



St. Luke's Cathedral

Ascension Day

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Sunday 12 May 2024



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

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

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Luke's Territorial Acknowledgement

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

We invite you to pray this morning for...

members of our parish family

Sarah Braik, Muffie Fernald, The Reverend Anne Fowler,
The Reverend Samuel Henderson, Nancy Beebe & family

members of our extended parish family

Kelvin Worthley (*father of the Reverend Christopher Worthley*)
Michael Jones (*cousin of Anna Messmer*)

Postlude

1. Souvenance, Six romances sans Paroles, Op. 76, No. 1
(Remembrance, Six Romances without Words)

Music: Cécile Chaminade
(1857-1944)

Words of Welcome

The Reverend George Stevens, *Interim Dean*

The Word of God

When the tower bell rings, please stand as you are able. The people are encouraged to sing all music printed in the bulletin.

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal-lowed for - ev - er,
day when the Christ a - scends, high in the heav - ens to reign. *first time only* 2. reign.

Odd-numbered verses

1 He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the ru - ler of na - ture;
3 God the Cre - a - tor, the Lord, who rul - est the earth and the hea - vens,
5 Spi - rit of life and of power now flow in us, fount of our be - ing,
all things cre - a - ted on earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
guard us from harm with - out, cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
light that dost light - en all, life that in all dost a - bide: *Repeat Refrain*

Even-numbered verses

2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the glo - ry of blos - som;
4 Je - sus the health of the world, en - light - en our minds, thou Re - deem - er,
6 Praise to the Giv - er of good! Thou Love who art au - thor of con - cord,
heav - en her gates un - bars, fling - ing her in - crease of light:
Son of the Fa - ther su - preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:
pour out thy balm on our souls, or - der our ways in thy peace: *Repeat Refrain*

The Hymnal 1982 – #216 “Hail thee, festival day!” Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt. Music: *Salva festa dies*, 79. 77 with Refrain, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), Copyright © Oxford Univ. Press; reharmonization by Bruce Neswick (b. 1956) © St. James Music Press

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant + Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

Song of Praise

Gloria in excelsis

The choir introduces the refrain, which all then repeat together. The choir sings the verses, with the people joining in singing the refrain where indicated.

Refrain



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

Choir: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your...


Choir: glo ry. *Organ:* **Refrain**



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

Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. *Refrain*

Organ: **Refrain**



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

The Song of Praise continues on the following page...

Choir: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the...

Choir: Ho - ly Spi - rit, *Organ:* *People:* in the glo-ry of God the Fath-er. A - men.



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Celebrant May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

People Amen.

Please sit.

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Reader A reading from the first chapter of Acts.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47 at the Gradual

sung by the choir

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.
For God Most High is to be feared; God is the great Sovereign over all the earth.
God subdues the peoples under us and the nations under our feet.
God chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom God loves.
God has gone up with a shout, the Most High with the sound of the ram's-horn.
Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our Sovereign, sing praises.
For God is Sovereign over all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.
God reigns over the nations; God sits upon the holy throne.
The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

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Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

Reader A reading from the first chapter of Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn at the Sequence

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 There the glo-rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
* 3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Lord be-yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo-rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!
Hark! his gra-cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!
take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
bless-ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Hymnal 1982 – #214 “Hail the day that sees him rise” Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Llanfair*, 77. 77 wth Alleluias, Robert Williams (1781-1821)

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

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

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

Jesus said to his disciples, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit.

Sermon

The Reverend George Stevens, *Interim Dean*

Please stand as you are able.

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.**

**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.**

A Prayer for Mother's Day

Leader On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have died; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers some day and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered others in any way—those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; for the earth that bore us and provides our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother.

