



# SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday Liturgy---10:00 O'clock AM

The Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Priest-in-Charge

Dr. Alan Baker, Guest Musician

**Our Mission Statement**

To spread the Gospel to all people through hospitality, service, and spiritual growth.

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 17, 2021

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**PRELUDE**

Air in F from *Water Music*

G. F. Handel (1685 – 1759)

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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

**People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**GLORIA**

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Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

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

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.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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*Celebrant*                    The Lord be with you.

**People**                      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*                    Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)

**N**OW THE BOY Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will

fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.”

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

**People**            **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

**Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17** *Domine, probasti*

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
    you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
    you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
    and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
    but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
    and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
    it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
    you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
    your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
    while I was being made in secret  
    and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

**THE SECOND READING**                      **1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

“**A**LL THINGS are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

**People**                      **Thanks be to God.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**                      **John 1:43-51**

*Celebrant*                      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

**J**ESUS decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus

answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

*Celebrant*        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SERMON**

**Mother Barnes**

## **THE NICENE CREED**

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We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Jesus calls on us to follow him. Let us call on Jesus for the needs, concerns and hopes of all God's people, saying: *God of grace, hear us, we pray.*

For the Church: especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin our bishop, that we may introduce others to Christ through our lives, deeds, and words. God of grace, ***Hear us, we pray.***

For this parish family, that we may be counted among those who listen to God's voice, and delight to do God's will. God of grace, ***Hear us, we pray.***

For greater unity among the followers of Jesus, so that all Christians may work together to confront evil, and further the work of God's reign. God of grace, ***Hear us, we pray.***

For the healing of our nation, that walls of division and brokenness may be replaced with trust, justice and harmony, and that together we may work for the good and welfare of all. God of grace, ***Hear us, we pray.***

For Joseph Biden and Kamala Harris, that as they assume their offices, God will guide them in leading the nation and promoting the values of freedom, justice, and human dignity. God of grace, ***Hear us, we pray.***

For those with Covid19, and all those who put their lives on the line to serve, and save others, that God will give them strength, and keep them safe. God of grace, ***Hear us, we pray.***

For those who are in need of our prayers, remembering especially Jordan, Maryanne, Sally, Beverly and Frank, Anne, John, Barbara, Lois, Jim, Gail, Ruth, Jennifer, Bob and Edna, George, Winnie, Alice, John, Eleanor, Perfecto, Gwen and family, Justin, Maria, and Anita, that they may know the light of God's healing presence and love. God of grace, ***Hear us, we pray.***

For those who have died, remembering especially Helen, Mary, Minka+, Stacey, Dave, Donovan, Roger, Peter, and Ken, that God will call them by name and welcome them into eternal joy and peace., God of grace, *Hear us, we pray.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Blessed Mary, the God-bearer; Blessed Luke, Blessed Peter the Apostle, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *To you, O Lord our God.*

*Celebrant* God of mystery, whose voice calls us by name, hear the prayers of your people and give us childlike faith to listen to your words and be ready to follow you in faith, through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

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*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

As our Savior Christ  
has taught us,  
we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

**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.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

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*The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**grant us thy peace.**

## AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Prayer of St. Alphonsus de Liguori*

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

*People and Celebrant*

**In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.**

**I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.***

*A moment of silence is observed*

*Celebrant* Come Lord Jesus,

**All and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.***





## A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*People and Celebrant*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with a truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE BLESSING

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### DISMISSAL

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*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

Gigue No. 1 in G

G. F. Handel

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Calling of Philip and Nathanael

# Bishops write letter urging Episcopalians to avoid inauguration-related protests amid threats of violence

By Egan Millard

Posted Jan 13, 2021

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Dear people of God:

Earlier this week, the FBI warned that armed protests are being planned for Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals sometime between Saturday, Jan. 16, and the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden on Jan. 20. As your bishops, we write today imploring you to stay away from these protests and any counter-protests that might occur.

