

The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 14th, 2023

Welcome!



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

7:30am in Emmanuel Chapel 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.

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.

Adult Christian Formation Opportunities are offered throughout the academic year at 9:00AM on Sunday 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 from 9:45–11:30AM. Families are always welcome!

Music in our Worship Service: Please note that music with organ and full choir is part of the liturgy at the 10:00AM service. At 7:30AM, we offer a spoken, more meditative, worship experience in the Emmanuel Chapel at the west end of the cathedral.

Communion Practices in Accordance with Diocesan Instructions: Beginning on the Day of Pentecost, St. Luke's will modify its communion practices slightly to fully align with the most recent diocesan teaching. This calls for communion in "both kinds" (bread and wine) and a return to the "common cup" (to be administered in the traditional manner—NOT intinction OR placement upon the tongue). For a number of people this will mean a change in how we receive—and will be more difficult for some than for others. Remember that communion in "one kind" (the bread alone) is considered "full communion"—as it has done for centuries. Celebrants at the Holy Eucharist will continue to sanitize their hands, and then use the "lavabo bowl" to wash further. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with any member of the cathedral clergy.

This Sunday's flowers are given by Liz Eddy Griffin

to the Glory of God & in memory of her parents, Helen and Harry Eddy in celebration of their marriage on May 14, 1955.

Service Participants

Preacher The Rev. Anne C. Fowler, Assisting Clergy

Celebrant The Rev. Anne C. Fowler, Assisting Clergy (7:30AM)

The Rev. Christopher Worthley, Assisting Clergy (10:00AM)

Music Leader & Organist Ray Cornils, Guest Cathedral Musician

Assistant Organist Randall Mullins

Lector Jonathan Radtke

Prayer Leader Peter Bingham

Ushers Peter Bingham, Chester Bishop, Bob Parshley, Martha Parshley

Head Verger Eleanor Roberts

Verger Louisa Radtke-Rowe

Crucifer Alec Thorne

The Healing Team Gail Kesich & Ruth Roemer Live Streaming Jack Swanton, Sam Allen

Contributing Ministries Acolytes, Vergers, The Flower Guild, The Altar Guild, The Cathedral Choir,

The Kneeler Guild

Please stand as you are able.



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The Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

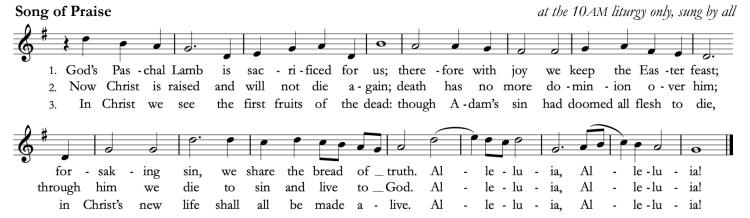
Celebrant May God be with you **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The 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.



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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding:

Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who

lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Please sit.

Reader The Spirit is speaking.

People God's people are listening.

The First Lesson Acts 17.22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and

move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66.7-18 at the Gradual

at 7:30AM, read by all as directed; at 10:00AM, sung by the choir

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard;

God holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare and laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,

but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows,

which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

I called out to God with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.

If I had found evil in my heart, God would not have heard me;

But in truth God has heard me and has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld steadfast love from me.

tr. The Saint Helena Psalter,

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Reader The Spirit is speaking.

People God's people are listening.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 3.13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.



Words: Simon Browne (1680-1732), alt. Music: Mendon, LM, melody from Methodist Harmonist, 1821; adapt. and harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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

People Glory to you, O Christ.

The Gospel

John 14: 15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

Gospeller The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

The Sermon

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler, Assisting Clergy

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,

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

God of love, in this interim time, we pray for our parish family, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, open in our search, imaginative about our future, and daring in our faith. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. All this we pray, empowered by the love of Jesus Christ.

— Anika Rinker, St. Martins in the Field Episcopal Church, Keller, TX

People Amen.

Leader Reme

Remembering especially all the people of this cathedral church, grant that every member of the

Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader Remembering especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Thomas, our Bishop; and our cathedral staff

and clergy; we pray for all lay people, bishops, priests and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader Remembering especially Joseph, our President; Janet, our Governor; and all in authority; the

members of our City Council, including Roberto Rodriguez (At-Large), Anna Trevorrow (District 1), and Victoria Pelletier (District 2). 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 We offer prayers of healing and comfort for members of our congregation and those dear to us,

especially those we now name.

