



# The Holy Eucharist

The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

June 28, 2026

10:00 AM



Saint Luke's Parish

Darien, Connecticut

## Welcome!

Whoever you are and wherever you may be on your spiritual journey, we are so glad you have joined us for worship today. May you know the presence of the living God who welcomes you here. Everything you need to participate in today's service is included in this leaflet. Ushers are available to answer any questions or direct you as needed. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete and return a welcome card so we can be in touch. May God bless you now and always.

## About Today's Service

Today we continue reading from the Gospel according to Matthew. This passage follows Jesus' commissioning the disciples to go out and preach and his warning of the opposition they will encounter. Today he concludes this section describing those who accept their message. Matthew is speaking here of us and of all who have accepted the message and have received the reward of our faith.

The first reading finds Jeremiah countering false prophets who give a message of peace even though the time of judgment and war is a hand. Jeremiah says to see if what the prophets says comes true. In fact, Jeremiah's message turned out to be the true message.

The reading from Romans today carries on Paul's discussion of the result of baptism. We are dead to sin but we still have the choice between sin and grace. The choice is to be controlled by sin or by God. One receives only death from sin but from God comes sanctification, growing into the image of God in which we were created.

We gather as people who find our life in Christ rather than in the conventions of the world. Our action in worship is a contradiction of the world's standards. Our life as we go forth from worship is to show forth our new way of existing by ministry to the poor and neglected that God saves all who turn to God in faith. We are to live in accordance with God's Kingdom, even when that reality is hard to find in the world around us.

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In order to prepare for worship and allow for private prayers,  
please observe silence upon entering the church.

*“Be still and know that I am God.” -Psalm 46:10*

Opening Voluntary

Rector’s Welcome

Hymn 518 “Christ is made the sure foundation”

*Westminster Abbey*

## The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

**And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

*All*

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 Lord. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

*Sung by all.*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: David Hurd (b. 1950)

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

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

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18      *Sung by all, remaining seated.*



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Your love, O Lord, for ever will I / **sing**; \*  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your / **faithfulness**.  
For I am persuaded that your love is established for / **ever**; \*  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the / **heavens**.

"I have made a covenant with my / **chosen one**; \*  
I have sworn an oath to David my / **servant**:  
'I will establish your line for / **ever**, \*  
and preserve your throne for all gener-/ **ations**.'"

Happy are the people who know the festal / **shout**! \*  
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your / **presence**.  
They rejoice daily in your / **Name**; \*  
they are jubilant in your / **righteousness**.

For you are the glory of their / **strength**, \*  
and by your favor our might is ex-/ **alted**.  
Truly, the Lord is our / **ruler**; \*  
the Holy One of Israel is our / **King**.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

The Gospel Acclamation      *Standing, sung by all.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Setting: *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty.

*Deacon*  
*People*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

*Deacon*  
*People*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Susan C. Wyper

The Nicene Creed *Said by all, standing.*

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

The Prayers of the People | Form III

*Deacon*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader*  
*People*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

*Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader* Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

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

*The people may add their own prayers, aloud or silently.*

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*People* **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

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

*A period of silence is kept.*

*People* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*The Clergy and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### The Holy Communion

*At the Offertory, we gratefully offer back to God a portion of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. To make an electronic gift today, please either visit [www.saintlukesdarien.org/give](http://www.saintlukesdarien.org/give) or scan the QR code with your smart phone's camera. Thank you for your generosity.*



## Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
-Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Anthem *Sung by the Summer Choir.*

Presentation Hymn *Sung by all, standing.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Text: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Old 100th, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. After Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

## The Great Thanksgiving | Enriching Our Worship Prayer 2

*Celebrant  
People*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Celebrant  
People*

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant  
People*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God 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:

### Sanctus and Benedictus *Sung by all.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: David Hurd (b. 1950)

*The people remain standing as the Celebrant continues*

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 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.

*All*

**AMEN.**

*Celebrant*

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

### The Lord's Prayer

**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 *Sung by all.*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff contains the first line of the 'Alleluia' chorus. The second staff contains the beginning of the verse. The third staff contains the end of the verse. The fourth staff contains the second line of the 'Alleluia' chorus. The music is written in a single treble clef.

