werden neu; Denn welcher seine Zuversicht Auf Gott setzt, den verläßt er nicht. Sing, pray and go on God's way,
Perform your part only faithfully
and trust in the rich blessing of heaven,
then he will be with you anew;
For who places his confidence Music

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681), tr. from https://www.bach-cantatas.com/ Texts/BWV93-Eng3.htm>

For who places his confidence Music: from Cantata 93, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), in God, he does not abandon. mel. "Were nur den lieben Gott lässt walten"



Lift Every Voice and Sing II – #70 "I want Jesus to walk with me" Words: traditional. Music: Negro spiritual, arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals, Copyright © 1992 Carl Haywood, reprinted & streamed under OneLicense.net #A-713087



The Hymnal 1982 – #641 "Lord Jesus, think on me" Words: Synesius of Cyrene (375?-414?); tr. Allen William Chatfield (1808-1896), alt.

Music: Southwell, SM, from Daman's Psalter, 1579; adapt. Hymnal 1982

Please stand as you are able.

Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

Almighty and ever living God,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.

To Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Deacon

Bow down before God.

Please kneel as you are able.

Solemn Prayer over the People

Celebrant

Grant, Almighty God, that your faithful people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

Hymn in Procession



The Hymnal 1982 – #143 "The glory of these forty days" Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell (1862-1947), alt. By permission of Oxford University Press., reprinted & streamed under OneLicense.net #A-713087. Music: Erhalt uns, Herr, LM, melody from Geistliche Leider, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Deacon Let us bless our Savior. **People** Thanks be to God.

Postlude Cho

Chorale Prelude on Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort, BuxWV 185

Music: Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH at ST. LUKE's CATHEDRAL

Notes on African American composers featured in today's liturgy

- Kenneth W. Louis (1956-2020, composer of today's psalm setting, was an influential contributor to the African American music world, particularly recognized for his work in bringing African American musical elements into Roman Catholic worship. A number of his compositions and arrangements have appeared in recent hymnals.
- Carl Haywood, DMA, arranged the spiritual "I want Jesus to walk with me", which we sing during communion today. He is a longtime faculty member at Norfolk (VA) State University. He served as the Service Music Editor for Lift Every Voice and Sing II: An African American Hymnal, for which he arranged/composed twenty-nine selections. He is also the leading contributor to Wonder, Love, and Praise. For twenty-six years, he served as organist/choir director at Grace Episcopal Church, Norfolk, and has served on the Liturgical Commission for the Diocese of Southern Virginia, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for the Episcopal Church, and as Director of Music for the Union of Black Episcopalians.

Notes on today's service music: At the suggestion of a couple of parishioners, during Lent, we are using the Missa de Angelis for the Ordinary of the Mass (the fixed texts of Eucharistic worship, which include the Kyrie ("Lord, have mercy"), Gloria in excelsis ("Glory to God in the highest"), Sanctus & Benedictus ("Holy, holy, holy"), and Agnus Dei ("Lamb of God").. Written in plainsong in the 16th or 17th century, it is one of the more familiar settings of the Ordinary from before the Vatican II liturgical reforms in the Roman Catholic Church. Some parishioners remember it from earlier church experiences. We will try it out for the season of Lent. We welcome your comments, but please give it a chance to settle in for familiarity before passing judgment on it. (-:

HAPPENING AT THE CATHEDRAL TODAY

Affordable housing in Maine discussion following 10AM service: in the Upper Hall, a discussion regarding affordable housing in Maine with Greg Payne, a representative from the Governor's Office of Public Innovation and the Future (GOPIF).

5:15PM Sunday Worship & Potluck: A small group is leading an effort to restart the Sunday 5:15PM service in Emmanuel Chapel. Today is the final service during this restart trial period. Following today's service, please join us for a potluck and discussion in the upper hall. Next Sunday, February 25th, we look forward to welcoming the Rt. Rev.'d Thomas J. Brown, the Bishop of Maine, who will be the Celebrant for the service. Following this, we will meet and decide how to proceed, but the long term goal is to have the new Dean include this as a regular Sunday service. Please contact Tim Wilkins <twikins@cathedralofstluke.org> if you want to help with the service, or have any questions. Thank you!