People **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Form IV

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world, remembering especially St. Patrick, Brewer; St. George, York Harbor; and for postulants and candidates for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Maine.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

The Leader reads the names from the parish prayer list, printed on the inside cover of your bulletin.
During the silence that follows, you are invited to add names, silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We + commend to your mercy all who have died; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Concluding Collect

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

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



Go to St. Luke's

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

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

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

The choir sings

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory: it is the Lord, strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory: even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Words: Psalm 24.7-10 (BCP 1662) Music: William Mathias (1934-1992), *Op. 44, No. 2*

Fanfare

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing, new hymns through-out the world shall ring;
2 You are a pre - sent joy, O Lord; you will be ev - er our re - ward;
3 O ris - en Christ, a - scend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac - cord,
by a new way none ev - er trod Christ takes his place— the throne of God!
and great the light in you we see to guide us to e - ter - ni - ty.
who are, while end - less a - ges run, with Fa - ther and with Spi - rit, One.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Hymnal 1982 – #218 “A hymn of glory let us sing” Words: The Venerable Bede (673-735); sts. 1-2, tr. Elizabeth Rundle Charles (1828-1896), alt.; st. 3, tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: Deo gracias, LM with Alleluias, English ballad melody, Trinity College, MS., 15th cent.; harm. Richard Proulx (1937-2010), based on E. Power Biggs (1906-1977). Copyright © 1947, Mercury Music Corporation. Used by permission. A subsidiary of Theodore Presser Company

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

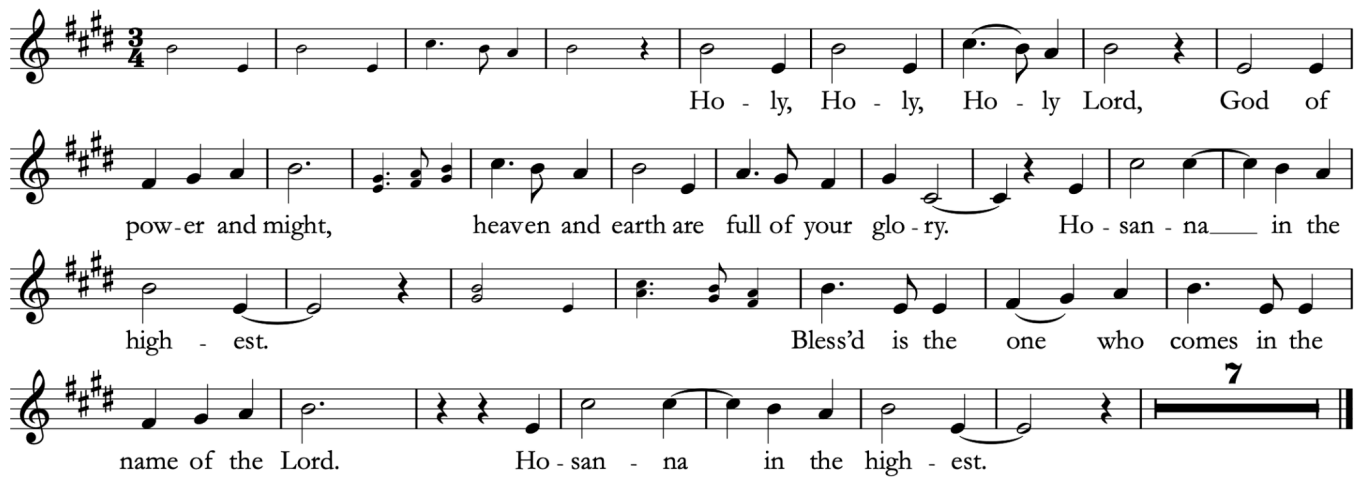
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. 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:



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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 Father 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 Lord 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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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 Father, now and for ever.