In these perilous times, when public demonstrations carry a significant risk of both violence and exposure to COVID-19, we believe that God calls us to exercise both our Christian witness and our civic responsibility in ways that promote peace and safety. Between now and Inauguration Day, we can best follow our vocation to be peacemakers by staying away from places where harm could come to God's people.

Staying home does not, however, mean staying silent. We hope that all people of goodwill will join us in raising our voices to support our country's democracy, letting our elected officials know that we are praying for them, particularly in the aftermath of last week's siege of the U.S. Capitol. Whether you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat or an independent, please let your elected officials know that you cherish our representative democracy and our pursuit of a more perfect union, and that you expect that those who are found responsible for last week's violence to be held accountable. The Episcopal Church has a robust witness in Washington, D.C., and the Episcopal Public Policy Network provides all of us with opportunities to advocate for peace, justice and the dignity of every human being. [You can join the network online.](#)

Most of all, in the coming days, we ask you to pray. This collect from the Book of Common Prayer holds particular meaning as we seek to face the days ahead with courage, wisdom, and grace:

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble,

suspicious disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis

The Rt. Rev. Matt Gunter, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac and Bishop Provisional, Diocese of Eau Claire

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Ohio

The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

The Rt. Rev. Shannon MacVean-Brown, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Vermont

**The Rt. Rev. Kevin D. Nichols, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem**

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie Perry, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

The Rt. Rev. William D. Persell, Assisting Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Ohio

The Rt. Rev. Ken Price, Bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio

The Rt. Rev. Rayford Ray, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop, Episcopal Dioceses of Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Douglas E. Sparks, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana

The Rt. Rev. Arthur B. Williams, Jr., Assisting Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Ohio

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Audrey Scanlan, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania



## **THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S**

### **Live streaming and zoom gatherings from St. Luke's.**

Please join us on our [Facebook page](#) for the streaming of the services.

\*\*(Note: if you are NOT a Facebook member, when you click on the link it will ask you to sign in or create an account, which you can ignore and just scroll down the page a bit till you see the service.)

Click [here](#) for a copy of the Book of Common Prayer!

Click [here](#) for a copy of Enriching Our Worship 1. This contains supplemental liturgical materials (i.e. Canticles) we occasionally use for Morning and Evening Prayer.

**Daily Office: Morning and Evening Prayer** – Morning Prayer at 9 AM; Evening Prayer at 5PM are live-streamed on Sunday; Tuesday through Saturday.

♦ **SATURDAY, JANUARY 16 – Evening Prayer** livestreamed from St. Luke's at 5PM. A full service leaflet for the Saturday Evening Prayer service may be found by clicking below:

[Click here for Saturday Evening Prayer Service Leaflet](#)

♦ **SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 – The Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

**The Second Sunday after the Epiphany** (Lectionary Readings)

- **Morning Prayer, Rite I at 9AM** live streamed from the Memorial Garden.
- **Sunday Liturgy, 10AM** – Sunday Liturgy is a service of Ante-Communion with spiritual communion. A full service leaflet for the Sunday service may be found by clicking below:

[Click here for the 10 AM service leaflet.](#)

- **Virtual Coffee Hour, Sundays, 11:15AM** (following 10AM Sunday Liturgy). Please note the new time! Click [here](#) to join coffee hour.

### **Children's' Christian Education and Formation**

**Sunday School, 9:30 AM** – We use Godly Play a Montessori –based curriculum. Please email Mother Barnes at [mthrbarnes@gmail.com](mailto:mthrbarnes@gmail.com) to register and receive Zoom log-on information.

### **Children's Christian Education Materials**

Click below to access free faith formation resources for kids.

- For **Sunday, January 17, 2021**. Materials include: Lectionary based **Sunday Paper Junior**
- Here's a [Second Sunday after Epiphany Lesson and Coloring Sheet](#) from our friends at Illustrated Ministry.

See our [Children and Youth page](#) for more offerings including resources for talking with kids about the challenging issues of our time.