Episcopal Youth Service Corp Volunteering Event: Join the Episcopal Youth Service Corp today in the Lower Hall at 12:30 PM. The group will meet at Marden's in Scarborough at noon to pick up dental and personal care products. Following, they will meet in the Lower Hall to help package the materials, have pizza, and learn about the impactful work of St. Elizabeth's pantry each week. With any questions please email Peter Swarr at priest@trinitychurchportland.org>

Portland Rossini Club concert 3PM today: Richard Roberts Memorial Concert in the nave. Pianist Steven Blumenthal, with clarinetist Stephen Schiffman, will perform *Carol* by Gerald Finzi, and Brahms's Sonata No. 1 in F minor. Pianist Christopher Staknys will perform "Winter" from Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*, with poetry narrated by Audrey Stack, as well as the 1st movement of Scriabin's Sonata No. 2 in G-sharp minor. Pianist Sydney Patten will perform works by Rachmaninoff, Ginastera, Patten, and Joplin. To purchase tickets or learn more about the Portland Rossini Club, visit https://www.rossiniclub.org/.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Building & Grounds Committee open meeting Monday @ 5pm: Senior Warden, Sam Allen; and Acting Junior Warden, Fred Fowler, invite you to join their efforts to reconstitute an effective Buildings & Grounds structure at the Cathedral. The goal is to build an active group of volunteers who can be available to help plan and execute projects around our campus. All interested individuals are encouraged and welcome to attend this meeting both in person in the Upper Hall, or on Zoom http://tinyurl.com/buildingandgrounds. We will discuss and develop a workable plan for managing the Cathedral's property. In the coming months we have identified 3 key goals:

- Identify a team of individuals willing to help out on Work Days (generally one Saturday per month).
- O Develop a list of people's skills so individuals or small groups could be given responsibility for specific tasks.
- o Identify a core group willing to serve as members of the Buildings & Grounds Committee.

Join Us for the Inaugural St. Luke's Chili Cook Off on Friday March 22nd: Join us for our first ever St. Luke's Chili Cook Off on Friday, March 22nd in the lower hall. This event will be a time of fun, food, community, and friendly competition to support the pantries operating out of the cathedral who support our neighbors. Families and children are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will have board games, coloring, and cornhole available beginning at 5:30PM in the Upper Hall. Dinner will be available beginning at 6:00PM in the lower hall.

We need volunteers to make this event run smoothly and successfully! A sign-up sheet is available electronically at http://tinyurl.com/stlukeschili or on the bulletin board outside of the office.

The event is open to all. We encourage and welcome donations for the following groups:

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry: Toothpaste, toothbrushes, diapers sizes 3-5

St. Luke's Food Pantry: canned tomatoes, canned tomato soup, flour, cornmeal, dried white beans, pinto beans cooking oil, pasta

Greater Portland Family Promise: Diapers of all sizes, additional items TBD

A general suggested offering to support the cost of the event \$5 is also welcome, but not mandatory to attend.

With questions about volunteering, please contact parish administrator, Avery Levesque-Schott at <office@cathedralofstluke.org> or 207-772-5434, to learn more about how you can help!

Exploring Senior Spirituality—*N.B. new meeting time*—This class will be an opportunity to explore the subject of our changing spiritual experiences as we journey through the final chapters of our lives. Using tools such as journaling and discussion, we will explore topics including mortality, forgiveness and regret, legacies, preserving our stories, and meaning in life. Meetings Tuesdays 1–2:30 pm; 7 sessions over 9 weeks. Class size limited to 10 people. For more information, or to register, please contact the Rev. Dr. Suzanne Roberts at <suz@maine.rr.com>.