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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



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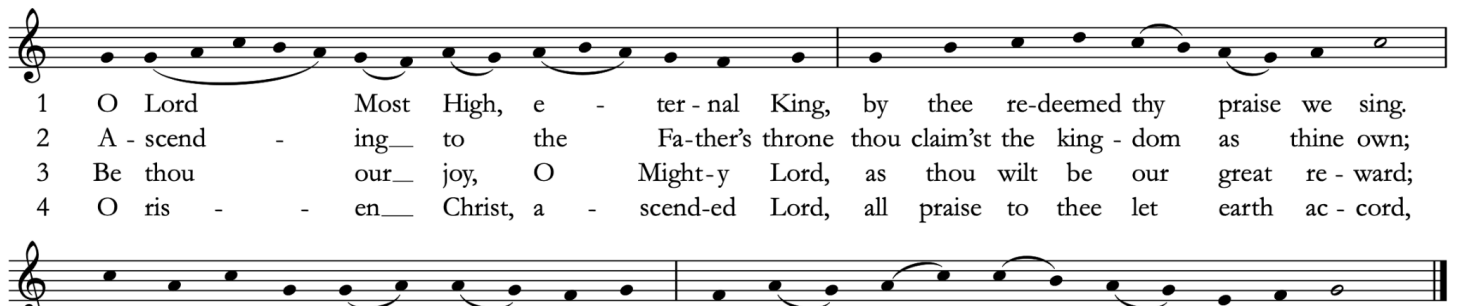
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion of the People

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

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

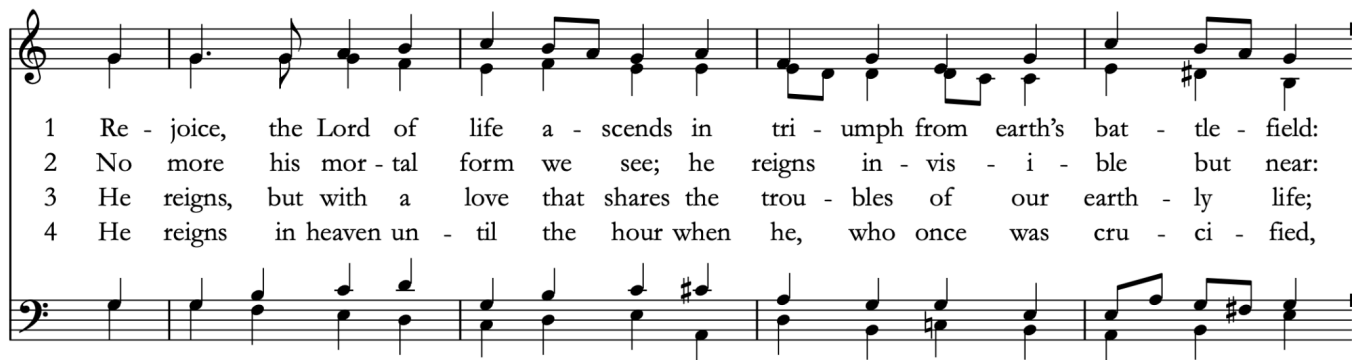
Prayers of Healing are offered in *All Saints Chapel* (to the right of the kneeling rail). Members of the prayer team will assist you in offering prayer of healing for yourself or a loved one.



1 O Lord Most High, e - ter - nal King, by thee re-deemed thy praise we sing.
 2 A - scend - ing to the Fa-ther's throne thou claim'st the king - dom as thine own;
 3 Be thou our joy, O Might-y Lord, as thou wilt be our great re - ward;
 4 O ris - en Christ, a - scend-ed Lord, all praise to thee let earth ac - cord,

The bonds of death are burst by thee, and grace has won the vic - to - ry.
 and an - gels won - der when they see how changed is our hu - man - i - ty.
 let all our glo - ry be in thee both now and through e - ter - ni - ty.
 who art, while end - less a - ges run, with Fa - ther and with Spi - rit, One.