You are invited to add names during the silence.

Leader Judy Merrill (mother of Stephanie Lomond Merrill), The Rev. Warren Radtke (father of Jonathan Radtke),

Veronica Cutler (mother-in-law of Spencer Hugo Vidal), Regina Flynn (friend of Paul Burlin), Sarah Braik, Cheryl Anglin, Martha Tomberlin (cousin of Anna Messmer), Joseph Edgar III (son of Jeri Edgar), Chris (friend of Ray Murdoch Curry), Caryn (friend of Rita Siavelis), Shelby and Patty (family of Tammy Parker), Jon (husband of Tom Sumner), Fred Fowler, David, Peter Carleton, and Christian Clough.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader We pray for all who have died, remembering especially the eight individuals who lost their lives in

the mall shooting in Allen, Texas. We pray also for victims of mass violence everywhere. 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 In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Giles's in Jefferson and for St. Mary's in Falmouth.

We pray also for postulants and candidates for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Maine.

People Hear our prayer.

Concluding Prayer for Mother's Day

Celebrant Ever present God, help us to recognize and honor all mothers, and all the women who have guided

us and loved us like mothers, shining forth as examples of the depth of the love you offer each of

your beloved children. Bless them and keep them in that love always.

People Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please sit.

Parish Announcements

The Offering

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

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For, as in Adam, all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

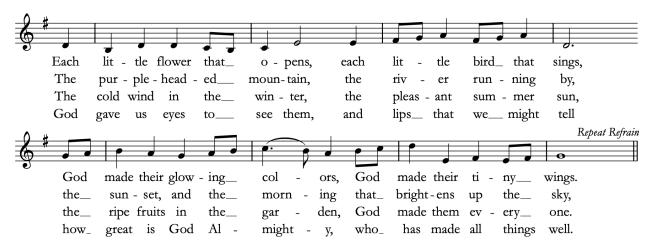
Words: 1 Corinthians 15: 21-22 Music: George F. Handel (1685-1759)

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn at the Presentation

at the 10AM liturgy only, sung by all





Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt.

Music: Westminster Abbey, 87. 87, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

at the 7:30AM liturgy

People

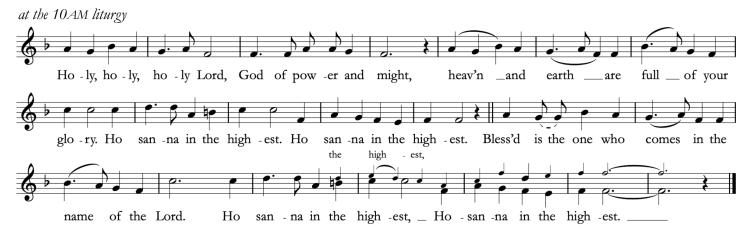
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.



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Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

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

Celebrant

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

at the 7:30AM liturgy

People AMEN.

at the 10AM liturgy



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The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

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

People

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

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

Give us this day our daily bread.

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

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Therefore let us keep the least. Interna.

Fraction Anthem

at the 10AM liturgy only, sung by all

The Cantor introduces the refrain, which all then repeat. The Cantor sings the verses of the fraction anthem; the people sing the refrain where indicated.



The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **Refrain**One body are we, alleluia, for though many, we share one bread. **Refrain**

Words: refrain after Luke 24.35; verses from 1 Cor. 10.16-17

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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.

The Communion of the People

An Invitation

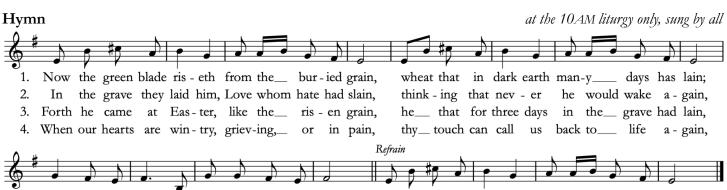
Everyone desiring a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ is invited to come forward and receive Holy Communion at this time. Ushers will assist you to approach by the center and return by the side aisles. You are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine when presented. If you would like to come forward and 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.

Anthem

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the spirit of truth.

Words: John 14.15-17. Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been: laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen: quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen: fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Love is come a - gain like wheat that_spring-eth green.

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Postcommunion Prayer BCP p. 365

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.

The Easter Blessing

Celebrant

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.





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Preacher Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude Exultate Deo Rosalie Bonighton (b. 1946)



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.