◆ MONDAY, JANUARY 18 – 12PM

MLK Community Day Event: The Unarmed Truth featuring John Amaechi, OBE



The Greater Scranton MLK Commission presents an

## MLK Day Community Event

### The Unarmed Truth: A Conversation with Dr. John Amaechi, OBE

Organizational Psychologist - International Public Speaker - Best-Selling Author



**Monday, January 18, 2021**  
**@ 12:00PM - Webinar via Zoom**

Sponsored by Geisinger

FREE and Open to the Public. Registration Required.  
For more information and registration visit:  
<https://safdn.org/mlk-event/>

*"John Amaechi is literally stunning. He will make you think about who you are, what you do and believe! Don't expect to be entertained, expect to get real."*

In celebration and continuance of the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., The Greater Scranton MLK Commission will host a live webinar given by psychologist, international speaker and bestselling author Dr. John Amaechi, OBE, on Monday, January 18, 2021, at 12:00pm. This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required.

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

In his acceptance speech for the Nobel Peace Prize on December 10, 1964, Dr. King spoke of his resolve to end racial and social injustice to bring peace not only to our nation but to all nations. He said, "I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant."

The GSMLKC will host The Unarmed Truth: A Conversation with Dr. John Amaechi, OBE, delving into unarmed truth in an effort to inspire and move our community towards equitable justice, and unconditional love.

"Be prepared to be inspired and transformed as Dr. Amaechi challenges the beliefs and behaviors that prevent us from being our best selves and community, and offers personal insights and tools to create hope and individual growth," says GSMLKC publicist, Jennifer Pennington, who brought Dr. Amaechi to The University of Scranton as an organizational speaker in 2012.

Currently a respected organizational psychologist, researcher and CEO of APS Ltd., Amaechi graduated from Penn State University and was the first Briton to become a professional player in the NBA. He serves as a non-executive director of a £2.4bn healthcare organization, in addition to being a board advisor for several FTSE100 organizations in the financial, legal and professional services, technology, publishing, engineering and retail sectors, and CEO of his company APS Ltd. In 2019, John was recognized as one of HR's most influential thinkers by HR Magazine.

Amaechi leads a team of psychologists, behavioral scientists and experienced business strategists that design and deliver evidence-based advisory interventions to service clients with people challenges that impact organizational performance. As a highly sought after trainer and executive coach, Amaechi is contracted to “understand and unpick complex people challenges through advisory services driven by analytics, motivational presentations, workshops and masterclasses, executive coaching and digital learning.”

Information on John Amaechi may be found at [www.amaechiperformance.com](http://www.amaechiperformance.com)

Questions, contact Jennifer Pennington at 570-903-9450 or email [gsmlkcommission@gmail.com](mailto:gsmlkcommission@gmail.com)

### **7PM – GREATER SCRANTON MLK WEEKEND – Scranton Area Ministerium Interfaith Service.**

Service will be live-streamed on the Scranton Area Ministerium page at 7PM. To view the service, [click here](#):

#### **◆TUESDAY, JANUARY 19 – 1-3PM**



**Friends OF THE poor**

**Family to Family Food Basket Program**

**CEO** People Helping People

**WEINBERG** FOOD BANK

**GRAB & GO  
FOOD GIVEAWAY**

**Tuesday, January 19th  
1:00PM TO 3:00PM**

**ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
232 WYOMING AVE.  
SCRANTON, PA 18503**

Open to the public. Zip code & number of children/adults/elderly in household required.

#### **◆THURSDAY, JANUARY 21**

- **Centering Prayer – Thursdays at 5:30 PM.** Join in the virtual chapel by clicking [here](#). Click [here](#) for a brochure on The Method of Centering Prayer.



◆SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

## Notice of Annual Meeting & Vestry Elections via ZOOM.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2021, starting with the 10:00 a.m. liturgy

This year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Annual meeting will be held exclusively by Zoom. Many of us are familiar with Zoom at this point. If however, you have never used it, here is a helpful video to guide you through joining a Zoom gathering for the first time:

<https://youtu.be/9isp3qPeQ0E> If you need assistance with using Zoom or joining the meeting, a Vestry member can assist you .