The Hymnal 1982 – #220 “O Lord Most High, eternal King” Words: Medieval Latin; sts. 1-3, tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); st. 4, tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885). Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Aeterne Rex altissime*, LM, plainsong, Mode 1, *Zisterzienser Hymnar*, 14th cent.; acc. Richard Solly (b. 1952)



1 Re - joice, the Lord of life a - scends in tri - umph from earth's bat - tle - field:
 2 No more his mor - tal form we see; he reigns in - vis - i - ble but near:
 3 He reigns, but with a love that shares the trou - bles of our earth - ly life;
 4 He reigns in heaven un - til the hour when he, who once was cru - ci - fied,

his strife with hu - man ha - tred ends, as sin and death their con - quests yield.
 for in the midst of two or three he makes his gra - cious pres - ence clear.
 he takes up - on his heart the cares, the pain, and shame of hu - man strife.
 shall come in all love's glo - rious power to rule the world for which he died.

The Hymnal 1982 – #222 “Rejoice, the Lord of life ascends” Words: Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984), alt. Copyright © 1979, Albert F. Bayly. Music: *Parker*, LM, Horatio Parker (1864-1919)

Please stand as you are able.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Eternal God,

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

Blessing for Ascension Day

Celebrant God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Jesus the Christ, the Son of God.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant God the Son, our great high priest, who has passed into the heavens, clothe you with power from on high.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant God the Holy Spirit, who pours out abundant gifts upon the Church, make you faithful followers of the risen Christ.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heavenward raise:
 2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,
 3 Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first-fruits of the ho - ly har - vest - field,
 4 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heav - en - ly grace,
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

1 sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
 2 glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.
 3 which with all its full a - bun - dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield:
 4 rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of thy face;
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;

1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
 2 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:
 3 then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,
 4 that, with hearts in hea - ven dwell - ing, we on earth may fruit - ful be,
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty:

1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
 2 we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.
 3 ri - pened by his glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.
 4 and by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with thee.
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty.

The Hymnal 1982 – #461 “Alleluia! sing to Jesus” Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) Music: *Alleluia*, 87. 87. D, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Deacon
People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

2. Élévation, Six romances sans Paroles, Op. 76, No. 2
(Elevation, Six Romances without Words)

Music: Cécile Chaminade
 (1857-1944)

This morning's altar flowers are offered by Betsy Bodor in loving memory of her parents, Patricia and John Sexton, and in honor and memory of all mothers on Mothers' Day.

Service Participants

<i>Preacher & Celebrant</i>	The Reverend George Stevens, <i>Interim Dean</i>
<i>Assisting</i>	The Reverend Rebecca Grant, <i>Deacon</i>
<i>Music Leader & Organist</i>	Christian Clough, <i>Canon for Liturgy & Music</i>
<i>Verger</i>	Alec Thorne
<i>Crucifer</i>	John Hennessy
<i>Ushers</i>	Peter Bingham, Chester Bishop, Bob Parshley, Martha Parshley
<i>Reader</i>	Sam Allen
<i>Prayers Leader</i>	The Reverend Anne Fowler
<i>Live Streaming</i>	Jack Swanton, Sam Allen
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Rich Pitre, Maggie Gardner
<i>The Healing Team</i>	Peter Carleton, Sara Schmalz
<i>Contributing Ministries</i>	Cathedral Choir, Acolytes, Vergers, Flower Guild, Altar Guild, Kneeler Guild,

TODAY at ST. LUKE'S

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

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

COMING SOON at ST. LUKE'S

Courage, Resilience, & Artistry: Music of the Holocaust, a public lecture and recital, tomorrow @ 7:00PM Monday 13 May: Dr. Susan Eischeid, author, professor of Oboe at Valdosta State University, and noted scholar, will discuss her new biography of SS Overseer Maria Mandl and the women's orchestra of Auschwitz-Birkenau, in a program featuring music composed by victims and survivors of Nazi concentration & death camps, performed by Susan Story Frank, *soprano*; Christian M. Clough, *baritone* (*St. Luke's Canon for Liturgy & Music*); Kathleen McNerney, *oboe*; James Kennerley, *piano*. Learn more about Dr. Eischeid's work here: <https://seischeid.com/>, or read additional materials in the cathedral's weekly newsletter. Open to all, admission is free.