We are part of the 1.7 million-member **Episcopal Church** in the United States and the 85 million-member worldwide **Anglican Communion**.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Note about our Liturgy Team and Pastoral Presence: During this time of transition to a new Dean we want to explain to the congregation the ways that St. Luke's Cathedral is providing a clergy presence. We have assembled a team of clergy who will be responsible for organizing and celebrating worship services. This team consists of the Reverends Suzanne Roberts, Anne Fowler, and Christopher Worthley. They will be assisted from time to time by guest preachers and celebrants. Rev. Fowler and Rev. Roberts are available to any congregants who have need of pastoral care. You may reach Rev. Fowler at (617)548-4783 and Rev. Roberts at (207)749-4166.

Vestry Members Coffee Hour Offering: Today's coffee hour is offered by members of the St. Luke's Vestry in the Upper Hall following the 10AM service

Eco-tips from the Public Policy and Environmental Action Team: According to the Carbon Map website, the countries of the "Global North" have consumed most of the Earth's resources and emitted one half of the carbon dioxide ever released. You can learn more about how carbon emissions affect different parts of our world by going to <www.carbonmap.org>. On the upper right is a play button which you can click to learn more about the impacts of countries' lifestyles on climate change.

St. Luke's to host a performance of "A Slave Ship Called Malaga" by Storyteller Antonio Rocha: Join us at 7:00PM on June 10th in the Cathedral Nave as we partner with *Portland Ovations* to host artist Antonio Rocha in his performance of "A Slave Ship Called Malaga." Portland Ovations describes Rocha's work as the following: "The Malaga Ship Story is a *tour de force* performance by award-winning, and world-renowned, storyteller Antonio Rocha. Using his entire body and voice, Antonio sings, dances, narrates, and mimes his way through this poetically toned

historical tale told from the perspective of the ship. The story vividly explores the reality and impact of the slave trade then and now through Antonio's relationships to Maine and Brazil. Each performance is followed by a moderated conversation with a facilitator." For tickets, additional information about the event, and learning resources see weekly postings in the E-pistle and visit< https://tinyurl.com/malagaperformance>, or the events page on our website at https://stlukesportland.org/our-events/antonio-rocha-a-slave-ship-called-malaga/.

The Healing Team will offer prayers of healing during the following Sunday services with the following Healing Team members assigned:

May 14 Gail Kesich & Ruth Roemer

May 28 Betsey Deleuse & Judd Hume

May 21 Sara Schmalz & Peter Carleton

June 4 Sara Schmalz & Oscar Mokeme

If you have any questions, please contact Judd Hume at either (207) 773-5611 or <jwilliamhume@gmail.com>.

Hold the Date! Parish-Wide Picnic After the Service on June 11th Additional Volunteers to Help Needed! Join us for a parish wide picnic following the service on June 11th as we conclude Sunday School for the summer, recognize our graduating high school seniors, and note the end of the season for the Cathedral Choir. The picnic will take place outside in the Park Street Parking Lot (rain location is the Lower Hall).

The menu will include hamburgers, hot dogs, vegetarian options, salads, and ice cream.

With any additional questions or to volunteer please contact Sarah Dowling at <sarahbdowling@gmail.com>

Open-invitation meeting for an LGBT Ministry at St. Luke's: Join Orion Williams in the Upper Hall on May 28th at the conclusion of Coffee Hour for an open discussion about beginning an LGBT ministry. This is an all-ages, all-orientations (including allies) group, dedicated to exploring the intersection between being LGBT and Christian, and supporting one another through our journeys of self-discovery and faith. For additional information or questions, e-mail Orion Williams at <eowilliams98@gmail.com>.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

The Roots of Jesus Study Group: Join us in the Chapter Room 8:45–9:45AM on Sunday mornings. Bob Hanson, Biblical scholar, linguist and theologian, leads our group. For more information, call Bob at (207) 405-8250. Activity units are distributed for each session. Assigned readings are from the Biblical books under consideration. The journey is a joyous one.

Join the Kneelers Guild and Prayer Shawl Knitters: We meet every Thursday 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 available. Jeri Edgar: (207) 303-8447

The Monday Zoom Book Group is currently reading Barbara Brown Taylor's *The Luminous Web: Essays on Science and Religion*. The group meets every 1st and 3rd Monday, 6-7PM, via Zoom. To join the group or receive more information, contact Linda Carleton at lindacarleton01@gmail.com>.