At the Annual meeting, Vestry, parish officers, and organizations/committee reports will be presented, along with the 2021 budget. Three new vestry members will be elected at this time; two lay delegates for Diocesan Convention will be elected.

At the 2016 Diocesan Convention, new Canons were approved that provide for uniform by-laws for all parishes of the Diocese. The guidelines for Annual Parish Meetings stipulate that in every Parish, the Annual Parish Meeting shall be held in January at a time and place designated by the Vestry. Lay Members in good standing of the Parish who are physically present, who are at least 18 years of age, who are regular attendants at the services of the parish, and who are regular contributors for the six months preceding the meeting to the support of the Parish, shall be entitled to vote at all Parish Meetings. A quorum for the transaction of business in the Annual Parish Meeting shall consist of 25% of the persons entitled to vote if they were present or **25 persons entitled to vote**, whichever is less. The qualifications of persons to serve on the Vestry shall be the same as the qualifications to vote at the Annual Parish Meeting as set out above. Each Annual Parish Meeting shall elect persons to serve on the Vestry replacing those members whose term in office has ended. Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the Annual Parish Meeting.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the Annual Meeting or how to attend by Zoom, please speak with Mother Barnes, Priest-in-Charge, or Mickey Baccoli, Senior Warden.

## OTHER EVENTS AND SERVICES

### From Many, One: Conversations Across Difference

Starting January 18 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day), The Episcopal Church launches “From Many, One: Conversations Across Difference,” a campaign urging Episcopalians and our neighbors to engage in the spiritual practice of listening and honest conversation across the many differences that separate us, starting with four simple questions:

1. What do you love?

2. What have you lost?
3. Where does it hurt?
4. What do you dream?

Inspired by the Latin phrase on the U.S. seal – E Pluribus (“from many”) Unum (“one”) – the campaign is designed to offer a faithful perspective and time-tested practice for knitting deeply divided communities into a diverse, more perfect union. In a cultural moment shadowed by pandemic, fractious politics, and deep division within families, communities, and nations, Episcopalians can partner in simple ways to celebrate difference, listen with deep curiosity, and promote healing.

“I have never been more profoundly aware of the need for passionate and practical commitment to the way of unselfish, sacrificial love that Jesus taught,” Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said. “Conversations with others across difference is not just a nice thing to do. It is a spiritual practice of love in action. It’s how we reknit the fabric of our democracy and the human family of God.”

Listening, adapting, and leading in tense cultural times is deep in the Church’s DNA.

“From Many, One” is designed to be simple and transformative. It is geared toward individual people talking to other individuals, although congregations may join, too. Participants are encouraged to follow these steps:

- Learn about The Four Questions and related wisdom [at www.episcopalchurch.org/from-many-one](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/from-many-one)
- Watch videos of people modeling The Four Questions
- Sign up and set a conversations goal
- Have the conversation(s)
- Pray for your partner
- Contribute to the “From Many, One” story space with insights, video/audio highlights, a poem, prayer or image inspired by your conversation(s)
- Check out partner efforts like Braver Angels: With Malice Toward None, Civil Discourse Course, Sacred Ground, and The People’s Inauguration
- Join the Easter campaign celebration with a special online worship and sharing time

“We hope people understand this is only scratching the surface of the practice and learning that we’re called toward,” said Rev. Melanie Mullen, the church’s director of Reconciliation, Justice and Creation Care, one of the departments that collaborated to shape the campaign. “Our goal is to point people toward partner efforts that meet you where you are: for more simple conversation, further learning, deeper reckoning and/or action. More than that, we hope people see this as part of a life-long commitment to creating beloved community.”

For more information on the “From Many, One: Conversations Across Difference” campaign, contact the Rev. Canon Dr. Stephanie Spellers, canon to the Presiding Bishop for Evangelism, Reconciliation and Creation Care, [sspellers@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:sspellers@episcopalchurch.org) or 212-716-6086, or Sarah Alphin, associate for Evangelism, Reconciliation and Creation Care, [salphin@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:salphin@episcopalchurch.org) or 212-716-6102.

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