The Public Policy and Environmental Action Team Meeting will meet 6-7PM Tuesday 14 May. All are welcome. Join us via Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/PPEATMay>. Contact: Ruth Roemer [<roemerr29@gmail.com>](mailto:roemerr29@gmail.com).

The Philadelphia Eleven documentary screening 7PM Tuesday 14 May at the Nickelodeon Cinemas in Portland's Old Port. In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first women's ordinations to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church, this compelling new documentary, in limited theatrical release, will be followed by a conversation with five noteworthy Maine women priests: the Reverends Merrill Bittner, one of the Philadelphia 11; Sukie Curtis, first woman ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Mississippi; Canon Nancy Moore (Christ Church, Norway), Dr. Vicki Lovely Smith (St. Martin's, Palmyra); and Portia Royall Hirschman (parishioner of St. Mary's, Falmouth, and a supply priest). Tickets \$15

Looking at our rose window through mandala eyes: Next Sunday, 19 May 11:30AM-12:30PM, join Linda Carleton in the nave for a discussion about how our rose window evokes the twelve stages of the Mandala Great Round and of the Christian life. Bring your coffee and your eagerness to engage in fruitful discussion! Contact: [<lindacarleton01@gmail.com>](mailto:lindacarleton01@gmail.com)

St Luke's Food Pantry fundraiser bags: St. Luke's Food Pantry will receive \$1 for each \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag sold in May at the Bayside Hannaford at 295 Forest Avenue, Portland. Donations of the bags themselves would also be gratefully received. Thanks to our ever-generous supporters; you allow our work to continue.

Departure of the Reverend Suzanne Roberts, *Associate Priest*, was announced on 26 April, effective June 30th, after a long and fruitful ministry with St. Luke's. The letter from Suzanne is available at both entrances of the nave. On the back of the letter the Interim Dean shared words of thanks for Suzanne's service and ministry at St. Luke's over the last 19 years. To thank Suzanne for her dedicated care to our community, worship on Sunday 30 June will include a Rite of Leave-Taking followed by a festive reception, in which we will offer our blessings for the next chapter of her ministry. If you would like to participate in preparations for the celebration, contact <office@cathedralofstluke.org>.

Summary of Phase I in Conflict Transformational Work: On Wednesday 8 May, the Rev'd George Stevens and Sam Allen, Senior Warden, sent a letter which included a link to the summary of Phase I interviews with Susan Czolgosz. Copies of the summary and the letter are available both in the recent E-news and also in hard copy form at both entrances of the Nave, as well as in the cathedral office.

Discussion of Phase II in Conflict Transformation Work: On Wednesday 1 May, the Rev'd George Stevens sent out a letter outlining next steps in our conflict-transformation work with Susan Czolgosz of WorkLife Consulting, discussing Phase II, which has two distinct parts: Education and Small Groups. This Friday, we began our Education sessions with Susan. Links to sign-up to participate are available in the recent E-news, and on hard copies of the letter, available at both entrances of the nave. If you need help signing up, the church laptop will be available during coffee hour today, or contact Avery Levesque-Schott, Administrator, who would be glad to assist you.

Soul Talk is a monthly conversation about our spirituality and relationship with God. Join us 10:00-11:30AM the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Oratory (lower level at the far east end of the building.). Our first meeting will be Tuesday 28 May. The topic this month will be "SOUL— What might it be and how do we experience it?" Feel free to just drop in, but if you'd like to receive short readings, videos, and/or art work beforehand, contact Linda Carleton <lindacarleton01@gmail.com> to get on the list.