The Dean's Discretionary Account is Running Low! The Dean's Discretionary Account is used to help those who come to St. Luke's seeking assistance with bills, rent, utilities, food and other items. It receives its funding from the loose-plate offering the first Sunday each month, gifts given in lieu of payment for weddings and funerals, and from generous gifts from parishioners. Last year, the account supported more than 50 individuals with more than \$10,000 in financial assistance. Unfortunately, the account is low and we're unable to continue this outreach ministry without your help. To contribute, you may bring in a physical check, mail a check (address at the back of this bulletin), or visit our online giving through Realm https://onrealm.org/StLukesCathedra/-/form/give/now. Please select 'Dean's Discretionary Fund' in the dropdown menu. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Painted rocks, and prayers for peace in the Holy Land: Linda Carleton is painting rocks as prayers for peace in the Holy Land. She would like to paint one for you in exchange for a donation of any amount to the Dean's Discretionary Fund. Contact Linda if you would like one. < lindacarleton01@gmail.com>

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

Volunteer to be a Eucharistic Minister: The Cathedral is seeking new members for this liturgical ministry. Have you ever felt a pull to be part of what happens in the course of our worship services? Consider serving as a Eucharistic Minister (chalice bearer) during the worship services. Training will be provided, along with an alb (white robe). If you're interested or have questions, please contact Deacon Rebecca in person, or via email at <rebagrant@gmail.com>.

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

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

The Biblical Study Team: We're discovering, as we move through St. Paul's travels, how Christian doctrine was formed and collected. Paul's letters were written in the 20-year period before St. Mark's gospel (early 60s AD). The gospels follow at 20-year intervals. One follows Paul's travels by reading Luke's "The Acts of the Apostles", which surfaced in the late 80s. Paul's letters were written from the early 50s through the late 60s, and trace the development of Christianity's doctrine of God; the salvific role of Jesus, the Anointed One; and how Paul understood what content was to be retained and what of the Tanack was no longer to be prayed or practiced. Join us for this exploration of the "basics" of our Biblical beliefs. Questions are always invited. We look forward to welcoming you. With questions contact Bob at (207)-405-8250.

St. Elizabeth's Pantry Toothpaste & Toothbrush Drive: Since February is National Children's Dental Health Month, we are asking for donations of toothpaste and toothbrushes for St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry to

distribute to the more than 300 neighbors who visit St E's every Tuesday morning. Please leave your donations in the box in the lower hall, next to the stairs. Contact Byrd Wood at <jacknbyrd@gmail.com>, if you have questions.

The Healing Team offers prayers of healing during Communion on the following Sundays:

February 18 Mary Strnad, Judd Hume

February 25 Betsey Deleuse, Peter Carleton

March 3 Oscar Mokeme, Mary Strnad

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

Eco Tips from the Public Policy & Environmental Action Team (PPEAT): Last year, at the behest of the Diocesan Climate Justice Council https://episcopalmaine.org/ministries/social-justice-outreach/creation-care, the Cathedral of St. Luke appointed the Public Policy and Environmental Action Team as its Earth Keeper, with Sarah Braik as point person, tasked with working with the parish to develop a Covenant to Care of Creation. To view St. Luke's Covenant go https://tinyurl.com/creationcarecovenant. As part of our goal of sharing sustainability resources with the parish, we offer you a Lenten resource developed by the Rev. Dr. Mary Jane O'Connor Ropp, Earth Keeper for St. David's in Kennebunk. "WALKING WITH SUFFERING CREATION: A Meditative Experience in Eight Days" is a series of meditations that take 1-1/2 to 2 hours to complete. They can be done one at a time, at your own pace. We hope you will incorporate them into your Lenten practice. Access them at http://tinyurl.com/walkingwithsufferingcreation

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Join the Young and the Restless: We are St. Luke's 20s-30s-year-old ministry. We are an active group at the cathedral which also gets together outside of the church. Join us as we hike, ice-skate, play trivia, or just enjoy each other's company! If you are new to us, welcome! We meet each Tuesday at Maine Beer Company in Freeport, 6-8PM 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 at <shanaro931@gmail.com> to stay up to date with group activities and information.

Join Luke's Garden LGBTQIA+ Group Luke's Garden is the cathedral's LGBTQIA+ group which meets every 2nd Sunday of the month following coffee hour. All are welcome! For additional information contact Orion Williams at <eowilliams98@gmail.com>.

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

COMMUNITY NOTES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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