Setting: David Hurd (b. 1950)

## The Invitation to Communion

*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion, regardless of age or denomination. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please request one. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.*

## Communion Hymn 609

“Where cross the crowded ways of life”

*Gardiner*

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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.**

## The Blessing

### Hymn 525

“The Church’s one foundation”

*Aurelia*

## The Dismissal

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

## Closing Voluntary

Altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God.

## Participants in Today's Service

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor
<b>Preacher</b>	The Rev. Susan C. Wyper
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. Hannah G. Pommersheim
<b>Assisting</b>	The Rev. G. Hartwell Hylton
<b>Lector</b>	Kip Hewitt
<b>Intercessor</b>	Andrew Del Boccio
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	Kate Adamson, Marjorie Neville
<b>Musicians</b>	David Pulliam and the Saint Luke's Summer Choir
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Hayes, Charlie Barnett, Eric Wagoner, Pat Houlihan, Sam Tingley
<b>Acolytes</b>	Benjamin Sweet, Reagan Faulkner, Reid Faulkner, Rigney Callagy, Will Moore
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Hooper, Kristen Nelson, Lorna Young
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Tasha Nagler
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Ally Sinclair

# Prayer List

## For the Church

**In our Anglican cycle of prayer**, we pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

**In our Diocese**, we pray for St. Peter's, Oxford; Christ Church, Oxford; St. John's, Pine Meadow; Summer chapels in New London, Norfolk & Fenwick; summer & outdoor worship services; Vacation Bible Schools & parish-based summer camp programs.

**In our parish cycle of prayer**, we pray for Worship Ministries.

## Those who have requested our prayers

**For members and friends of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble:** Charlie, Cody, Lauren, Anne, Nathan, Mary, Christian, Elizabeth, Jim, Ava, Gaffney, Ellen, Donna, Dave, Warren, Our service members, Megan, Michael, Christopher, Faith, Kathryn, Sarah, Mary, Lindsay, Serena, Susan, Dal, Edward, Ellen, Erik, Patricia, Mike, John.

**In our Outreach cycle of prayer**, we pray for Homefront all their homeowners, staff, and volunteers.

## Those who have died

**All whom we love but see no more.**

**All who have died in civil and military conflict** around the world, especially in the Holy Land, Sudan, and Ukraine.

## About these Prayers

Saint Luke's is a community committed to prayer. Holding one another's joys, sorrows, and concerns before God in prayer is a spiritual practice at the heart of our life together. We encourage you to pray throughout the week for these members of our parish family.

We invite you to add yourself or others to the Saint Luke's prayer list by submitting a prayer request card or notifying the Parish Office at 203-655-1456 or [info@saintlukesdarien.org](mailto:info@saintlukesdarien.org).

## Pastoral Visits

Please notify us if you or a family member is hospitalized and/or in need of a pastoral call or visit. We often have no other way of knowing a visit is needed. Please email a member of the clergy or call the Parish Office.

## Flowers

The Flower Guild adorns the church with flowers and greens thanks to donations given in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for special occasions. The names are listed in the service bulletins.

If you would like to make a gift of flowers, please contact Aynsley Joyce at 203-655-1456 or [aynsleyjoyce@gmail.com](mailto:aynsleyjoyce@gmail.com).

# Saint Luke's Parish

A parish in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut,  
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The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan

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The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor

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## Saint Luke's Parish

Grow



Love



Serve

### Our Vision

A world transformed by the love of Jesus Christ for all people.

### Our Mission

Living together as disciples of Christ, we seek to:

**Grow personally in faith,**  
*acknowledging our imperfection and need of grace;*

**Build an accepting & transforming community,**  
*extending God's unconditional welcome to all;*

**Work alongside our neighbors,**  
*forming partnerships to serve the world.*

Let it begin with me.

### Our Invitation

**Grow** in love of God.

**Love** your neighbor as yourself.

**Serve** the world in Christ's name.