Work on Cathedral Connector Roof: Beginning on Monday 20 May, Horch Roofing will be working on repairs to the connector roof between the offices and upper hallway (weather permitting). Access to this portion of roof will make the portico entrance unavailable as Horch will have their equipment stationed in this area. All individuals accessing the building from Park Street will be asked to please use an alternative door directly adjacent to the lower hall and oratory. Proper signage will be displayed to indicate this. As a result of this project, parking directly near the portico entrance will be reserved for Horch Roofing employees. The anticipated timeframe of the repairs will be approximately one week. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding as we make the necessary repairs to the building. With any questions please contact Fred Fowler at (207)-233-9572.

Eco Tips from the Public Policy and Environmental Action Team The Farm Bill is an omnibus, multiyear legislation that sets national agriculture, nutrition, conservation, and forestry policy. Updated every 5 years, the 2023 Farm Bill was extended until fall 2024. The biggest fight over climate policy this year will be in the Farm Bill. It's time to start advocating that the 2024 Farm Bill include policies and practices that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the agricultural sector. We believe that it is no longer acceptable to use taxpayer money to support industrial farming and ranching practices that continue to degrade agricultural land, pollute our waterways, and harm the environment. We can do better, and the new farm bill can be a great start. The House and Senate Farm Bill frameworks have been released for comments. The Senate framework contains the climate mitigation guardrails from the Inflation Reduction Act. The House framework deletes the guardrails in Title I Conservation text. The House Agriculture Committee will consider markups during May. Please call your senators and representatives to urge them to support the Senate recommendations in the new Farm Bill.

- Senator Angus King <www.king.senate.gov/contact-home>
- Senator Susan Collins <www.collins.senate.gov/contact/email-senator-collins>
- Representative Chellie Pingree <www.pingree.house.gov/contact/>

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

Join the Young and the Restless, St. Luke’s 20s-30s-year-old ministry, an active group at CSL, 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 6-8PM each Tuesday at Maine Beer Company in Freeport for trivia. Other events happen sporadically throughout the month, though trivia is a wonderful opportunity to meet us, if you’re joining us for the first time. Contact: Shana Rose <shanaro931@gmail.com>

The Biblical Study Group will be on vacation until 1 September. When we resume, we will meet Sundays 8:00-10:00AM. Our ongoing theme is discovering the nature and meaning of “being created in the image of God.” To stimulate spiritual growth over the summer months, we invite you to read the following recommended resources:

- 1) *God: A Biography* by Jack Miles. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, The New York Times calls this text “a tour de force.” Published by Vintage Books, Random House Publishing, New York, 1996
- 2) *Jung’s Thoughts on God: Religious Depths of the Psyche* by Donald Dyer, PH.D. Published by Nicholas Hays, 2000 P.O. Box 2039, York Beach, ME 03910. “It is only through the psyche that we can establish that God acts upon you.”
- 3) *Jung’s May of the Soul: An Introduction and In Support of Jung’s Extensive and Intensive Thought* by Murray Stein. Published by Open Court Publishing Co., P.O. Box 300, Peru, Illinois 61354. To order call 1-800-815-2280.

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

COMMUNITY NOTES

The Healing Team members offer prayers of healing in the small chapel, to the right of the communion rail, during and after communion through the end of the postlude. The following team members will be serving on the following Sundays:

May 12 Peter Carleton, Sara Schmalz
May 19 Betsey Deleuse, Mary Strnad

May 26 Judd Hume, Elise Magnuson
June 2 Betsey Deleuse, Oscar Mokeme

Adult Christian formation opportunities are offered throughout the academic year Sundays following the 10AM 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 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: Names will remain on the prayer list for 3 consecutive weeks unless otherwise requested. If you wish for a name to be added, contact Avery Schott, Parish Administrator <office@cathedralofstluke.org>.

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

Contribute to St. Luke's summer music ministry: The Cathedral Choir will be in recess from 9 June through Labor Day, and summer is a great time to make a musical contribution to our worship as a singer or instrumentalist. Help us to keep our music well-supported with your offerings. Contact: Christian Clough, Canon for Liturgy & Music <cclough@cathedralofstluke.org>

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



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