

Choral Evensong
4:00 pm March 5th, 2023
the first Sunday of the month

The Second Sunday in Lent



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

A Word of Welcome

We welcome you to Choral Evensong, a service of sung evening prayer, in this historic cathedral.

As is customary, much of the service is sung by the Choir alone,
but the congregation is invited to join fully in singing the Creed and the Office Hymn.

At other times, your prayerful listening is also a form of active participation.

Thank you for praying with us this evening.

— *Christian M. Clough, Canon for Music and Liturgy*

Welcome to St. Luke's Cathedral! We are a community of faith 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.

Please speak to any usher (or member of the parish) if you have any questions - or we may be of additional service. Thank you for coming today and hope you will make the Cathedral your spiritual home!

SPECIAL NOTE: Worship Modifications in place to mitigate the spread of **Covid-19** and other communicable diseases

- When the Covid Level is **green**, mask-wearing is not required for worship or other activities at St. Luke's, including singing.
- When the Covid level is **red** or **yellow**, we will ask people to mask and may follow more stringent protocols.
- We ask everyone to respect those who wish to remain masked regardless of level.
- We ask all people to use hand sanitizer as they enter the cathedral and before communion.
- We ask that people with "cold" or Covid symptoms stay home, joining us for worship online.
- Please join in our commitment of welcome and hospitality for all.

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Our Mission

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 continue to thrive in the Tribal Nations. We ask for Blessing and Peace upon all indigenous peoples that have - and always will call this place - "The Dawnland" - HOME.

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.**

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Introit*sung by the choir*

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servants in thy displeasure; for we confess our sins unto thee, and hide not our unrighteousness. For thy mercy's sake deliver us from all our sins. Words: Psalm 27.10
Music: Richard Farrant (d. 1581)

Please stand as you are able for the Procession.

Officiant I will bless the Lord, who giveth me counsel; my heart teacheth me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. —*Psalm 16.7,8*

The Confession of Sin

Officiant Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Please kneel as you are able. Silence may be kept.

People **Almighty and most merciful God,**
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Preces*sung by the Officiant and Choir*

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

Music: Plainsong

Please sit.

The Psalms

sung by the Choir

Psalm 8

O God our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!
Out of the mouths of infants and children, your majesty is praised above the heavens.
You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger.
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
What are we that you should be mindful of us, mere mortals that you should seek us out?
You have made us but little lower than the angels; you adorn us with glory and honor;
You give us dominion over the works of your hands; you put all things under our feet:
All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
O God, our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Please stand as you are able for the Gloria Patri.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

Please sit.

Psalm 84

How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for your courts; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars,
O God of hosts, my Ruler and my God.
Happy are they who dwell in your house; they will always be praising you.
Happy are the people whose strength is in you; whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
They will climb from height to height; the God of gods will be revealed in Zion.
O God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.
Behold our defender, O God, and look upon the face of your Anointed,
For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked;
For God is both sun and shield and will give grace and glory.
No good thing will God withhold from those who walk with integrity.
O God of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!

Please stand as you are able for the Gloria Patri.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

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Anglican chants by J. Marcus Ritchie (1946-1989) & Graham Griggs (b. 20th c.)

Please sit.

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 1.1-10

The words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, to whom the word of the Lord came in the days of King Josiah son of Amon of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. It came also in the days of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, and until the end of the eleventh year of King Zedekiah son of Josiah of Judah, until the captivity of Jerusalem in the fifth month. Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Here endeth the lesson.

Please stand as you are able.

Magnificat

Stanford in B-flat Major, *Op. 10*

sung by the choir

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :

as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Words: Luke 1:46-55 (BCP 1662)

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Please sit.

The Second Reading

Mark 3.31—4.9

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." Again he began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

Here endeth the lesson.

Please stand as you are able.

Nunc Dimittis

Stanford in B-flat Major, *Op. 10*

sung by the Choir

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation, which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Words: Luke 2:29-31 (*BCP 1662*)
Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

The Apostles' Creed

People

**I Believe in God, the Father Almighty
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

chanted by all

Responses

Officiant

The Lord be with you.

Officiant

Let us pray.

sung by the Officiant and Choir

Music: Plainsong

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Choir

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Officiant O Lord, save the State.
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Officiant Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.
Officiant O Lord, save thy people.
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day for the Second Sunday in Lent

Officiant O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever.
Choir Amen.

The Collect for Peace

Officiant O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Choir Amen.

The Collect for Aid Against All Perils

Officiant Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Choir Amen.

Music: Craig Phillips (b. 1961) in D

Please sit.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

sung by the Choir

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy and thy loving kindness which hath been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Words: Psalm 25.5-6. Music: Richard Farrant (d. 1581)

Please stand as you are able.

The General Thanksgiving

People Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world
by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

People Almighty God,
who hast given us grace at this time with one accord
to make our common supplication unto thee;
and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name
thou wilt be in the midst of them:
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us;
granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth,
and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

An Offering, to support the ministries of the Cathedral of St. Luke, will be collected during the singing of the Office Hymn.

Office Hymn

sung by all

1. E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
2. So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self, so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,
3. If dead in you, so in you we a - rise, you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire, moved by your love and
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod, know - ing our - selves bap -
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break, glo - rious in spring - time

toward your pres-ence bent: far off yet here—the goal of all de - sire.
 tized in - to your death: so we are dead and live with you in God.
 dress of leaf and flower, so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

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 Music: *Old 124th*, 10 10. 10 10 10, melody *Psaumes octante trois de David*, 1551; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be
 with us all evermore. — 2 Corinthians 13:14
People **Amen.**

Please remain in your place for the retiring procession.

Postlude Chorale Prelude on *Ich ruf zu dir, herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639*
 Music: melody from *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533, arr. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Service Participants

- Officiant* The Rev. Dr. Paul St. Germain, *Transition Priest in Charge*
- Assisting* The Rev. Rebecca Grant, *Deacon*
- Conductor & Organist* Christian M. Clough, *Canon for Music & Liturgy*
- Cantor* Stephen J. White
- Ushers* Peter Bingham, Gus Goodwin, Bob Parshley, & Martha Parshley
- Lector* Peter Bingham, The Rev. Rebecca Grant
- Live Streaming* Jack Swanton, Sam Allen
- additional contributors* The Cathedral Choir, Acolytes, Vergers, The Flower Guild, The Altar Guild