Coffee Hour Hosts needed! A big thank you to everyone that has hosted coffee hour this year, it has been very successful and creates an important time for fellowship. We need a few more people to host at the end of May and throughout June. You can view the schedule by visiting https://tinyurl.com/coffeehouratstlukes. Please take a look and email Meredith Cough at meredith.cough@gmail.com with your preferred date and she will add you to the schedule. Thank you!

Sign up to support the Flower Guild. The 2023 Flower Chart is up on the bulletin board in the hallway opposite the Cathedral Office, and ready for your memorials and celebrations. We thank the many individuals who signed up on the flower chart in the past for their donations and special flower requests in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones; and in celebration of births and anniversaries. The requested donation is \$75. Your memorials contribute to the sanctity of each service and add to the beauty of St. Luke's Cathedral.

Let your container deposits support CSL's Young Adults Ministry: St. Luke's has returned to the Clynk Initiative Program (Don't know what Clynk is? Learn about it here: https://www.clynk.com). There are bags available at both entrances to the Nave with barcodes that correspond to the CSL's account. Anyone is welcome to

take a bag and are encouraged to bring it to a local redemption center or grocery store that accepts Clynk. Proceeds from this initiative will support "The Young and the Restless." For additional information contact Shana Rose <shanaro931@gmail.com>.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Christian Clough recovering following a successful surgery: We are grateful to inform you that Christian Clough, Canon for Music and Liturgy, had a successful spinal surgery on Monday to excise a benign cyst that had been causing increasing pain over the past few months. Christian is in good spirits, and remains deeply grateful for the prayers and support that he has received from members of the St. Luke's community. Christian is now in a period of recovery with roughly a month of limited activity, refraining from activities such as driving, playing the organ, and conducting, and will be absent from choir rehearsals and Sunday worship at least through Sunday 4 June. Distinguished local musicians Ray Cornils and Harold Stover, who both served as interim cathedral musicians before Christian's tenure began, have graciously offered to provide coverage. Ray Cornils is leading the music this morning. Harold Stover will serve from 18 May through 4 June. Currently, all regular choral activities will continue as planned, including the final Choral Evensong of the season, at 4:00 PM on 4 June. We hope that Christian will return for the final rehearsal (8 June) and Sunday liturgy (11 June) of the choir season. Christian will continue to work with the staff to produce materials for worship, and to prepare for future musical activities. You can reach Christian by email <cclough@cathedralofstluke.org> or by post, during his absence, at 24 Spear Avenue, South Portland, ME 04106-6631. We offer prayers of thanksgiving for the medical professionals who cared for Christian, as well as his loved ones who continue to watch over him post-surgery. We pray for a restful and healthy recovery for Christian during this time and look forward to his return to the cathedral in the near future.

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.

Bach Virtuosi Festival June 20 - 27, 2023

Concerts performed at St. Luke's Cathedral and Etz Chaim Synagogue

Johann Sebastian Bach is celebrated as the creator of numerous masterpieces of church and non-secular music, both instrumental and with vocals. He is generally regarded as one of the greatest composers of all time. This year marks the eighth year that the Bach Virtuosi Festival will bring together world-class musicians to share the music of Bach.

Visit https://bachvirtuosifestival.org/ to learn more about the repertoire and world-renowned musicians from the Bach Virtuosi Festival. Take advantage of our 20% off Mother's Day sale

Bach Virtuosi Festival Artists Looking for Housing Artists performing in the Bach Virtuosi Festival are looking for housing. If you or someone you know is able to host an artist, please contact Administrative Director Megan Akers. at http://megan@bachvirtuosifestival.org/

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 <office@cathedralofstluke.org>. Thanks!

Donate to the Endowment Account: Interested in the long-term future of St Luke's? Consider giving to the endowment with a regular monthly contribution or via whatever schedule works for your budget. Don't wait for planned giving, and instead, start now. Thanks to a wonderful suggestion from Tyler Christie, we have established an endowment choice on Vanco. Or if you prefer, send in a check to St Luke's, marked "For Endowment Account", and mail to PO Box 4141, or bring it to church on a Sunday. We will hold these donations in the restricted checking account, and then periodically transfer the full amount to the Endowment Account with FLPutnam (Transfer will happen at least annually.) Questions? Please reach out to Tim Wilkins, Treasurer, at <twikins@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 2023 Pledge Campaign is ongoing. Pledge materials and information are available at <www.stlukesportland.org>.



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